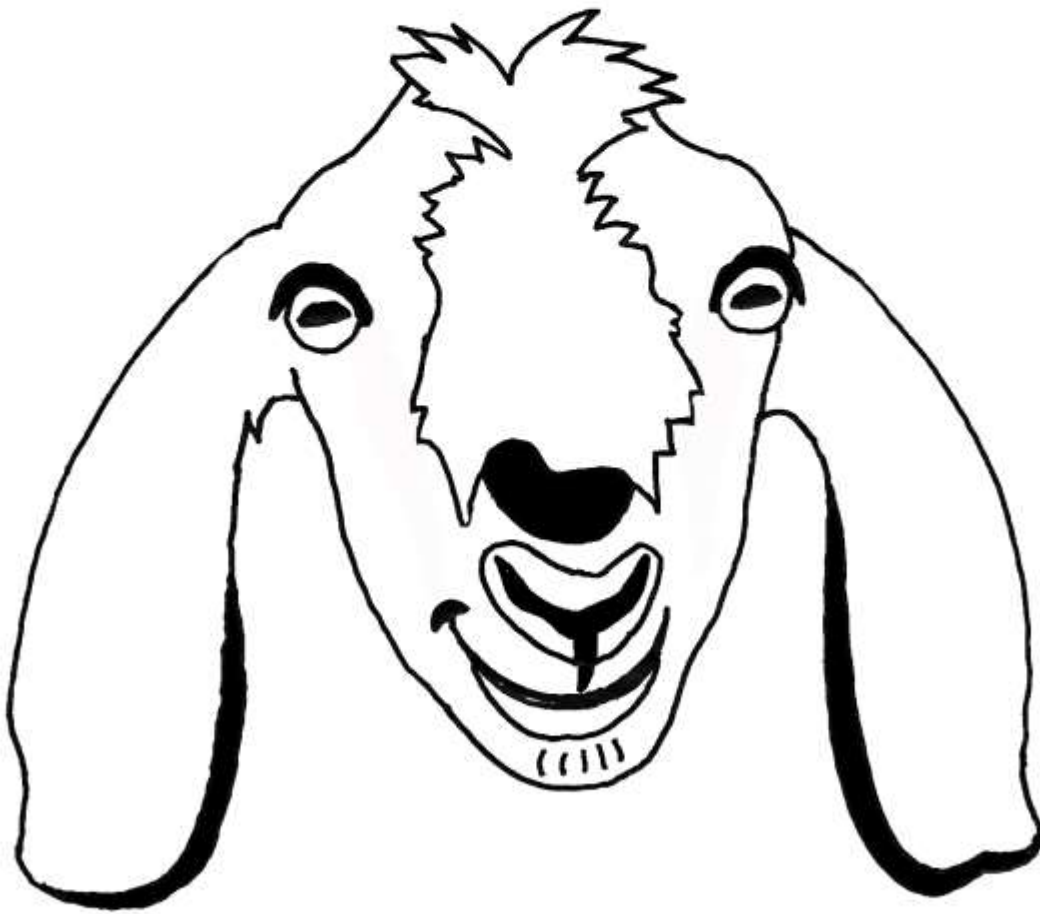


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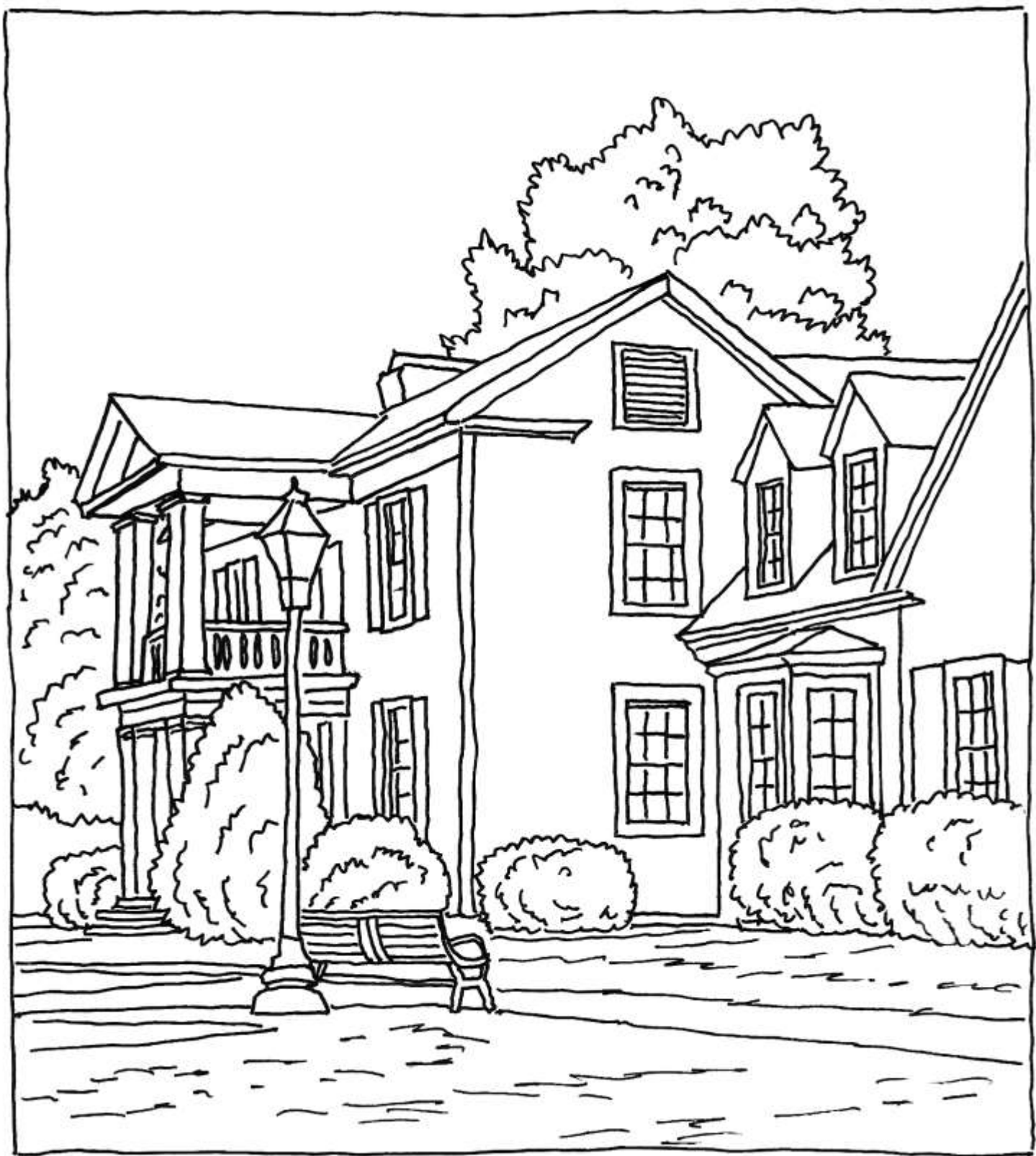


Historic Oak View County Park



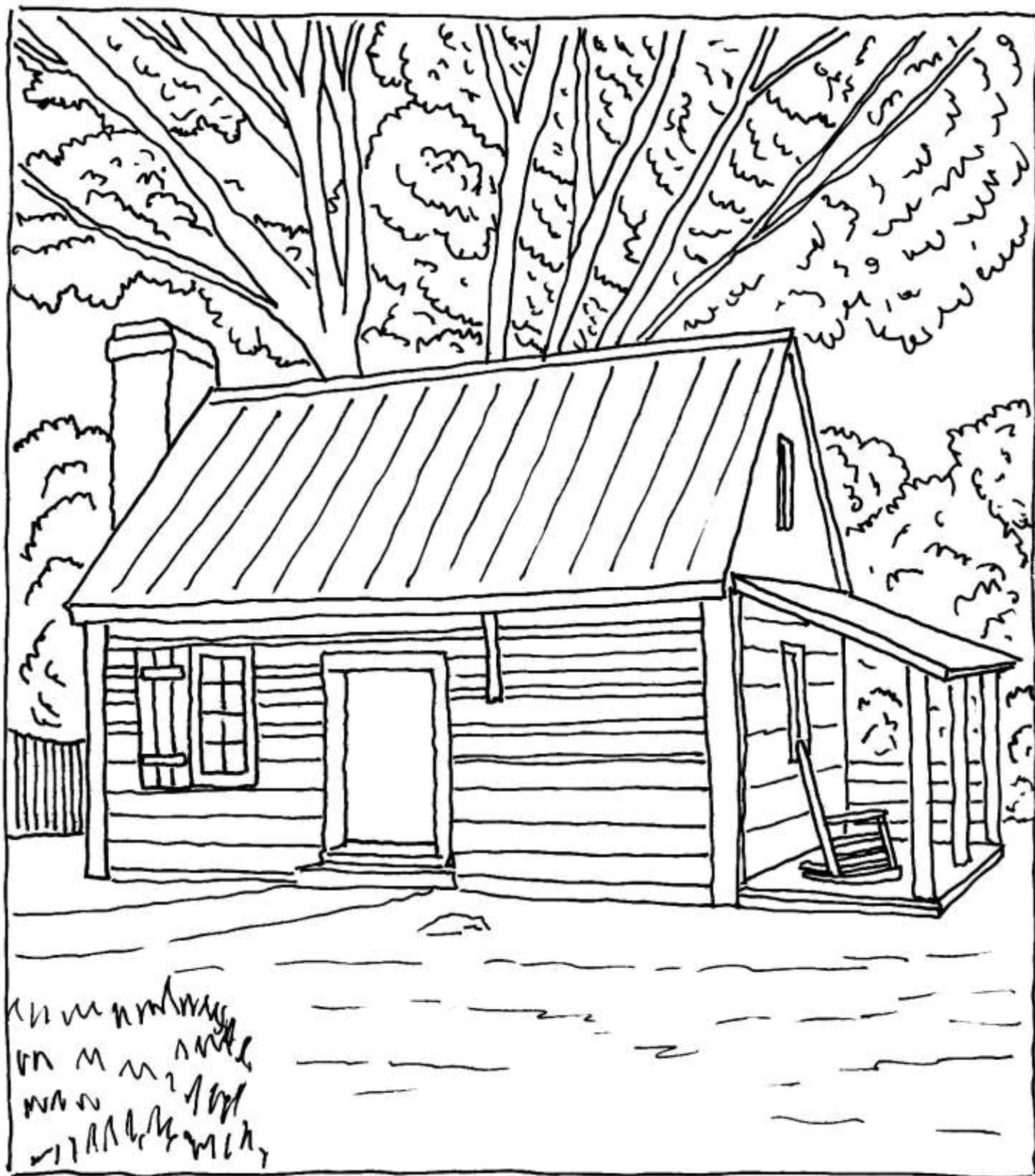
Historic Oak View is a park, a place to enjoy the outdoors. Many years ago, the park was a plantation where crops and animals were raised and many different people lived and worked on the land.

FARM FACT: Chickens and goats still live at the park!



