OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE showcases over 40 antique buildings moved here from around New England, each restored to show how they would have been furnished and used during the early 19th century. Some new buildings, constructed to resemble historic structures, help show a more complete picture of life in rural New England.

Allen Piggery | Piggeries allowed a more efficient means of raising swine, the early New Englander’s chief source of protein.

Asa Knight Store | This country store brought in goods from all over the world through seaports like Boston and Providence.

Armed & Equipped Militia Exhibit | The citizen militia was an important part of civic life in the early 19th century.

Beekeeping Exhibit | Learn about nature’s most prolific pollinators.

Bixby House and Garden | Laura Bixby and her daughters made butter and cheese, breaded, baked bread and cakes, and brewed beer in the kitchen. Their neighbors came to borrow or barter for these items.

Blacksmith Shop | The blacksmith who owned this shop made and repaired tools and hardware for his community. Watch the sparks fly as the Village’s smiths work at the forge.

Bullard Tavern | Taverns welcomed both travelers and locals for refreshments and social gatherings. Carrying on that tradition, our tavern houses a café for visitors.

Cabinetmaking Shop | Cabinetmakers were skilled woodworkers who made a range of objects, from fancy home furnishings to basic wooden tools used around the house and farm.

Carding Mill | Neighboring farm families brought wool here and paid to have it brushed out to prepare it for spinning into yarn for knitting or weaving.

Center Meetinghouse | This building hosted Congregational worship services, town meetings, and other civic gatherings and celebrations.

Cider Mill and Orchard | In the fall, neighboring farmers would mill their cider mills, crush and press apples. The juice was then taken home and fermented into cider for drinking throughout the year.

Cooper Shop | Cooperers made round wooden containers for their neighbors, including pails, tubs, and barrels.

Country Bank Visitor Center | Exhibitions in this building showcase the Village’s extensive collection of objects and artifacts from New England’s past.

Countryside Gallery | Featuring a variety of lighting devices from the Village’s collection, the For the Purpose of Illumination exhibit also asks visitors to consider what impact artificial lighting has on their lives.

David Wight Community Gallery | This gallery showcases exhibits curated by students and the Village’s community.

Dennison Building | This gallery features exhibits that highlight original textiles from our museum collection.

District School | Most New England neighborhoods had a tax-supported district school where children learned to read, write, and do arithmetic.

Fenno House | Spinning, weaving, and dyeing woolens could provide income for a farm family, even while textile factories expanded.

Fitch House and Garden | People skilled in the needle trade, like dressmakers, tailors, and milliners, could work in domestic settings. A needleworker could board and rent workspace in this home. The family living here might invest in new technology, like a coffee roaster, to make daily tasks easier.

Fitch House and Garden | People skilled in the needle trade, like dressmakers, tailors, and milliners, could work in domestic settings. A needleworker could board and rent workspace in this home. The family living here might invest in new technology, like a coffee roaster, to make daily tasks easier. The garden is based on Joseph Breck’s 1833 instructional book for children, “The Young Florist.”

Fitch Barn | This barn stores and displays a large collection of 19th-century agricultural tools and equipment.

Freeman Farm and Garden | Seasonal rhythms and daily routines structured life on rural New England farms. The farmhouse, barn, outbuildings, and animal pens show the range of a farm family’s activities. The kitchen garden shows the produce and medicinal plants a farm family would grow for its own use.

Friends Meetinghouse | The Society of Friends, or Quakers, is a small but influential Christian denomination. Their worship services, called “meetings,” involved quiet reflection and individual testimony.

Gebhard Barn | This space hosts singers, dancers, storytellers, and other performers.


Goods from the Woods | New Englanders relied on their forests for food, fuel, building materials, other products, as well as recreation.

Gristmill | Farmers brought corn, rye, and other grains they grew to mills where they were ground into animal feed or fine meal for baking.

Herb Garden | This garden features over 400 heirloom plant species that were significant to New England food culture, wellness, industry, and economy.

Law Office | Where lawyer collected debts, settled estates, argued court cases, dispensed legal advice, and wrote contracts, deeds, and wills.

Miner Grant Store & Bake Shop | Enjoy freshly baked cookies, hot and cold beverages, Village-made gifts, and more.

Pottery Shop and Kiln | A farmer who had a source of clay on his property might work a pottery on a part-time basis and build a kiln to fire his pots.

Printing Office | Small printing offices often worked for publishers in Philadelphia, New York, or Boston, printing books that were sold throughout the country. They also printed smaller, custom jobs like advertising forms, and pamphlets.

Richardson House and Garden | A Congregational minister and his family may have rented a house like this one, which was both a home and a hub for community and church activities. Less reliant than their neighbors on producing their own food, the family could cultivate a “progressive garden” that reflected new gardening techniques and different varieties of plants.

Salem Towne House, Barn, and Garden | This large, well-appointed home belonged to a prosperous farming family with a variety of economic, social, and community interests. The formal ornamental garden boasts a stunning array of heirloom herbs and flowers.

Sawmill | Over the winter, farmers slurred logs to sawmills and paid to have them milled into lumber.

Shoe Shop | Shoemakers “bottomed” men’s and boy’s work shoes for wholesale distribution to other parts of the country.

Small House and Garden | The small house is the only reproduction home at Old Sturbridge Village. Small houses like these were occupied by a wide variety of people, including families of color, immigrants, and couples just starting out. The garden showcases a variety of Indigenous and African plants, which had become a part of the New England diet by 1830.

Thompson Bank | Country banks provided short-term business loans to merchants, prosperous farmers, and manufacturers. Their paper “banknotes” often served as cash.

Tin Shop | Tinners made useful and decorative household items from tinned sheet iron. Village tinner create reproductions of historic pieces.

Town Pound | Livestock that may have strayed from their pasture could wind up in the town’s pound.

Vermont Covered Bridge | A roof and walls protected wooden bridges from the elements and helped them last longer.
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Village Scoop Shop

Playground

First Aid and Security

Restrooms

Picnic Tables

Drinking Fountains

Accessible Facilities

Seasonal

Dirt Road/Path

Paved Road

Incline

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