Restorations of Frontier Cabins, New Salem State Park, Illinois

In the growth and development of our natural park areas, the educational, recreational and interest values of the past, except in scattered instances, have been neglected. New Salem State Park, Illinois, wherein is reconstructed the vanished frontier village in which Lincoln wooed Ann Rutledge, is a notable exception. Above on this page are shown log structures restored, reconstructed, and rebuilt as units of this praiseworthy undertaking. These accurately portray the methods and manners of a century ago as no other medium could. An early log cabin or mill existing within park boundaries is a feature to be safeguarded and preserved.

Restorations of Frontier Cabins, Spring Mill State Park, Indiana

Indiana’s Spring Mill State Park exists for a double purpose—the preservation of natural beauty and of a backwoods village that grew up around a stone mill. By intelligent and painstaking research and effort the mill and dependencies have been restored to operating condition, and many of the log buildings that once comprised the village live again. Below on this page are shown two of these cabin restorations. Spring Mill is one of the high spots in park development, stressing as it does an objective too infrequently pursued. The well-considered restoration of an ancient mill, iron furnace or tavern is a legitimate project in a park.