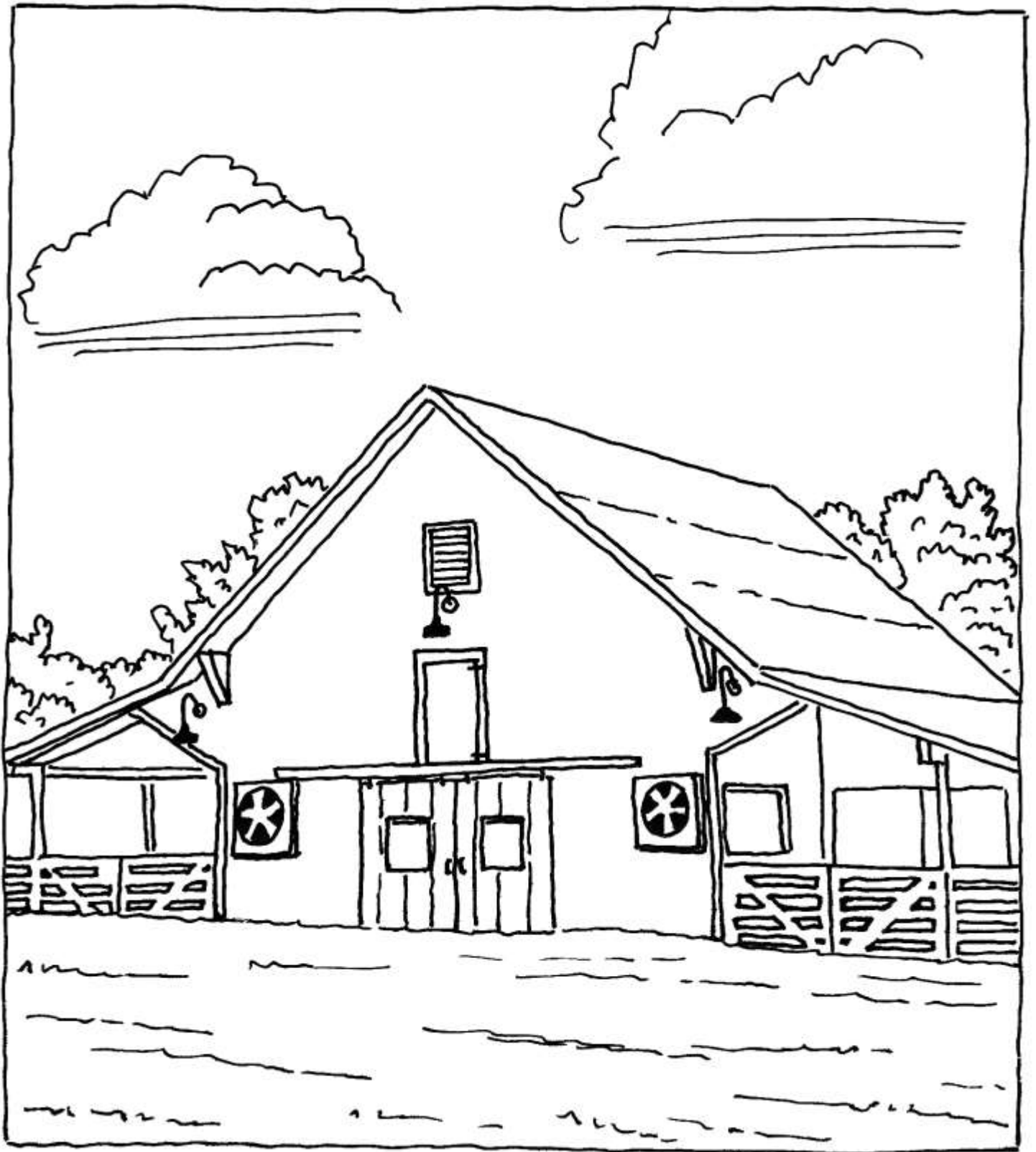
Here is the Main Farmhouse at Oak View. It was built by the Williams family back in 1855. Later families added more rooms to the house.

FARM FACT: The house features "Greek Revival" architecture.



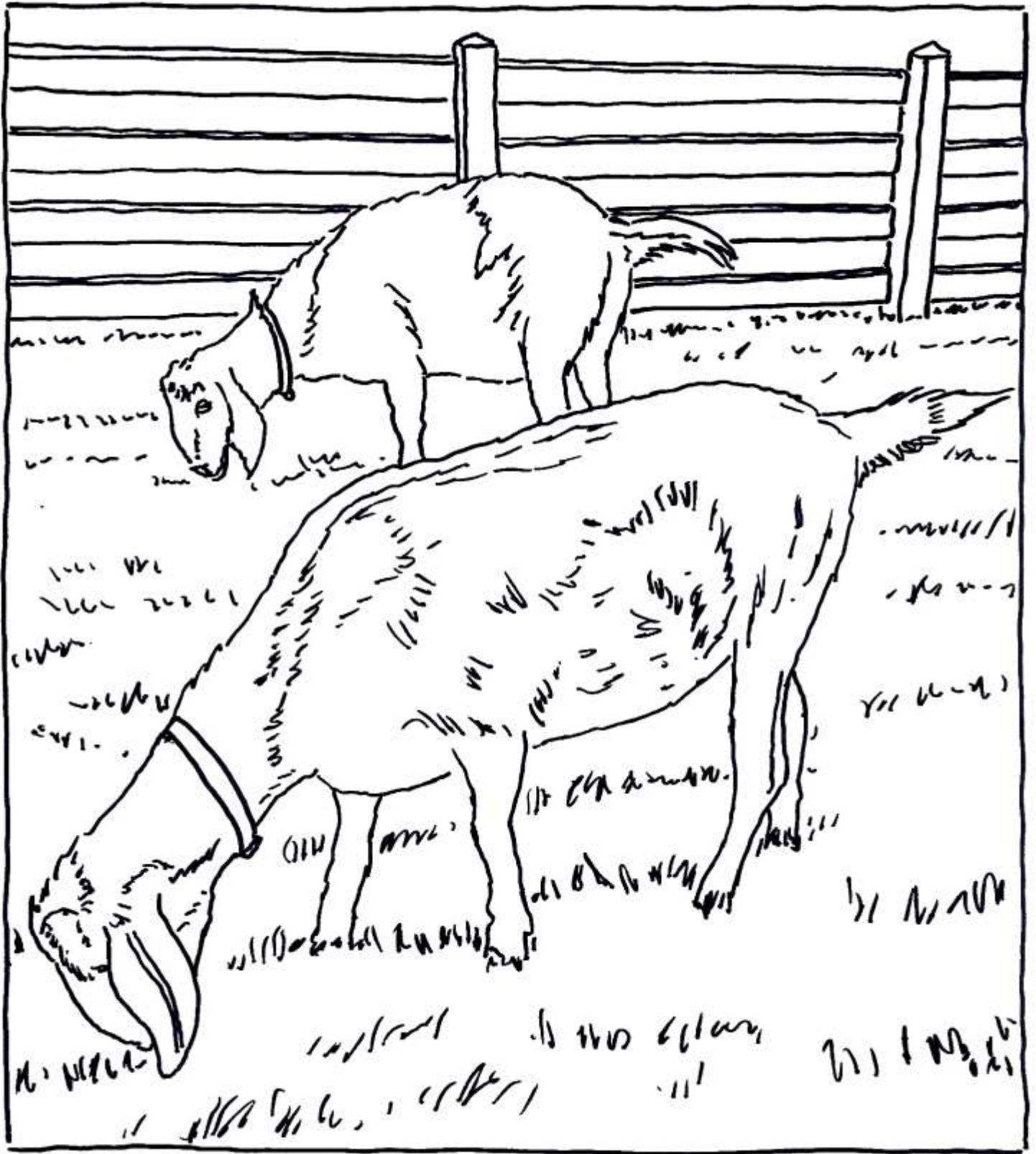
The Plank Kitchen was built in 1825. It is Oak View's oldest building. Eliza and Isabella, two enslaved women, worked here before the Civil War.

FARM FACT: Oak View had no electricity at the farm until 1940!



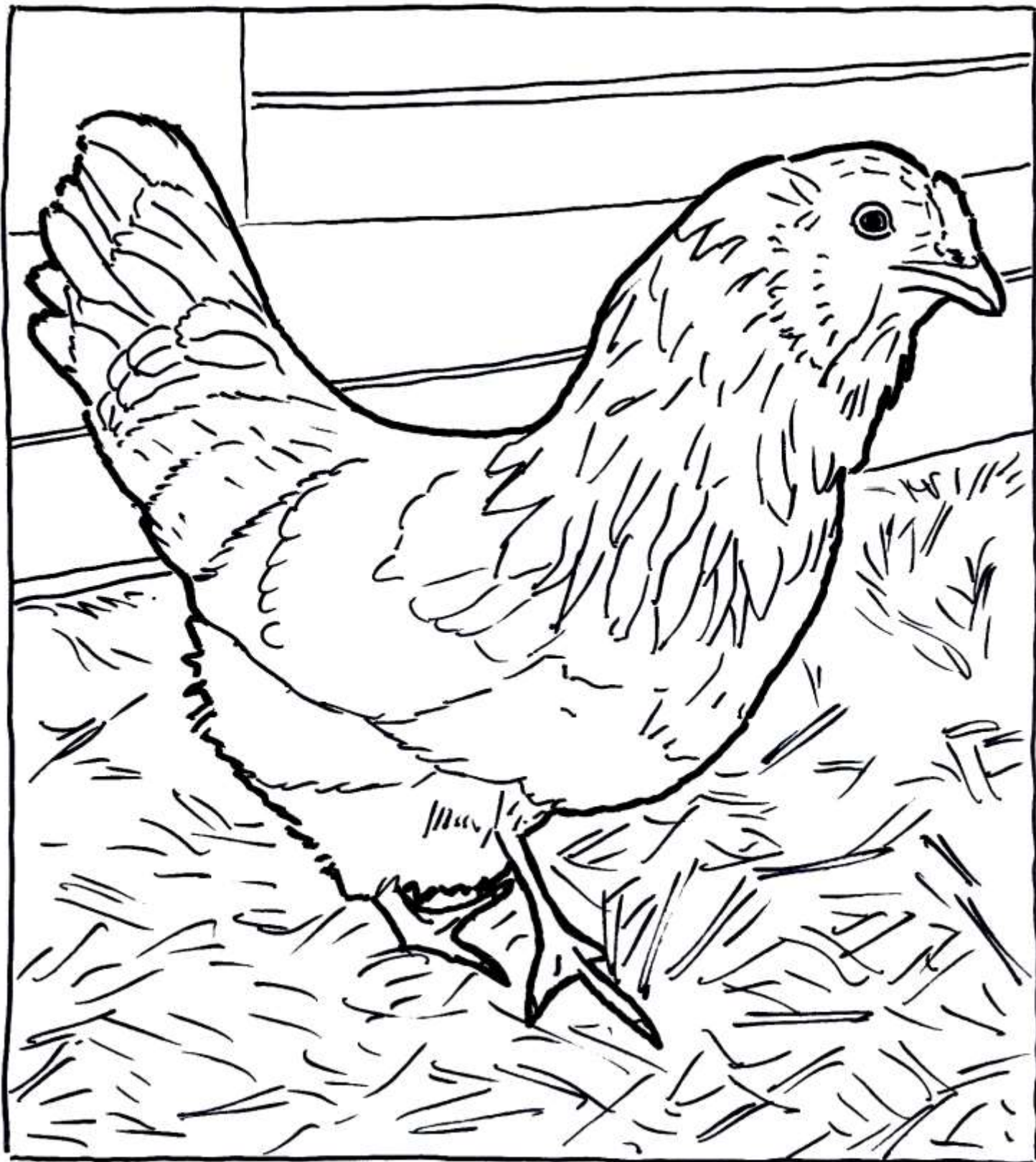
The Livestock Barn at Oak View was once the home for the farm's horses and mules. Now it's the home of the park's Nubian goats!

