

## HISTORY

The Pioneer Farm and Village began by action of the Roseau Lions Club in 1975 to establish an agricultural museum in the area. It was to honor the pioneers and also to show the youth of present and future generations how our ancestors made their living.

The Farm and Village was later reorganized as a public non-profit organization. Grants were provided by the Lions Club, Roseau County Commissioners, and the Hartz Foundation. Memberships, donations, and proceeds from the annual Fall Festival provide for most of the operating costs.

Volunteer labor has been responsible for almost 100% of the Farm's development. A typical year at the Farm involves work nights by volunteers Tuesday evenings throughout the summer.

A summer host/hostess gives tours afternoons through the summer months. The grounds and buildings are used for weddings, family gatherings, class reunions, and picnics by area groups.

The public is encouraged to participate by volunteering their time, talents, and financial support to maintain and enhance the Farm.

It has been said, "We cannot chart the future until we have seen the past." The Pioneer Farm and Village, the "Hidden Jewel" of Roseau County, wishes to preserve our past, and you are invited to share it with us.

## ANNUAL EVENTS

View the 6'X24' permanent art mural by Marv Espe

Pioneer School Days – mid May

Opening day at the Farm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May  
Pancake Breakfast

Scandinavian Days – 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in June  
Sunday at the Farm

Car Show (Antiques & Collectables) 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in  
June Saturday at the Farm

Art in the Park – 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in July prior to the Roseau  
County Fair week

Pioneer Farm & Village Pioneer Days – last weekend in  
August before Labor Day

Holiday Lighting and Fun at the Farm – mid-December

Food available on most special event days.

Improvements made and new items added annually.

Monetary donations are tax deductible.

For reservations, tours, donations, memberships call:  
218-463-3052 or 218-463-1118 or 218-463-1045

Open summers 12:00noon – 5:00pm Mon thru Fri  
May through August  
Dates and times subject to change.

Admission is free.

Web site: [www.roseaupioneerfarm.com](http://www.roseaupioneerfarm.com)

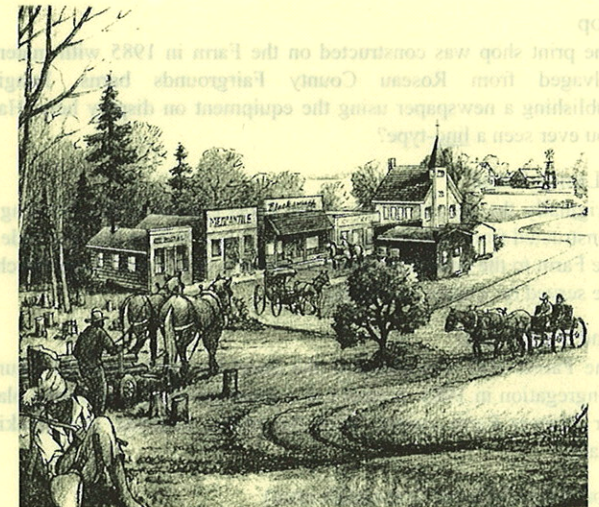
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## ROSEAU PIONEER FARM and VILLAGE

*The "Hidden Jewel" of Roseau County*

**Roseau, Minnesota 56751**

(Located 2-1/2 miles west of Roseau on Highway 11)



Marv Espe

May through August 12:00 noon–5:00 pm  
Monday through Friday

Inquire about weekend visits.

There is no admission charge.

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#### 1. Headquarters

This building has served downtown Roseau as a cigar factory, business office, and here at the Farm as an office. Step inside for a look at dental equipment used before 1969.

#### 2. Ross Post Office

This restored post office was the third post office established in Roseau County. You will see old post office boxes and an old-time telephone switchboard.

#### 3. Ross Hartz Store

This first Hartz store established out of Roseau in the Hartz chain served its constituents well until 1968. Take time to observe the old counters, prices on display items, old cash register, and even an antique machine to give hair permanents.

#### 4. Print Shop

The print shop was constructed on the Farm in 1985 with material salvaged from Roseau County Fairgrounds barns. Imagine publishing a newspaper using the equipment on display here. Have you ever seen a lino-type?

#### 5. Pioneer Lunch Stand

Originally the on-site home of the Farm caretaker, this building is constructed from old salvaged material. Moved from the west side of the Farm to the east side it now serves as a food stand. Light lunches are served on special occasions.

#### 6. Nannestad Parish Hall

The Parish Hall was gifted to the Farm by the Nannestad Church congregation in 1985. It serves as a great gathering and eating place for Pioneer Farm events. Note the tables, benches, and creaking chairs.

