



demonstrate the history of steam power and how it revolutionized the farming world.

At one time, Blacksmith Shops were as common as Hardware stores, but in this day and age, despite GPS, you aren't going to find a Backsmith Shop down town. You will, however, come across a few blacksmiths on Steamer Hill, not in history books or pictures, but in actual shops, doing live demon-

strations near an open flame with vices and hammers over an anvil.

While Blacksmith shops were common back in the day, popping into the local five and dime for the basics wasn't always an option, so folks had to be more self-sufficient. They picked from their garden and got their eggs from the hen house. Some also made their own butter and soap. Down at

Pioneer Village, they teach different classes such as soap carving, butter making and crocheting. Have you ever made soap? Did you know

it's made out of fat, water and lye, and takes up to three weeks to dry?

If you haven't had the opportunity to stroll downtown

early 1900s, then you'll love browsing the shops along Main Street out on Steamer Hill. Main Street at the turn
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There is live music on random porches, around the campfires, at the Gazebo and even a jam session in the Blacksmith Shop and square dancing in the Nelson Building.



"People seem to really enjoy seeing the old-time things. Older people remember using and doing the things we demonstrate."

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