FARM FACT: The Livestock Barn was built in 1900!



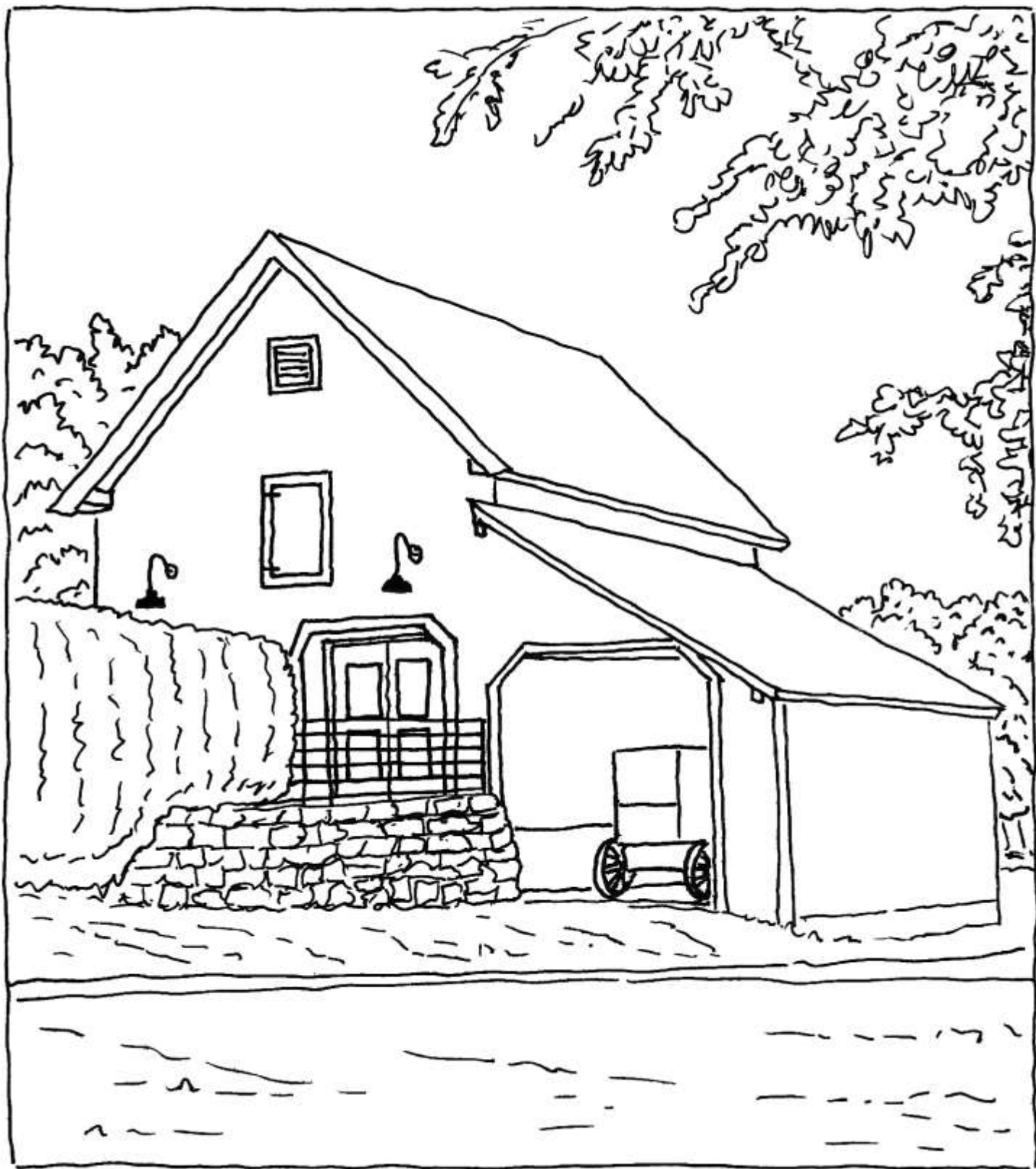
Oak View has several Nubian goats living at the park. They like to graze in the corral during the day and sleep at night in the Livestock Barn.

FARM FACT: Nubian goats are very smart and love attention!



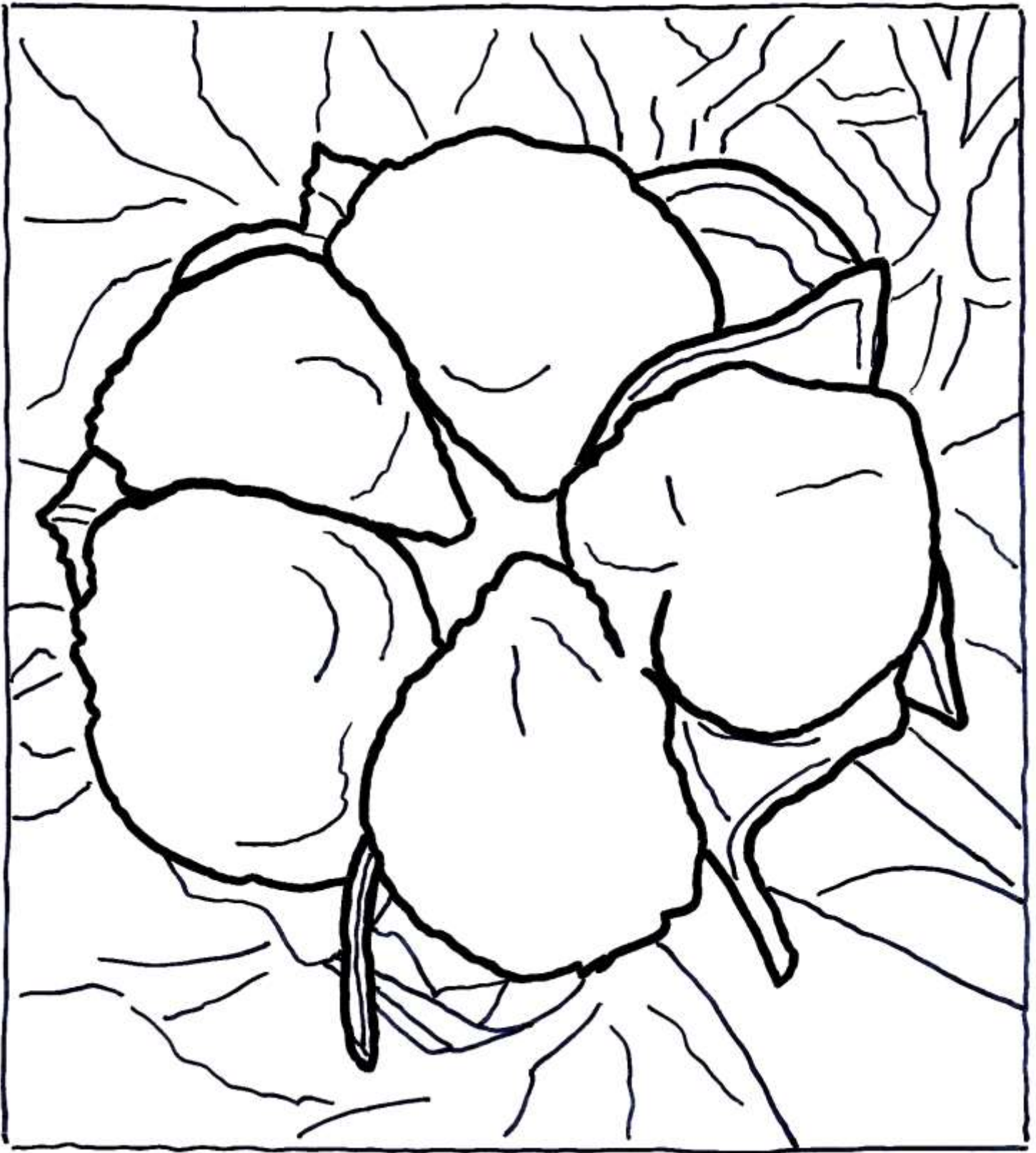
Chickens also live at the park. Their home is called the Chicken Coop, and it is located next to the Goat Corral at Oak View.

FARM FACT: Some chickens can lay up to 250 eggs a year!



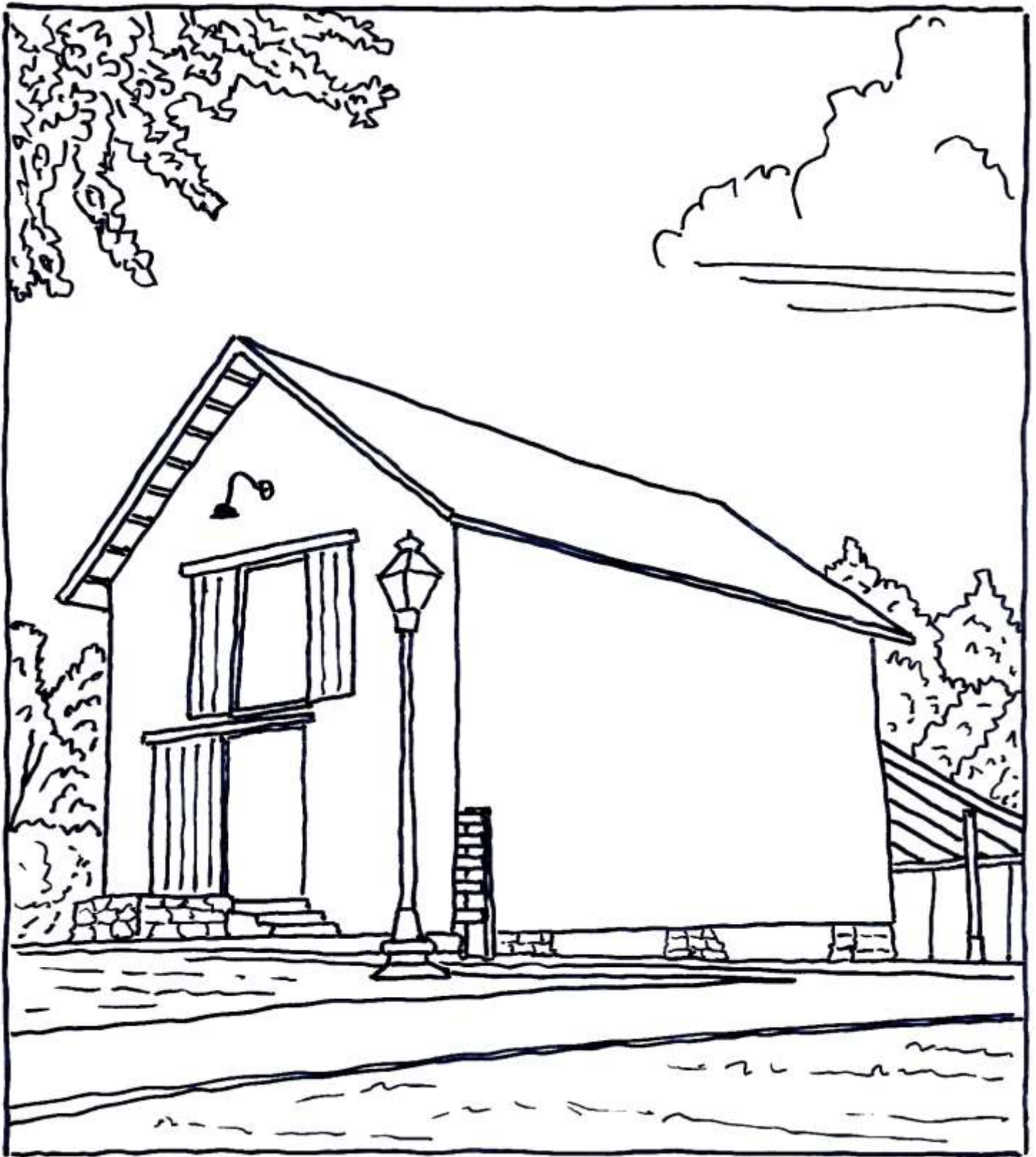
The Carriage House once kept the farm's wagons and carriages safe from bad weather. It was built before automobiles became popular.

