As you walk around look for animals — both wild animals and domestic farm animals.

List all the ANIMALS you see below.

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Visit the GRIST, CARDING, or SAW Mill where agricultural products were processed. Walk around outside and go underneath the building to get a good look.

DRAW the water wheel below. Include as many details as you can!

Imagine you go out into your garden to pick some vegetables. You find bugs all over your beans eating holes in everything!

What do you do?

SWITCHEL was a refreshing 1830s beverage people often enjoyed after a day of farming. Follow this recipe to MAKE it at home!

SWITCHEL
One teaspoonful of dry ginger, one cup of molasses, one-half cup of vinegar, three or four quarts of cold water.
Rub ginger drop by drop into the molasses.
Add vinegar and water. Stir well, and ice.

– A Book of Beverages

A lot of farmers also worked as tradesman. Visit one of the trade shops such as the COOPER, BLACKSMITH, or POTTER. WATCH the tradesman closely.

What are they making?

Why was farming such a big part of life in early 19th-century New England?

Find a costumed historian who is working outside. INTERVIEW them using the questions below or some of your own questions:

Q. What are you doing?
Q. Why is it important to daily life on a farm?
Q. How does your work change each season?
Q. What did women do on a farm? What about men?
Welcome! to Old Sturbridge Village

Use this map and list of today's activities to explore Old Sturbridge Village. Learn about life in rural New England between 1790 and 1840, and how early American living applies to your life today. Talk with costumed historians and artisans, meet our heritage breed animals, see 19th-century demonstrations and witness history coming alive!

FOR THE SAFETY & COMFORT OF ALL:
• Silence all mobile devices to help us preserve the 1830s experience.
• Please do not touch or feed the animals – both farm and wild!
• Walk carefully on the Village's natural roadways.
• Please do not walk or climb on fences, walls and trees.
• Eating and drinking is not permitted in historic buildings and exhibits.
• Smoking is not permitted in the Village.
• Tripods and selfie-sticks are not permitted.
• Soliciting is not permitted unless authorized by management.

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