



MILL CREEK METROPARKS
**Lanterman's
 Mill**

BUILT
 1845 - 1846
 RESTORED
 1982 - 1985

CROSS THE MILL'S THRESHOLD AND TRANSPORT YOURSELF INTO A BYGONE ERA RICH WITH THE REMARKABLE LEGACY OF EARLY SETTLERS.

Lanterman's Mill, a historic landmark, was built in 1845-46 by German Lanterman and Samuel Kimberly. Restored in 1982-85 through a gift from the Ward and Florence Beecher Foundations, this community treasure represents one of the many pioneer industries developed along Mill Creek and operates today as it did in the 1800s, grinding corn, wheat, and buckwheat.

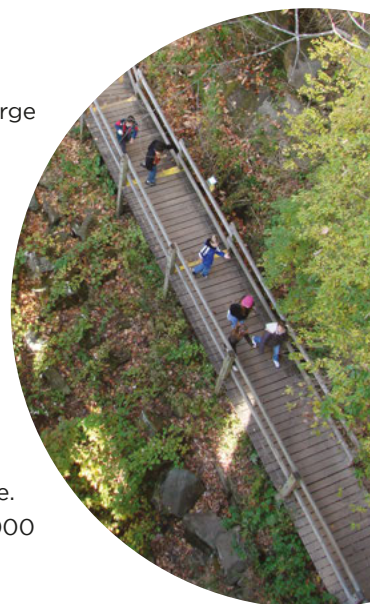
Visit Lanterman's Mill and step into the past. Observe the ingenuity involved in the early production of meal and flour. Smell the sweet aroma of freshly ground grains. Hear the gentle trickle of water as it flows toward the water wheel. Feel the rumbling vibrations of the millstones as they grind the various grains.

Browse the gift shop located in the Mill to find unique items and charming wares made by local artisans.

Our stone-ground cornmeal, buckwheat, and whole wheat flour are preservative-free and can be purchased in the gift shop and at local participating stores.



Explore Mill Creek Gorge for a dramatic peek into the area's geologic history. The award-winning Gorge Trail is a breathtakingly beautiful two-mile loop along Mill Creek, each side bordered by rugged outcrops of sandstone. A boardwalk spans 1000 feet of this trail.



A HISTORIC DISCOVERY

At the end of the 18th century the land surrounding a beautiful, natural waterfall (now known as Lanterman's Falls) belonged to John Young, founder of Youngstown. In August 1797, Young's surveyors, Isaac Powers and Phineas Hill, set out to explore the then unnamed Mill Creek.

Coming upon the Falls, the two men immediately recognized the potential of the site for a mill. Hill offered to purchase the 300 acres surrounding the Falls. Young stipulated, as a condition of the sale, that Hill must build a sawmill and gristmill on the site within eighteen months of the purchase. Hill agreed and contracted with fellow explorer Isaac Powers to construct the mill.

Lanterman's Mill
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GPS Coordinates:
 41.066806, -80.682140

Lanterman's Mill is open seasonally:

May through October
 Tuesday - Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm

Closed Monday & Observed Holidays

For information about our stone-ground flours and meal, call **330.740.7115**

To schedule a tour, call **330.740.7115**

- Attractions Near Lanterman's Mill**
- Lanterman's Falls
 - Covered Bridge
 - Umbrella Rock on East Gorge Trail



The first mill was built of logs from the site. Millstones were cut from granite boulders found in the area of what is now Fifth Avenue at Rayen Avenue. This mill operated from 1799 to 1822.

In 1823 the original mill was replaced by a second mill. Built by Eli Baldwin, this frame structure served only as a gristmill. Baldwin's mill operated until 1843 when a flood washed it away. A grinding stone from this mill can still be seen resting in the creekbed 500 feet downstream of the Falls.

The current frame structure was built in 1845-46 by German Lanterman and his brother-in-law Samuel Kimberly. German and his wife Sally Ann owned a large tract of land around the Falls. Lanterman's Mill was the third mill constructed at the Falls and was used solely as a gristmill. It is believed that this mill was originally powered by an overshot wheel, the type presently being used, but was later converted to turbines prior to its closing in 1888. Lanterman's Mill was a highly successful operation, utilizing three sets of grinding stones. Historians speculate that its downfall was due to the advent of roller mills which were much more efficient and less costly to run.

MORE THAN A CENTURY AFTER ITS CLOSING, LANTERMAN'S MILL RUNS AGAIN.



Photo by Rick Shale

After closing, the Mill stood in a state of disrepair until it was purchased by Mill Creek Park in 1892. As an early Park facility, the building held a ballroom, a concession stand, and bathhouse for swimmers. Swimming continued in the Pool of Shadows until 1917. The upper floors were used for boat storage during the winter.

In 1933 the first floor was converted into a nature museum, then into the Park's historical museum in 1972. Lanterman's Mill was entered in the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior in 1974.

During the years that the Mill served as a nature museum, generations of area residents spent countless hours viewing the hundreds of mounted birds, mammals, and other natural history exhibits.

The renovation of Lanterman's Mill was no small feat. Many obstacles had to be overcome during the costly and painstaking renovation which began in 1982.

Historical records and original blueprints depicting the operation of Lanterman's Mill were nonexistent. An archeological dig was organized by Dr. John White, professor of anthropology at Youngstown State University, yielding valuable artifacts and the location of the original raceway, proving the existence of an earlier water wheel.

As research continued, the Park searched for an expert gristmill renovator to tackle the complicated project. Lorin Cameron and his sons from Damascus, Ohio, were commissioned after the Park learned of their superior restorations of Gaston's Mill in Beaver Creek State Park and Garretts Mill in Garrettsville, Ohio.

With research and expert talents in hand the Park now only lacked funding for the project. The Florence and Ward Beecher Foundations made the restoration a reality with a \$600,000 grant to the Mill Creek Park Foundation. The work could now begin.

Work commenced in the Camerons' Damascus workshop. Although much of the needed antique machinery was purchased, the Camerons had to craft by hand many of

the fittings, elevator shafts, and housings — not to mention the massive four-ton water wheel.

While the Camerons worked on the machinery, the Mill underwent a complete structural facelift. Footers and beams were replaced; connections were reinforced; a new roof was installed; and new windows, doors, and siding completed the transformation. Now the Camerons could transport the components of the inner workings to the Mill. The wheel, marked piece by piece and disassembled, was rebuilt in its present location.



Exterior improvements included a new observation deck and walkways. An additional course was placed upon the existing log dam, ensuring an adequate supply of water to the Mill.

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