FARM FACT: The Carriage House was built around 1900!



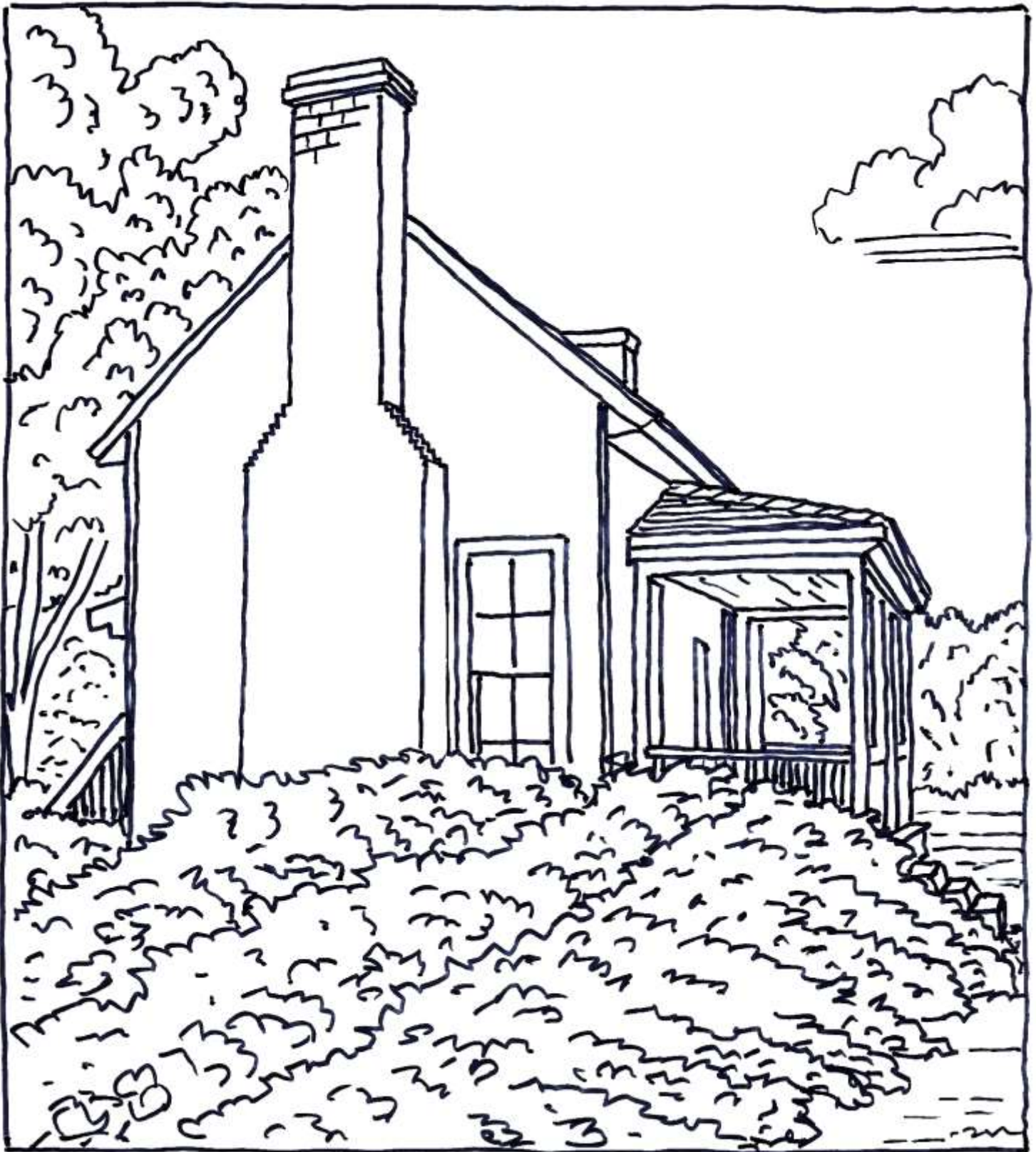
This is a boll of cotton growing on a plant. Cotton is used to make things like clothing. Many years ago it was the main cash crop at Oak View.

FARM FACT: Oak View once had over 900 acres of farm land!



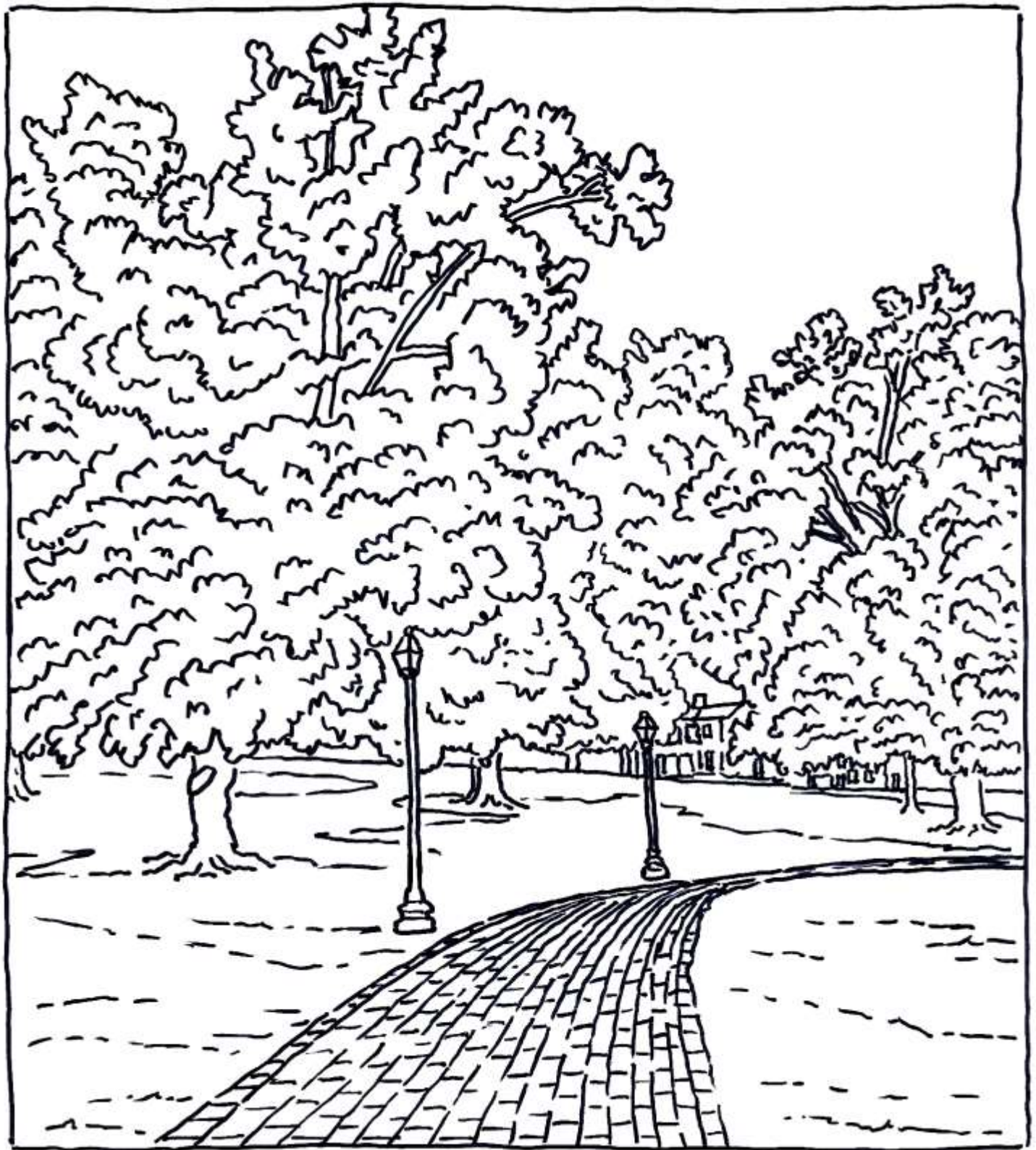
Oak View's Cotton Gin House was built in 1900. This is where cotton gin machines removed seeds from freshly-picked cotton before it was sold.

FARM FACT: Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin machine in 1792!



