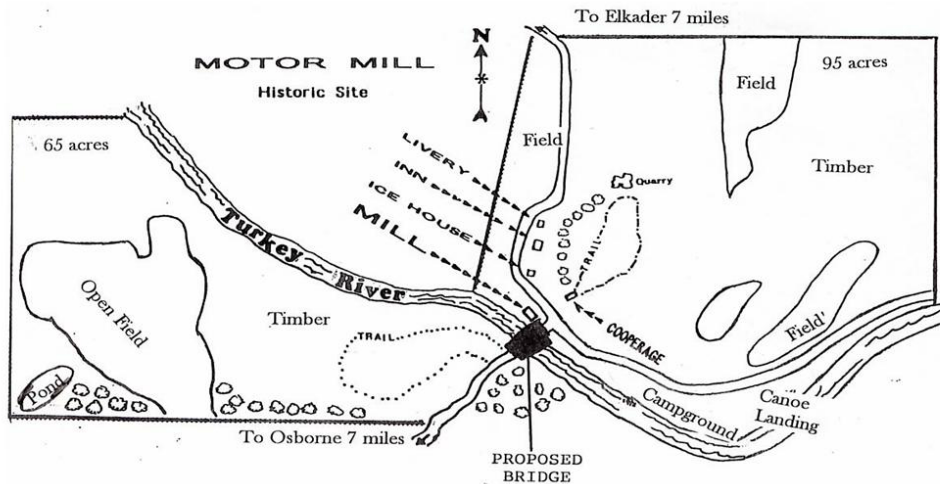


MOTOR MILL...TODAY & BEYOND

In 1983, the Motor Mill Historic site was purchased by the Clayton County Conservation Board from the Klink family which had owned the farm for nearly 80 years. The Board was assisted in the purchase by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. In 1993, an additional 55 acres was purchased. The site covers a total of 155 acres; 95 acres on the north side of the river and 60 acres on the south side.

In 1977, the Motor Mill Town site was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

John Thompson and his partners were men of vision. Even though he was successful in the founding of Elkader, his vision of a thriving community at Motor faded and vanished. His dreams were shattered by floods, cinch bugs and local economic difficulties.

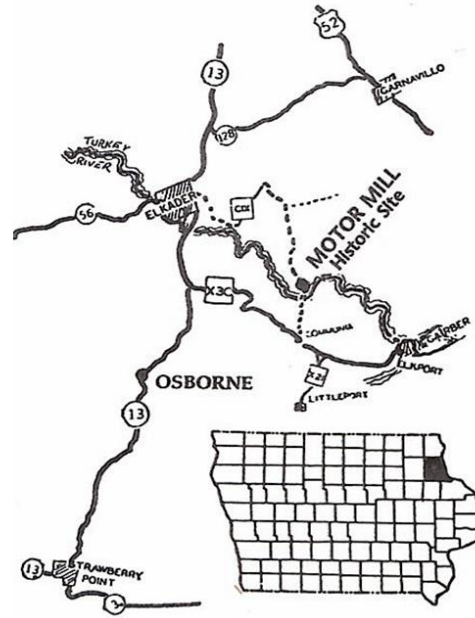


A canoe access has been developed to serve the growing number of canoeists enjoying the solitude and beauty of the Turkey River.

Today, the Clayton County Conservation Board and the Motor Mill Advisory Committee have a dream of their own... that the

Motor Mill Historic Site will become one of the area's major historic, educational and tourist attractions. With proper planning and management of the area, the dream will recapture the full charm and romance of the Motor Mill site.

How to find us



The route to Motor Mill originates just outside Elkader where the Iowa Highway 13 bypass intersects with County Road C1X (Grape Road). Once on C1X continue on that route until you have crossed three concrete bridges. At the top of a hill, take the first gravel road to the right (Galaxy), continue on and it will lead you to the Mill. The route is shown on the map above in broken dashes.

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