



Rod mills employed 170 people of 1960



Course and show in the bridge of 1898



Organ grinders in the theatre

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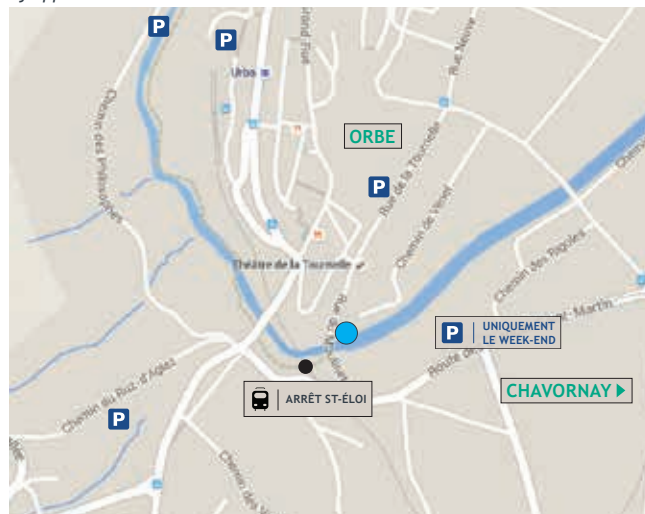
Entry fees:

Adults: CHF. 12.-
Children up to 16 yrs: CHF. 6.-
Retirees, disabled, unemployed: CHF. 10.-
Groups of min 8 visitors : CHF. 9.- / person
(with croissant and coffee CHF 15.-)

Business hours:

From March 31st to November 3rd 2019
Mon-Fri: 11am to 5pm
Sun + holidays: 2pm to 6pm
Sat: on demand
Other hours on demand.
Building rent, contact us

Unaccompanied or guided tours of the mill and its exhibitions, on demand and by appointment.



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How to get here :

By train: Get off in Chavornay and connect with the train to Orbe, exit in St. Eloi, (push button to request stop). The Rod mills are about 200 yards away, walk down road in front of the St. Eloi station, turn to the left and cross the bridge, entrance is to your right.

By car: Take the highway exit Chavornay and keep going to Orbe, bypass town on your left to reach the modern part of the mills; see map above for parking lot. On foot walk up to and over the Moulinet bridge, entrance is to your right (no. 33).

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The first mill from 1404, still in place.

Its operation was definitely halted in 1997. Many relics of the past are still on display today.



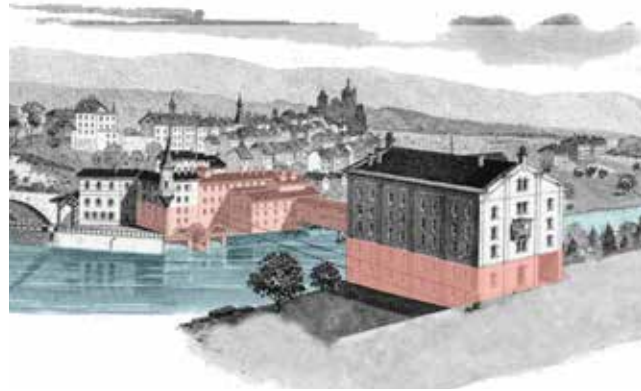
The oldest electrical power plant's site along the river (1891)

Our association rehabilitated the almost 3000 m² site and hosts seasonal exhibitions, including live performances and video projections to provide a better historical understanding. Visual displays along the walls of the old wooden bridge tell



Jules Rod, founder of the Rod mills in 1871

the story of the many hamlets and towns along the river. Aerial photos and other unique views describe the region and its history dating back to the Romans, as well as recent Nestlé factory and much more.



Old buildings that are the subject of a *safeguard project*

The Orbe river symbolizes the history of hydro-electric energy. Many factories, most of them now inactive, settled down by the river and utilized the water to generate electrical power. There are 3 turbines at the mills that used to produce 2 million kwh a year; they are still on display today. Nearby is the "Moulinet" bridge, the oldest stone bridge in Switzerland; its construction started in 1421 and was completed in 1424. The bridge was the brainchild of a pious hermit (Jean-André Venel) whose abbey sits right above the bridge, where he established in 1780 the first orthopedic facility in the world.

MOULIN MOULINE, 6th Orbe waterfront festival, from August 30th to September 8th 2019



The second correction of the Jura waters minimised floodings in the area

The Orbe plain, its swamps as well as its cultures are very well represented in many exhibitions or movies.

In 2018, the project for the third correction of the Jura waters (from Mormont to Soleure) was launched. The goal is to fight climate change that could have disastrous effects (such as floodings) on Swiss plateau's agricultural production if not dealt with.



The Orbe's beavers can be seen in a movie (on demand)



L'As de Choeur from Cugy and Nicolas Fraissinet during Juin au Moulin 2018
The complete program is available on www.moulin-mouline.ch