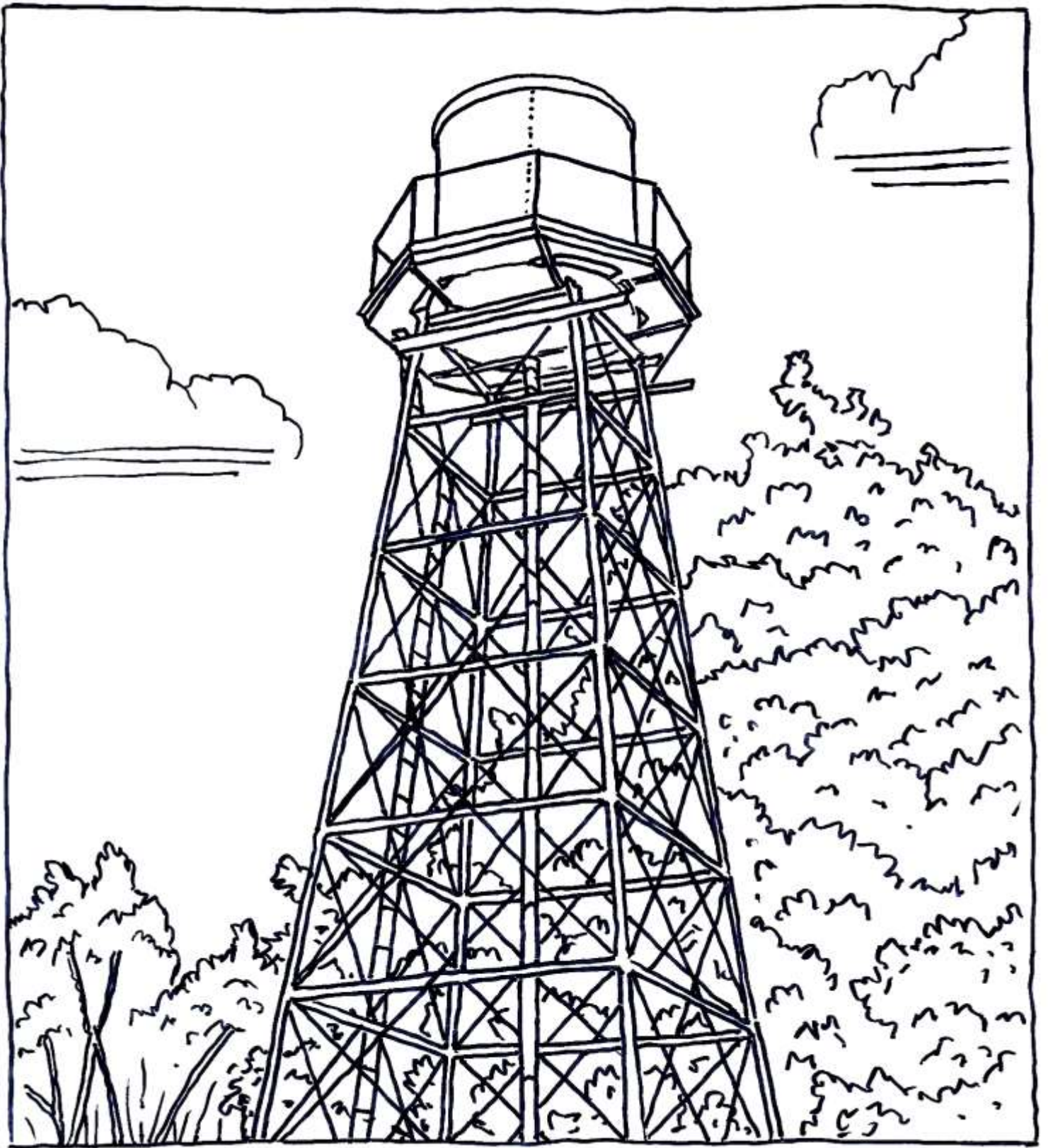
This is the restored Tenant House. It stands near Oak View's Main Farmhouse. Workers at the farm once lived in small houses like this.

FARM FACT: There used to be six to eight tenant houses at Oak View.



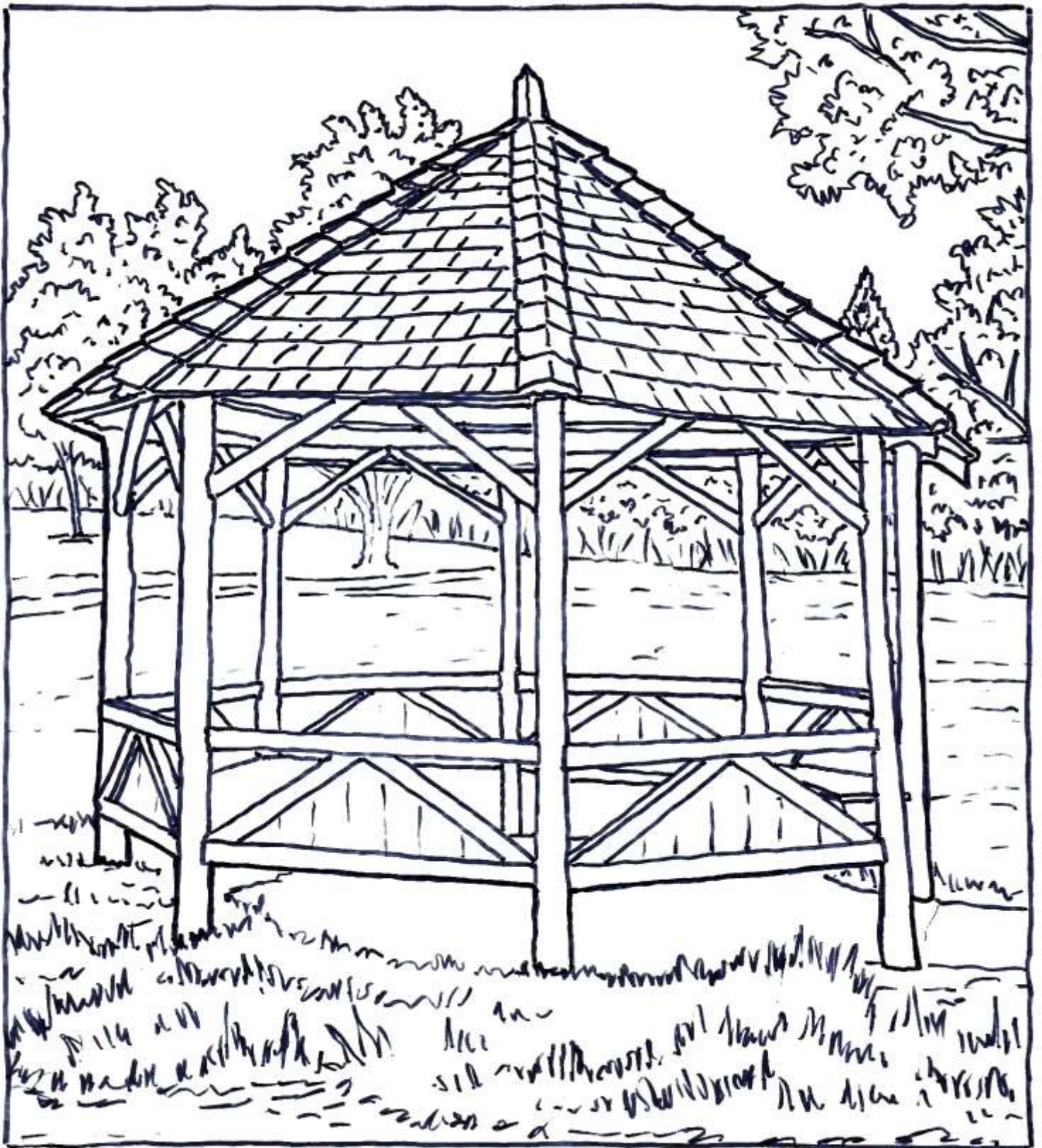
In the 1910s Oak View Farm planted a large grove of pecan trees as a new crop. Today you can walk through the grove on this brick path.

FARM FACT: There are three different types of pecan trees growing in Oak View's Pecan Grove: Stuart, Cape Fear, and Sumner!!



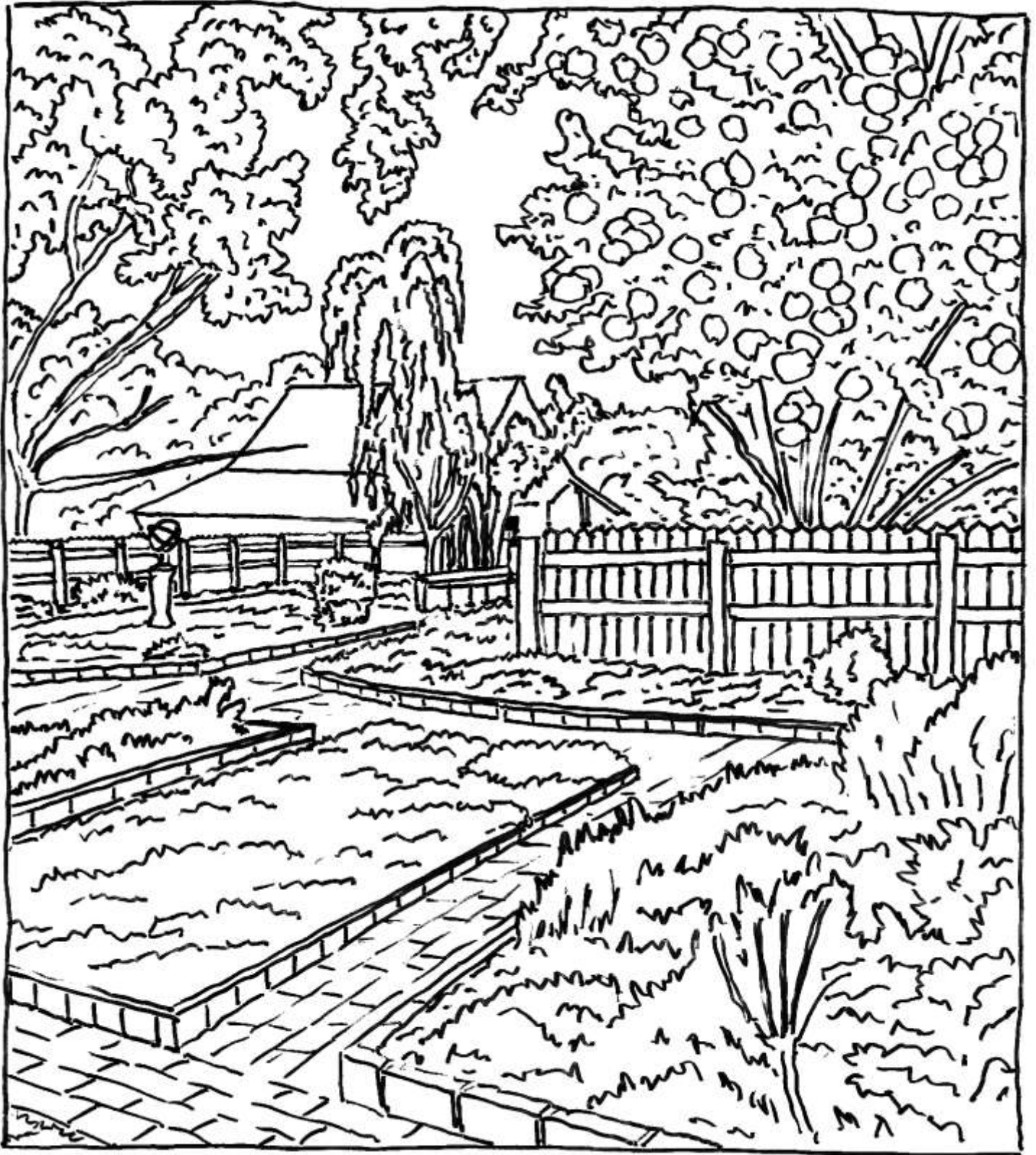
Oak View's water tower was built in the early 1900s. It provided water to the farm by pumping it from an underground well to the tank on top.

FARM FACT: The water tower is the tallest building at Oak View!



