

# FINLEY *F* FARMS

## & THE OZARK MILL

### Finley Farms Fact Sheet

**ADDRESS:**

Finley Farms  
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**PHONE:**

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**OPENING DATES:**

The Workshop and The Farm, November 13, 2019  
The Ozark Mill, September 3, 2021  
The Garrison, July 1, 2022

**LOCATION:**

A 40-acre property 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.

**HISTORY:**

The Ozark Mill was originally built in 1833. The Mill has aged and been rebuilt several times. In 1992, it retired as the last commercially operating watermill in Missouri. After noted conservationist and Bass Pro Founder, Johnny Morris purchased the structure in 1993, his daughter, Megan Stack, developed the vision and began executing a reimagined gathering space in 2016. The entire Mill was rolled back from the Finley River so its foundation could be restored in 2018, prior to The Workshop opening in November 2019. The Ozark Mill reopened to the public after an extensive restoration process in September 2021.

**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, a high-yield urban farm and more. A family passion project—multiple generations of

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the Morris family are pouring their hearts into this project. Inspired by the rich history of the Mill, Johnny Morris had a vision to preserve this landmark and open it as a riverfront restaurant. Today, his daughter Megan Stack is carrying the torch to preserve this historical destination and showcase its beauty while featuring urban concepts.

### THE OZARK MILL:

The Ozark Mill is a multipurpose event space with a restaurant, a general store featuring pantry staples, kitchenware, and branded items and has plans for a speakeasy and a self-guided history tour. The Ozark Mill Restaurant is a family-friendly dining experience rooted in the history of the Ozarks. The restaurant's dining space, bar, and patio overlook the picturesque Finley River. Chef Brandon Peterson's farm-to-table inspired menu focuses on pizza, pasta and seasonal dishes featuring local, sustainable food sources including produce grown on site. The Ozark Mill Restaurant was named one of [Springfield, Missouri's Best New Restaurants](#) of 2021 by FEAST Magazine.

### THE WORKSHOP:

The Workshop is a fully restored 1930s industrial brick garage featuring large garage doors that offer photo-worthy views of the high-yield urban farm. The 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 kid's classes.

### THE FARM:

Situated 650 feet from The Ozark Mill kitchen, this high-yield urban farm supports on-property restaurants with seasonal produce and materials for hands-on workshops. Modeled after family operations that once

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dotted the Ozarks landscape, The Farm features 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 offer regular farm tours and beehive checks, allowing visitors to learn more about The Farm's organic standards and practices.

### **THE GARRISON:**

The Garrison is a fine dining social affair tucked away beneath The Ozark Mill. This intimate space features upscale, shareable plates and craft cocktails. Situated right on the banks of the Finley River, the hideaway highlights the legacy of Ozark's famed Riverside Inn and its original proprietor, Howard Garrison. Its cozy patio space, lit by the glow of fire pits, offers unmatched views of the river, mill dam and the historic Riverside Bridge.

### **THE CHAPEL:**

The Chapel is an open-air venue set along the banks of Finley River just across from the Ozark Mill. The structure was modeled after many historic chapels designed in the 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 Riverside Bridge is a one-lane, 274-foot bridge that complements other dining and entertainment spaces at The Mill, and the public has 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.

The Riverside Bridge was built in 1909 by the Canton Bridge Co. after a record-setting flood washed away the wooden bridge next to The Ozark Mill. By 1924, vehicles

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had outgrown the structure and The Riverside Bridge was moved 1.5 miles upstream. Over the years, the bridge closed and reopened due to flooding followed by repair efforts. A 100-year flood in 2015 severely damaged the structure, causing it to close for good. In 2018, it was announced that the Riverside Bridge would be relocated and renovated as part of the Finley Farms development. After being disassembled in 2019, the bridge underwent a 6-month restoration process. In March 2021, the bridge was raised into place. Today, the century-old bridge spans the Finley River in the same location where the historic "Chadwick Flyer" spur of the Frisco Railroad once operated.

### **THE MARKET SHED:**

Right next to The Workshop sits The Market Shed, a rustic, seasonal venue that plays host to the Ozark Farmers Market. Together, with The Workshop, these minimalistic spaces create an eclectic indoor-outdoor atmosphere to accommodate any special occasion.

### **The Mill Tour:**

Take a step back in time and explore the historic Ozark Mill, originally built in 1833. The Mill Tour is a self-guided experience featuring moving machinery, educational videos, theatrical projections and more. The tour spans three floors of the mill, taking you from the turbine on the banks of the Finley River to the gear room featuring massive gears, belts and grain elevators. Along the way, you'll learn about Ozarks traditions and tales, the local community, and the people who were pivotal in creating and maintaining The Mill over hundreds of years.

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## **The Marley House:**

### **Now Available**

Step inside this charming white house from the 1800s, where history meets modern elegance. The upper level boasts a stunning bridal suite, perfect for getting ready on your big day. Conveniently located close to The Chapel, it ensures a seamless experience. The lower level offers a versatile space, perfect for hosting brunches, book clubs, and more.