#### 7. Caspersen School (from Wannaska area)

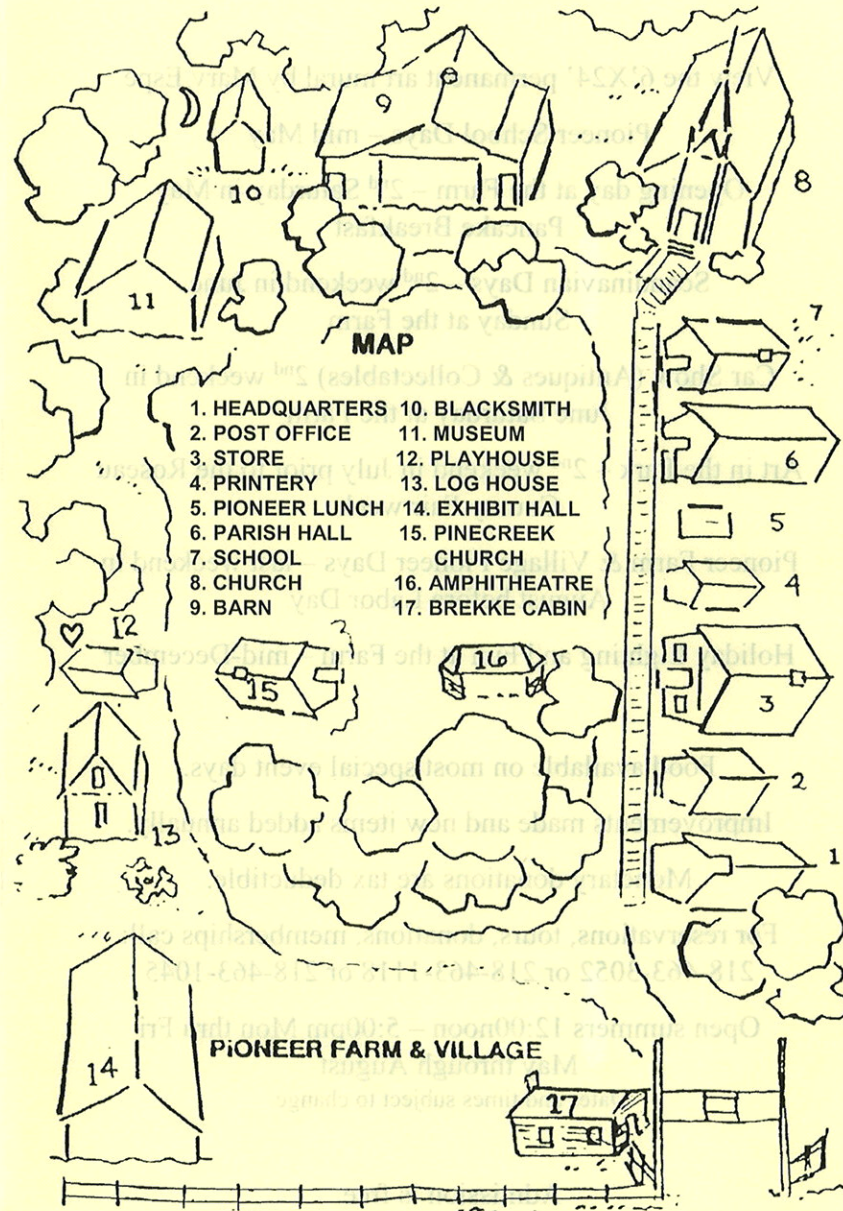
As you look at this building, you will notice it is constructed with logs and stucco. Records indicate it served as a school for thirty-eight years. Inside are many items typical of the early 1900's. You may want to check the listing of teachers who taught during those years. They all are really listed!

#### 8. Nannestad Church

Construction of this church (located seven miles southeast of Badger) began in 1902. Gifted to the Farm, it was moved to its present location in 1983. Church records and many furnishings are inside for your viewing pleasure. The organ is in working condition. The Farm is pleased to have had many special events occur in this church which celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2004.

#### 9. Mostal Barn

You are looking at an example of the early "hip" style barns built in the late 1800's. The barn was built from logs and in sections. Imagine moving this large building to the Farm. Records indicate the only thing holding the sections together was the roof. It is not open to the public.



♥ Children's Play Area

D Outhouses

Restroom facilities the way they used to be!

#### 10. Blacksmith Shop

Most early pioneer farmers had to make, fix, or repair their own machinery. Housed in this building are a forge and other blacksmith equipment. A visit during the August Fall Festival will give you the opportunity to witness a demonstration.

#### 11. Museum

Needing a place to store things, this building was built on site. As you enter you will notice "stalls" filled with neatly organized artifacts. The Farm is very proud to have turned a storage building into a fine museum.

#### 12. Audrey's Playhouse

This homemade log playhouse was built in the mid 1920's. Donated to the Farm in 2004 it is being refurbished by Pioneer Farm volunteers. You may be surprised at what is inside.

#### 13. Halvorson House

A log house which was home to a husband and wife and eight children. It is a fun house to visit as it contains many items used "way back when." During the Fall Festival you may even get a chance to visit with a family member at this house which marked its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005.

#### 14. Holm-Bjorkman Exhibit Hall

One of the more recently constructed buildings on site is this large exhibit hall. You are encouraged to step inside.

An original 6'X24' permanent art mural entitled "Rural Life - Once Upon a Time" will catch your eye. (See a portion of this beautiful scene on the front of this brochure.) Look for familiar names on the impressive boardwalk around the interior of the building. If old tractors, wagons, buggies, and a snowmobile are your interest you will find some here. Walk through the Trapper's Cabin. It was the first old building placed on the Farm and was used for ticket sales and pelt displays at the gate before being moved inside (mostly for preservation).

#### 15. Pinecreek Church

Visit the oldest church that was built to be a church in the County. It was used as a church about 14 years. View the unique furnishings and read about its history. Restoration is being done by the Roseau County Historical Society.

#### 16. Grothem Amphitheatre

Built in 2002, this project creates a natural amphitheatre effect. Entertainers enjoy the "roof over their heads," and the audience can sit in the shade of the "old oak trees."

#### 17. Brekke Log Cabin

A new addition to the Farm in 2003. The building has served as a guest house and cabin and was moved to the Farm from Rocky Point. Don't miss the Log Cabin Creations Gift Shop inside.