A gazebo is a place to cool off outside on a hot sunny day. Oak View's Gazebo stands near the Main Farmhouse. It was originally built in 1900.

FARM FACT: The Gazebo was also called the "Summer House!"



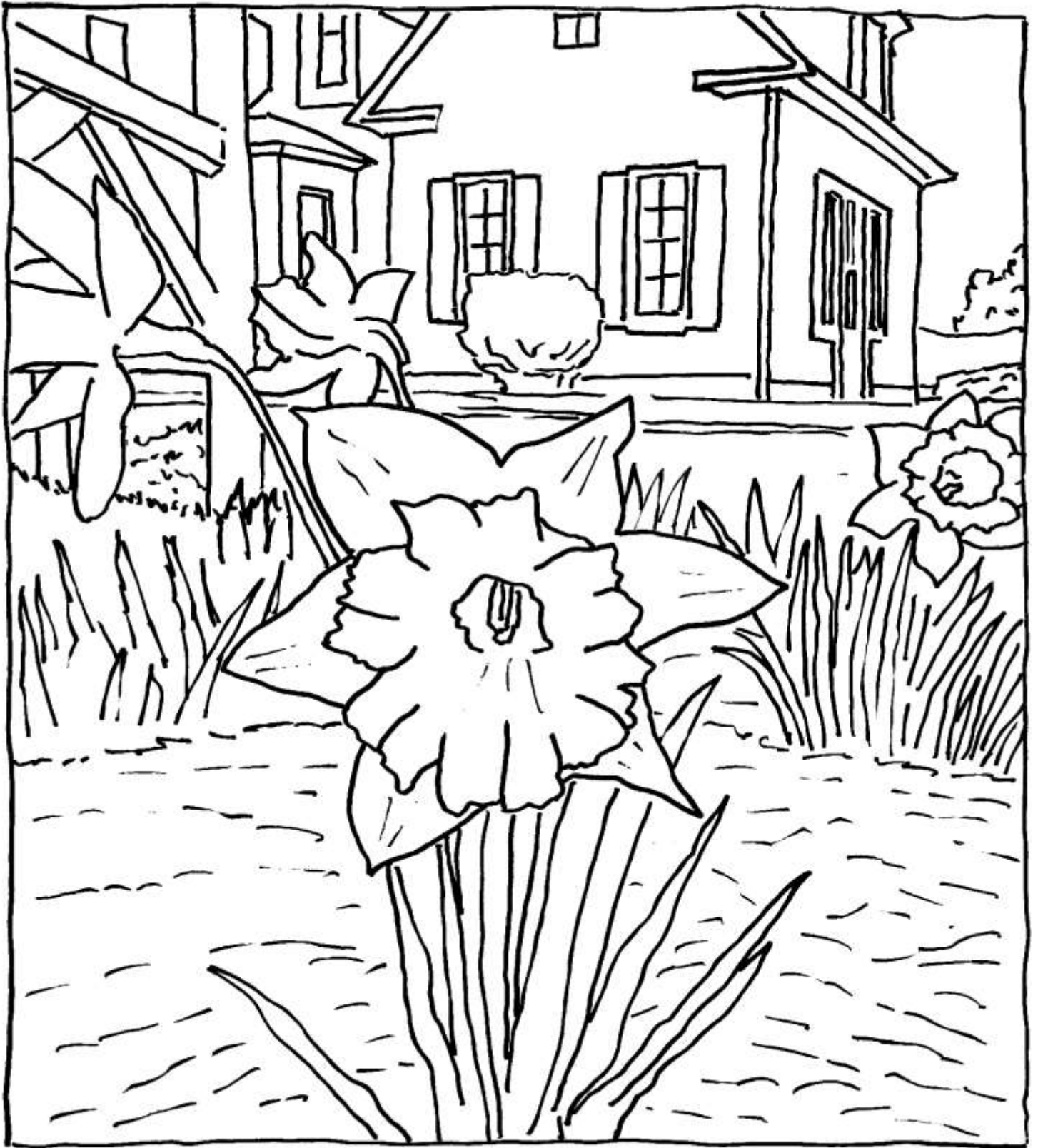
Oak View's Herb Garden is right next to the Plank Kitchen. It contains hundreds of herb plants grown to flavor food cooked for meals.

FARM FACT: Some herb plants can be used as medicine for illnesses!



Plants need pollinators like this bumble bee to help them flower and grow. Butterflies, dragonflies, and hummingbirds are also pollinators.

FARM FACT: Oak View has honey bee hives located by the Cotton Field!



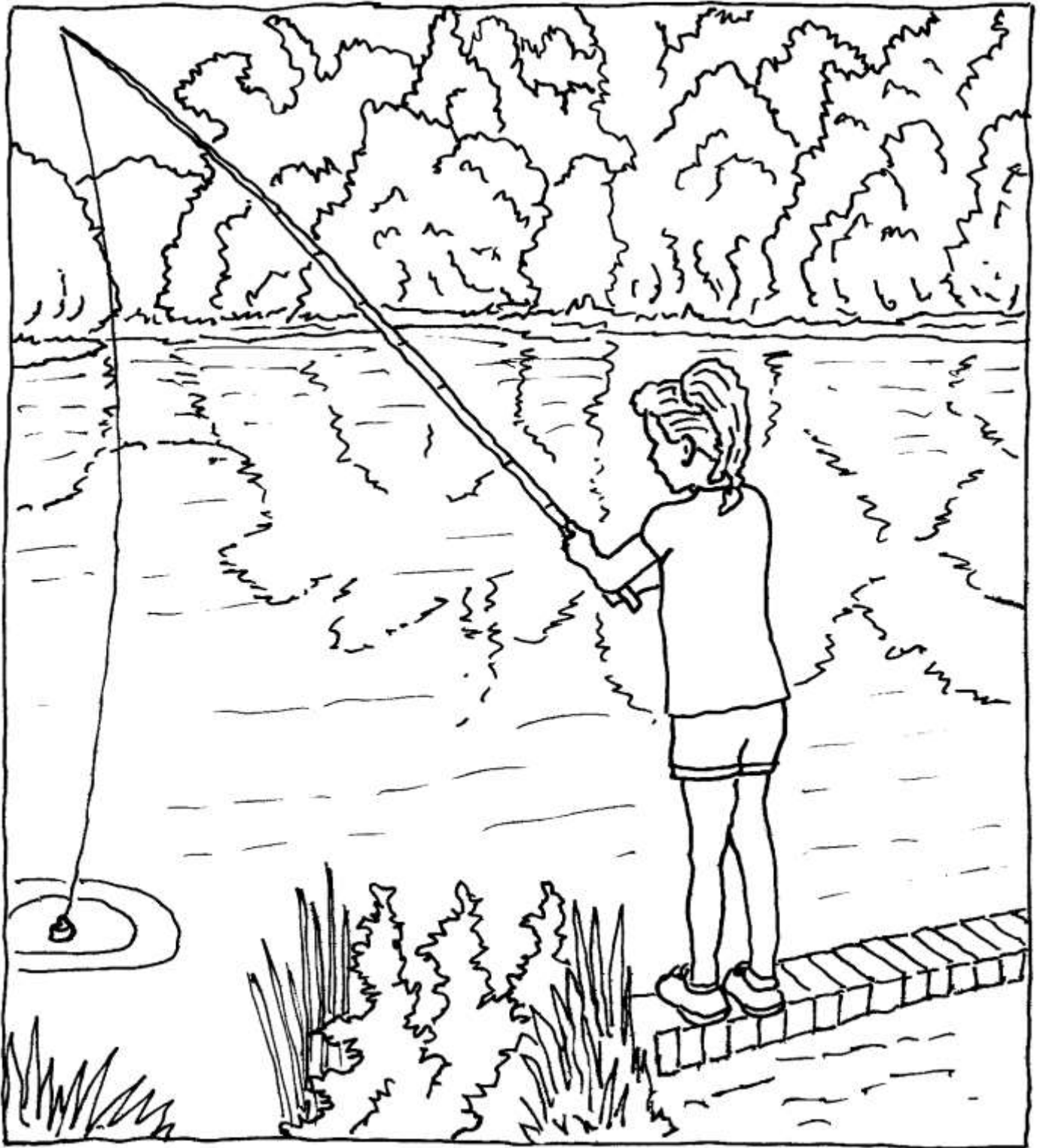
In springtime Oak View has lots of flowers blooming everywhere. These are yellow daffodils growing by the Gazebo near the Main Farmhouse.

FARM FACT: Once planted, daffodils will bloom year after year!



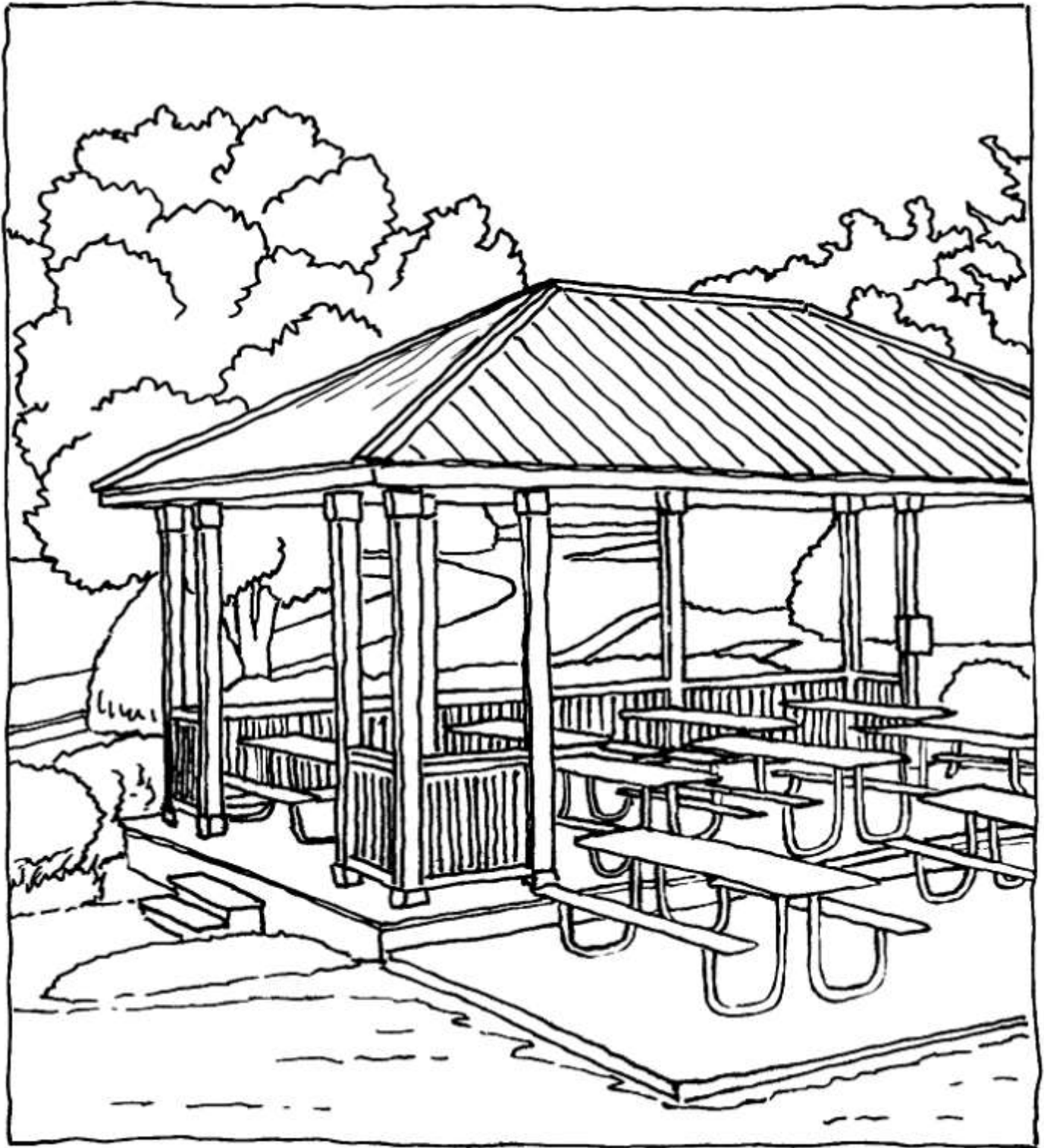
The Eastern Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly is a familiar pollinator in North Carolina gardens. Their yellow and black stripes make them easy to see!

