



HISTORIC NEW HARMONY, IN

Destination Drive, approximately 213 miles round trip, so plan to make a day of it!

New Harmony is a historic town on the Wabash River in Harmony Township, Posey County, Indiana, United States. It lies 15 miles (24 km) north of Mount Vernon, the county seat. The population was 789 at the 2010 census. It is part of the Evansville metropolitan area.

Established by the Harmony Society in 1814, the town was originally known as Harmony (also called Harmonie, or New Harmony). Bought at two dollars an acre, the 20,000-acre settlement was the brainchild of George Rapp and was home to exclusively



German Lutherans in its early years. Here, the Harmonists built a new town in the wilderness, but in 1824 they decided to sell their property and return to Pennsylvania. Robert Owen, a Welsh industrialist and social reformer, purchased the town in 1825 with the intention of creating a new utopian community and renamed it New Harmony. While the Owenite social experiment was an economic failure just two years after it began, the community made some important contributions to American society.

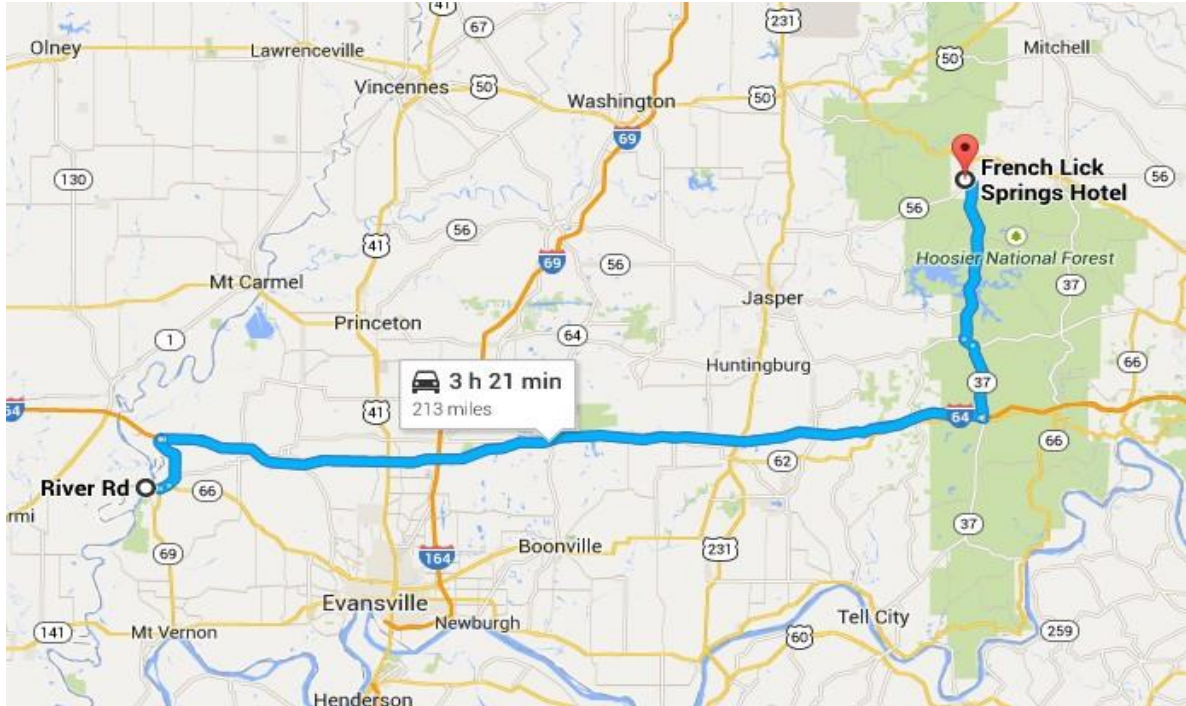
New Harmony became known as a center for advances in education and scientific research. New Harmony's residents established the first free library, a civic drama club, and a public school system open to men and women. Its prominent citizens included Owen's sons, Indiana congressman and social reformer Robert Dale Owen, who sponsored legislation to create the Smithsonian Institution; David Dale Owen, a noted state and federal geologist; William Owen; and Richard Owen, state geologist, Indiana University professor, and first president of Purdue University. The town served as the second headquarters of the U.S. Geological Survey and numerous scientists and educators contributed to New Harmony's intellectual community, including William Maclure, Marie Louise Duclos Fretageot, Thomas Say, Charles-Alexandre Lesueur, Joseph Neef, Frances Wright, and others.



Many of the town's old Harmonist buildings still stand and have been restored. These structures, along with others related to the Owenite community, are included in the New Harmony Historic District. Contemporary additions to the town include the Roofless Church and Atheneum. The New Harmony State Memorial is located there. Just to the south of town on State Road 69 is Harmonie State Park.

<https://www.indianamuseum.org/historic-sites/new-harmony/>

DESTINATION DRIVE TO HISTORIC NEW HARMONY, IN



3 ½ hour drive round trip / 213 miles

Depart the French Lick Resort and turn onto **Rt. 145 S.**

1. Follow **Rt. 145 S** and eventually it becomes **Rt. 37 S.**
2. Turn right onto **I-64 W.** (I know it's an interstate highway but it's the best route.)
3. **Exit I-64 W** at **Exit 4** (Sign will say New Harmony, Mt. Vernon, Griffin)
4. At end of ramp, turn left onto **Rt. 69 S.**
5. At blinking light turn right onto **Rt. 66 W.**
6. Follow **Rt. 66 W (Church St.)** into **New Harmony, IN.**
7. At red blinking light/stop sign is **Main St. (You are now in downtown historic New Harmony.)**
 - 7A. If you follow **Rt. 66 W (Church St.)** it turns sharply right and becomes **River Rd.**
8. **River Road** becomes **North St.** and then **Raintree St.** which intersects **Rt. 66.**
(You just drove in a circle.)

RETURN TO FRENCH LICK RESORT

1. Proceed onto **Rt. 66 E.**
2. Turn left onto **Rt. 69 N.**
3. Bear right to enter **I-64 E.**
4. **Exit I-64 E at Exit 79** (Sign will say Tell City, French Lick)
5. At end of ramp turn left onto **Rt. 37 N.**
6. **Rt. 37** becomes **Rt. 145N.** Follow **Rt. 145 N** back to the French Lick Resort.

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