

# Fact Sheet

## About The Museum

### Mission:

"The Lindsborg Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum celebrates and preserves the pioneering spirit of the Smoky Valley by educating, entertaining, and building community across generations so that history comes to life."

### 1898 Smoky Valley Roller Mills



An active business through 1955, this is the **only operational historic roller mills in the Midwest**, running annually for Millfest on the first Saturday in May. Unlike grist mills - which use stones - this used a series of corrugated steel rollers to grind grain into flour. Four to six people created up to 1,400 pounds of flour per hour. Restoration efforts began in the 1960s and were finished in 1981.



### 1904 World's Fair Swedish Pavilion



Designed by Swedish architect Ferdinand Boberg, the Pavilion is the only example of his work in the United States and **one of only two international buildings still standing**

**from the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair.** Designed in the style of a traditional Swedish Manor House, it moved to Lindsborg as a gift to Bethany College and a memorial to its former president Carl Swensson. After serving 60 years as a classroom, museum, and home to the art department under artist Birger Sandzén, it moved to museum grounds in 1969.

*In addition to the two buildings above on the National Register of Historic Places, the museum's 15 acres house more historic treasures: a 1869 homestead log cabin, the West Kentuck One-Room Schoolhouse, Lindsborg's first public school building, McPherson County's first courthouse, the Lindsborg Union Pacific Depot, a Santa Fe Steam Engine, a gold-mining shack, and the workshop of the Erickson Brothers - inventors of the first practical rotary dial. The museum was established in 1962.*

## Attractions

### Family Fun!

We emphasize making the museum attractive for the whole family: including a Kid's Corner with games and coloring, Scavenger Hunt with prizes, and playing Kubb (a popular Swedish lawn game) - included with admission!

### Camping and Picnic Area

Along with a public picnic area with a beautiful view of the river and Old Mill, the Old Mill Campground offers tent and RV camping with 30-amp electrical hookups. More information at [www.oldmillmuseum.org/campgrounds](http://www.oldmillmuseum.org/campgrounds).

### Gift Shop

With a particular emphasis on local and Kansas businesses and creators, the museum gift shop offers books, souvenirs, foods, and archived genealogy workshop videos. The shop is online at [www.oldmillmuseum.org/gift-shop](http://www.oldmillmuseum.org/gift-shop).

### Special Events

There's always a good reason for a return visit! Temporary exhibitions, guest speakers, our popular Swedish Genealogy Workshops, Volunteer Days, and more special events are listed at [www.oldmillmuseum.org/events](http://www.oldmillmuseum.org/events). Annually, we turn on the mill for Millfest (first Saturday in May) and celebrate Heritage Christmas (second Saturday in December). We also participate in Midsummer's Festival (June) and Svensk Hyllningsfest (odd-numbered years in October.)

### Immersive & Engaging Experiences

With new technology has come new ways to experience the museum, including audio tours ([www.oldmillmuseum.org/audio-tour](http://www.oldmillmuseum.org/audio-tour)), online virtual tours - including video ([www.oldmillmuseum.org/virtual-tour](http://www.oldmillmuseum.org/virtual-tour)), and (coming soon) an augmented reality tour to enhance the in-person experience.

About

**7,100**

Annual visitors

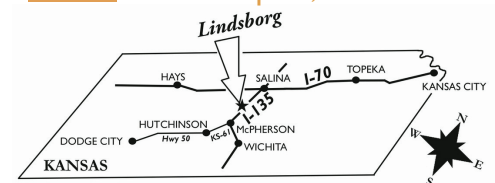
More than

**160**

Museum Members

**Admission: \$10, 0-5 Free, Students \$5**

**Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon. - Sat.**



## Learn More



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