FARM FACT: Oak View has two large wildflower gardens that attract lots of butterflies in the summer!



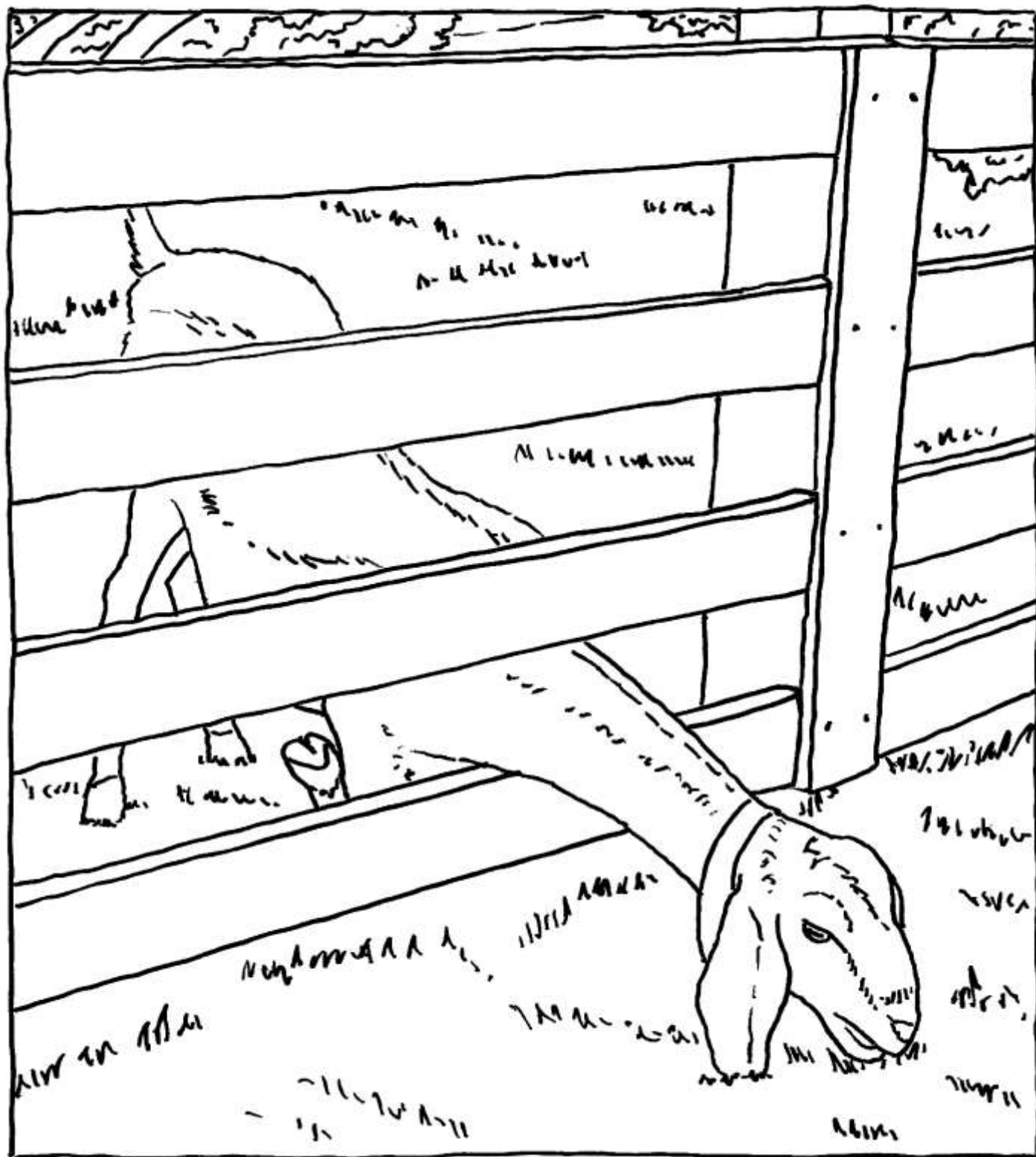
Oak View's Fish Pond is a nice place to spend an afternoon of "catch and release" fishing with a cane pole and worms.

FARM FACT: Oak View has a fish pond by the Bluebird Picnic Shelter and another one near the beginning of the Hunnicut Trail.



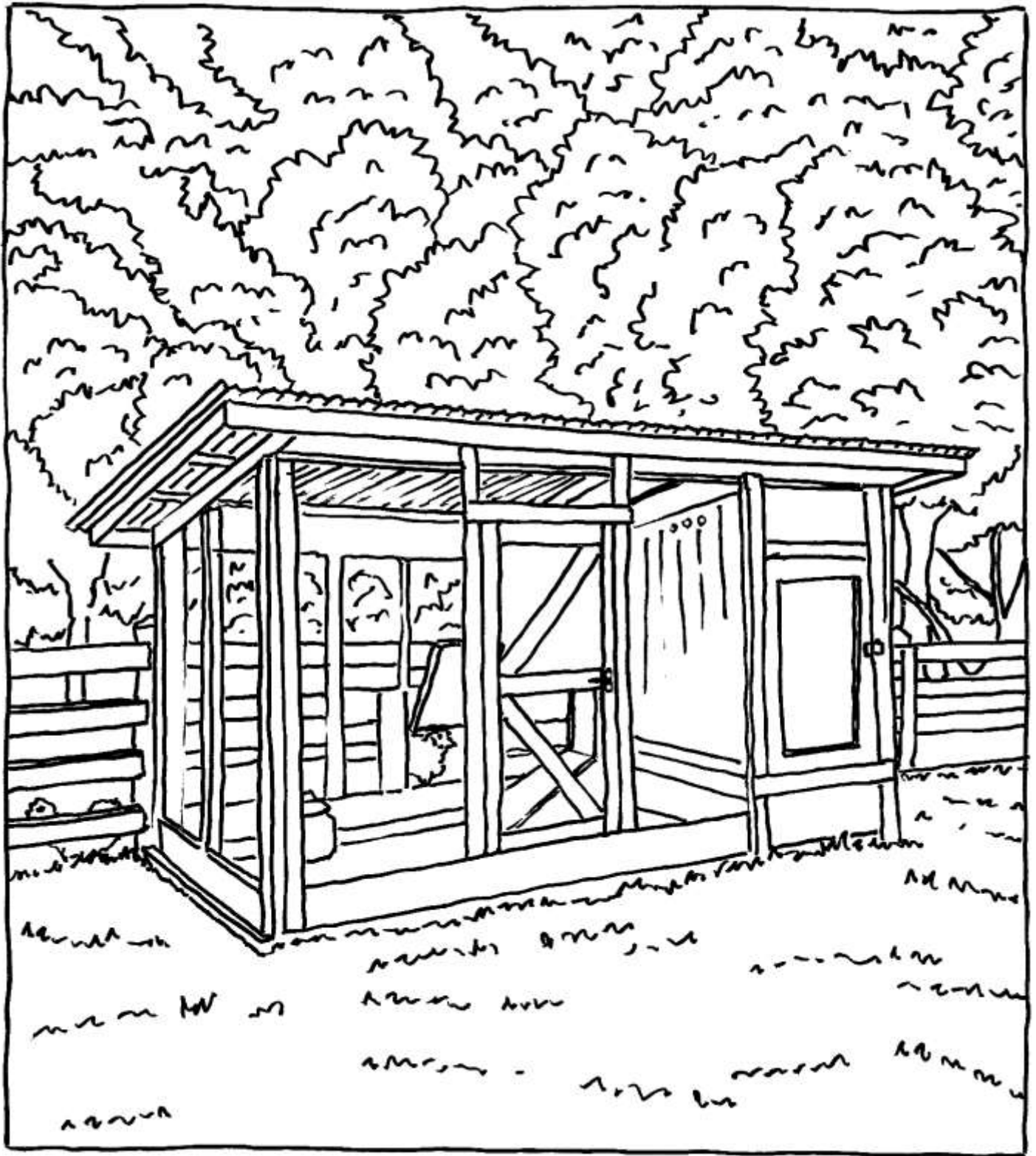
There are two picnic shelters at Oak View. The Bluebird Shelter is by the Fish Pond, and the Carya Shelter is by the Pecan Grove Trail.

FARM FACT: Wake County Parks are a great place to have a picnic lunch, hike a trail, or learn about nature and history!



