



Metamora is an example of the kind of towns that grew along the canal routes in Indiana. Stationed every few miles, these towns provided a source of fresh horses, food and lodging for travelers and a place for farmers and others to buy and sell their goods along the canal route. Commerce was so heavy that the White Water Valley Canal Company, established in 1842, had their own bank and printed their own currency at their headquarters in Connersville!

Today, visitors can still see evidence of that early prosperity in the old brick buildings dating back to the 1830's on the west side of town. One example is the Martindale Hotel (1838) which served as an office and storeroom for Ezekial

Tyner, a shipping agent on the canal. The Metamora Grist Mill is just one of the many mills and factories built to utilize the water power of the canal. Built in 1893, the mill is still used to grind corn meal in the 21st century.



Spaces available for use

Exterior

- Mill Porch, seats about 15 or 20
- Area around mill, small program space
- Grist Mill Park across the canal from the grist mill: Room for 300+
- Ben Franklin III Canal Boat seats 75 adults and has been used for 1–3 person music performances

Hours

Metamora Grist Mill

- **April–November** Wednesday–Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ben Franklin III Canal Boat

- **May–October** Wednesday–Sunday, rides available at Noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4 p.m.
(Dependent on canal conditions)



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