

# FINLEY *FF* FARMS

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## Finley Farms Fact Sheet

- ADDRESS:** Finley Farms  
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- PHONE:** 417-210-6644
- OPENING DATE:** The Workshop and The Farm, November 2019  
*Opening soon: The Ozark Mill*
- LOCATION:** Nestled in the heart of Ozark, Missouri along the banks of the Finley River, halfway between Bass Pro Shops/Wonders of Wildlife and Big Cedar Lodge.
- OVERVIEW:** Finley Farms is restoring and reimagining the historic Ozark Mill property to create a sprawling gathering place featuring farm-forward restaurants, vibrant event venues, a riverside wedding chapel, an urban farm and more. A family passion project—multiple generations of the Morris family are pouring their hearts into this special place. It all started with noted conservationist and founder of Bass Pro Shops, Johnny Morris. His deep connections to Ozark, the Finley River and the milling industry inspired a vision for preserving The Ozark Mill and opening it to the public as a riverfront restaurant. Today, his daughter Megan Stack is carrying the torch, establishing the look, feel and purpose of the property. Finley Farms is a destination where hospitality and memorable experiences intertwine through history, preservation and nature.
- THE WORKSHOP:** The Workshop, a coffee shop and makerspace, is a fully restored 1930s industrial brick garage featuring large garage doors that offer photo-worthy views of the high-yield urban farm. The

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communal gathering space serves a full menu of options including coffees, teas, toasts, salads, pastries and cocktails Monday through Saturday. After hours, The Workshop offers private events in addition to interactive and hands-on culinary, cocktail, craft, farming and kids classes.

### **THE FARM:**

Modeled after family farms that once dotted the Ozarks landscape, this high-yield urban farm supports on-property restaurants with seasonal produce and materials for hands-on workshops. A buzzing apiary, bloom-filled flower fields and a wooded mushroom yard make The Farm an ideal location for small events and elopements. Resident Farmers Liesel McCleary and Brendan Sinclair also offer regular farm tours and beehive checks, allowing visitors to learn more about The Farm's organic standards and practices.

### **THE MARKET SHED:**

Right next to The Workshop sits The Market Shed, a rustic, seasonal venue that plays host to the Ozark Farmers Market. Large sliding doors open to create a breezy atmosphere and a blank canvas for any setup you have in mind. Together, with The Workshop, these minimalistic spaces create a charming indoor-outdoor atmosphere ideal for a variety of events.

### **THE OZARK MILL:**

Originally built in 1833, The Ozark Mill serves as the heart of the property. A cornerstone of Ozark's rich history, the grist mill overlooks the Finley River and The Mill Pond Dam. Preserved with care, this passion project honors the Ozark community's rugged determination. The Mill underwent two fires and rebuilds and retired as the last commercially operating watermill in Missouri. Now in its new life, it's a multipurpose event space with a restaurant, a speakeasy, a self-guided history tour and a general store featuring pantry staples, kitchenware and branded items.

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### **THE OZARK MILL RESTAURANT:**

A family-friendly dining experience rooted in the history of the Ozarks, The Ozark Mill Restaurant's dining space, bar and patio overlook the picturesque Finley River. Chef Kevin Korman's farm-to-table inspired menu focuses on pizza, pasta and seasonal dishes featuring local, sustainable food sources including produce grown on site.

### **THE GARRISON:**

A turn-of-the-century inspired speakeasy, The Garrison will be a social affair. This intimate space will feature craft cocktails and small, shareable plates. Located on the lower floor of The Ozark Mill, the hideaway will highlight the legacy of Ozark's famed Riverside Inn and its original proprietor, Howard Garrison.

### **THE CHAPEL:**

The Chapel is an open-air venue set along the banks of the Finley River just across from The Ozark Mill. The structure was modeled after many historic chapels you might stumble upon in the older pockets of our region and crafted from reclaimed materials. After tying the knot, couples can walk across the historic Riverside Bridge to their wedding reception or cocktail hour inside The Mill.

### **THE RIVERSIDE BRIDGE:**

The one-lane, 274-foot bridge was built in 1909 for \$3,648 by the Canton Bridge Co. after a record-setting flood washed away the wooden bridge next to The Ozark Mill. In 1924 The Riverside Bridge was moved 1.5 miles upstream to Biers Ford. Due to repeated flood damage, the Riverside Bridge was closed in 2010. After hundreds of thousands of dollars in repairs, the bridge reopened in 2013, only to experience a 100-year flood in 2015 that severely damaged the structure. In 2018, it was announced that the Riverside Bridge would be relocated and renovated as part of the Finley Farms development. After disassembling the Riverside Bridge in 2019, it took 6 months to restore the structure. The new home for the more than a century old bridge is in the same location where the "Chadwick Flyer" railroad once crossed the Finley River. The bridge will complement other dining and

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entertainment spaces at The Mill, and the public will have access to the bridge when it is not in use for special events and activities. Wedding parties can cross over the historic Riverside Bridge on foot for a cocktail hour or reception at The Ozark Mill.