

Heritage Sawmill

Portable Sawmill Features. A portable sawmill is a small-scale sawmill that can be moved to create lumber on the site of a logging or tree removal operation. Portable sawmills became popular in the U.S. in the 1970's with increased interest in small woodlots and self-sufficiency. In 1982, Wood-Mizer company created the band-saw mill, which uses a band blade instead of a circular blade. This reduces the amount of waste sawdust and increases the usable lumber from each log.

Benefits of a Sawmill. Small-scale sawmills allow the user to create lumber on-site, eliminating transportation costs and allowing the use of local products. It also enables creation of custom products, such as uniquely sized lumber. Portable sawmills are a great addition to low-impact logging and forest management plans.

Evergreen's Sawmill. The Heritage Sawmill and accompanying Wood Shop building was constructed in 2014. It is designed to provide room for observation of the mill and workspace for creating wood products. The building was constructed of wood cut and milled right here on the Evergreen Heritage Center property.

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A log is loaded onto the sawmill (1) for custom milling (2). Lumber is stacked (3) and later used as siding on the adjacent wood shop (4, pictured unfinished).

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