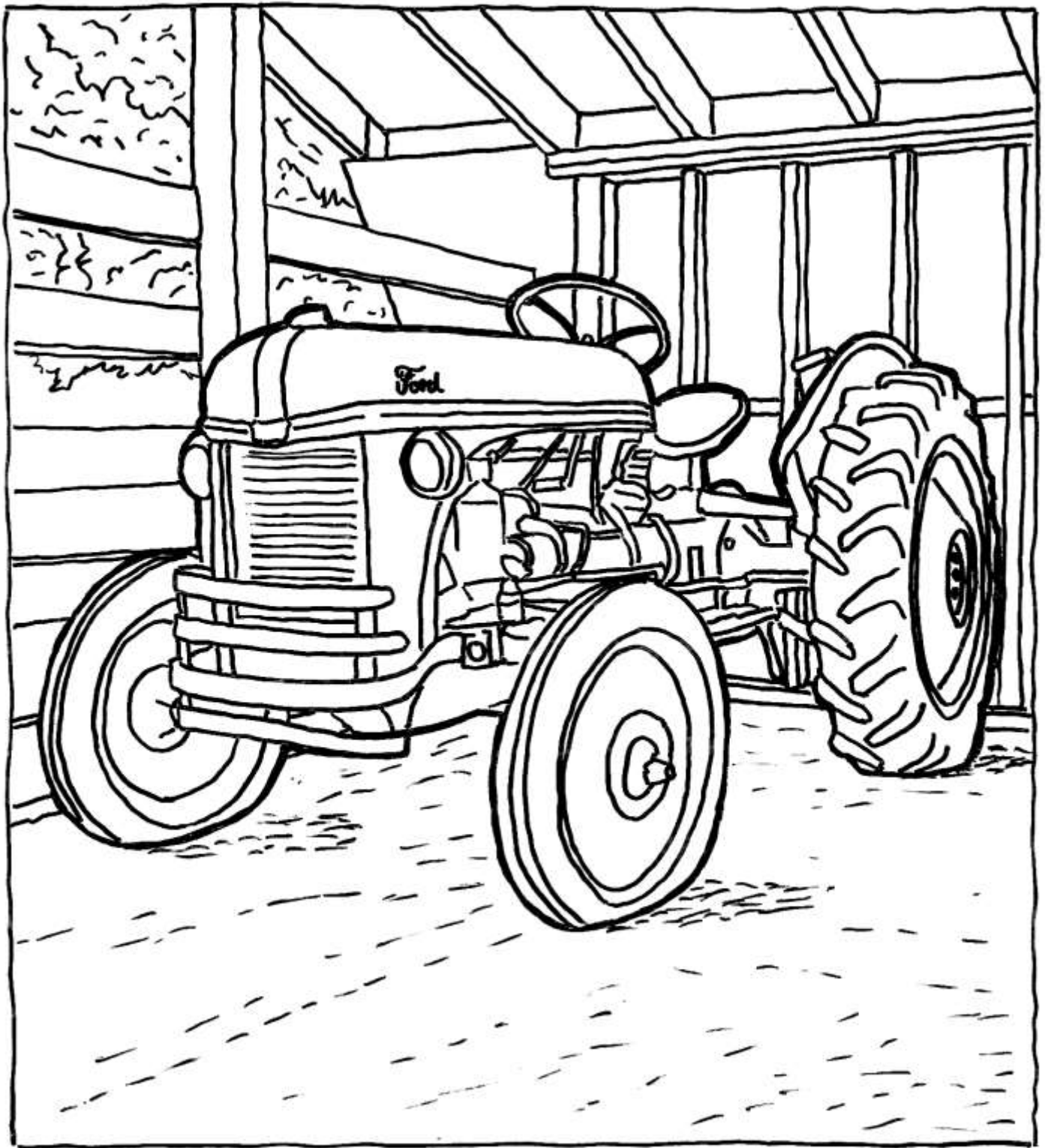
The goats spend their days outside in the goat corral. It has plenty of food for them to eat, although Levi seems to be looking elsewhere!

FARM FACT: Goats love to eat hay! It's tall grass that's been cut, dried, and then packed into bales so it can be fed to farm animals.



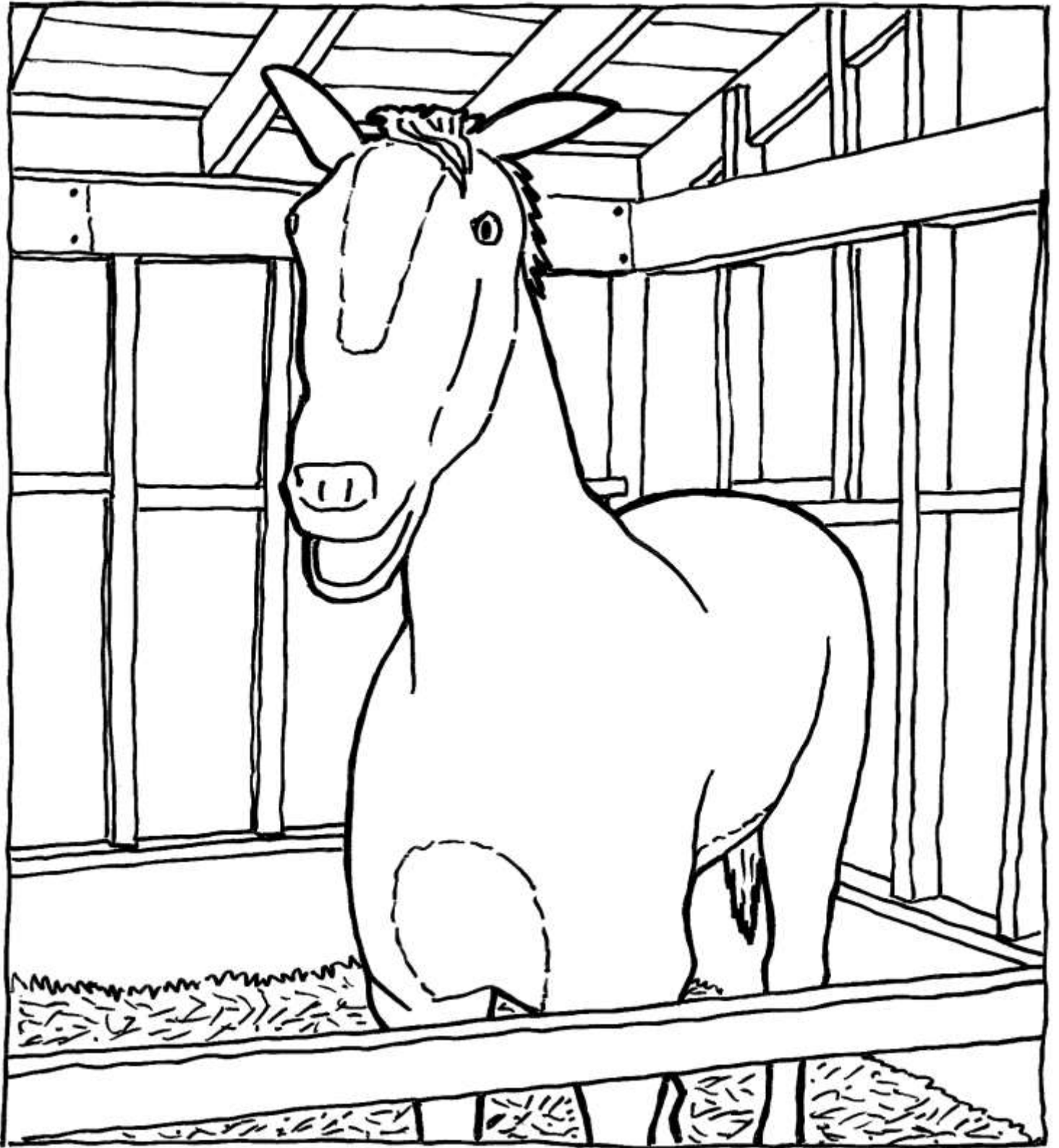
Oak View's chicken coop is where the chickens sleep at night. It keeps them safe and warm until it's time to go outside each morning.

FARM FACT: The chicken coop is next to Oak View's Tenant House along the Pecan Grove Trail.



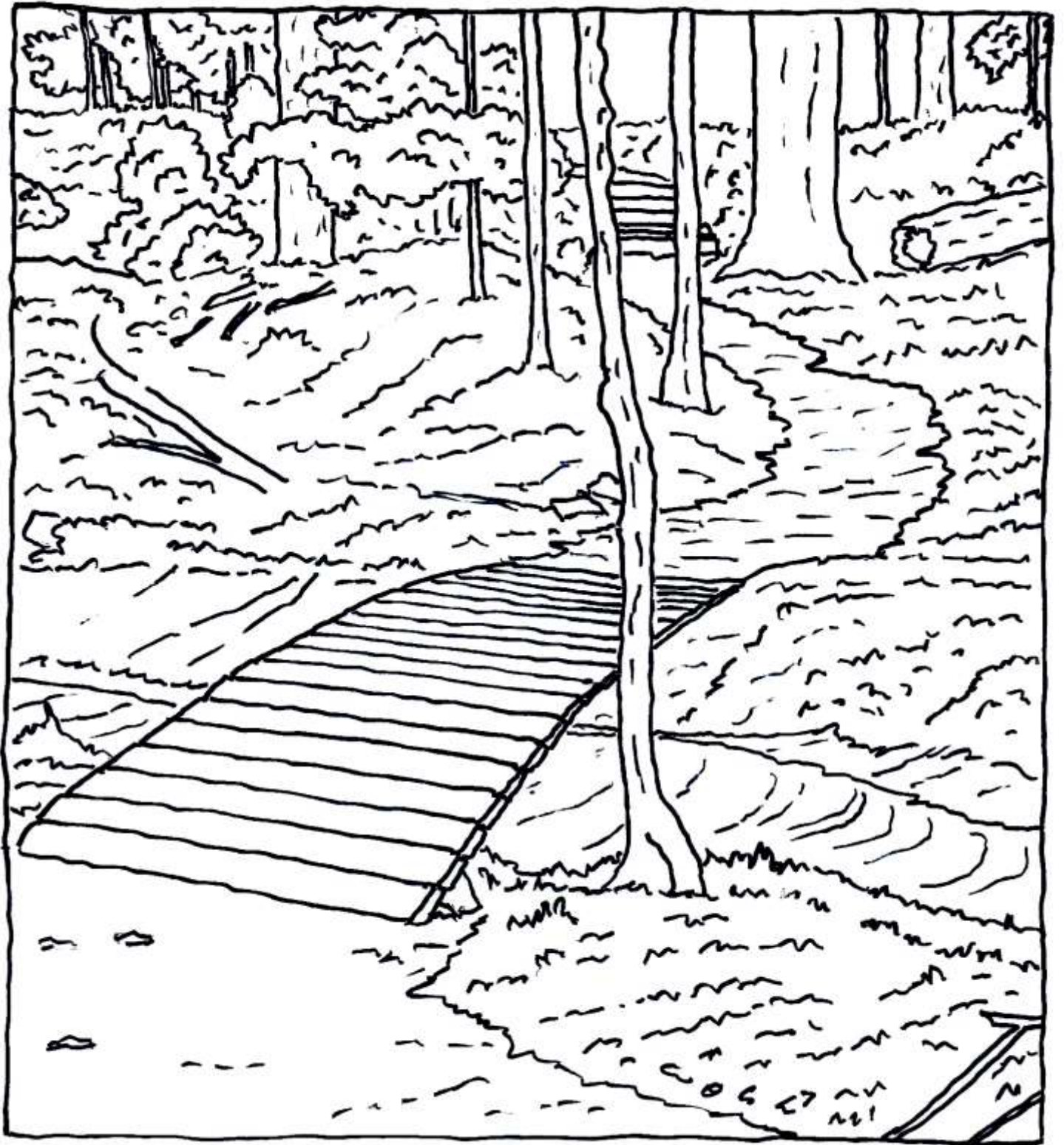
This old Ford tractor is parked inside Oak View's Livestock Barn.
You can climb up and sit in the driver's seat!

FARM FACT: Tractors help farmers dig up the dirt so that
seeds can be planted to grow crops.



Wyatt the Horse stands near the tractor inside the Livestock Barn.
Even though he isn't a real horse, Wyatt loves to meet people!

FARM FACT: Wyatt the Horse is made out of paper mache!



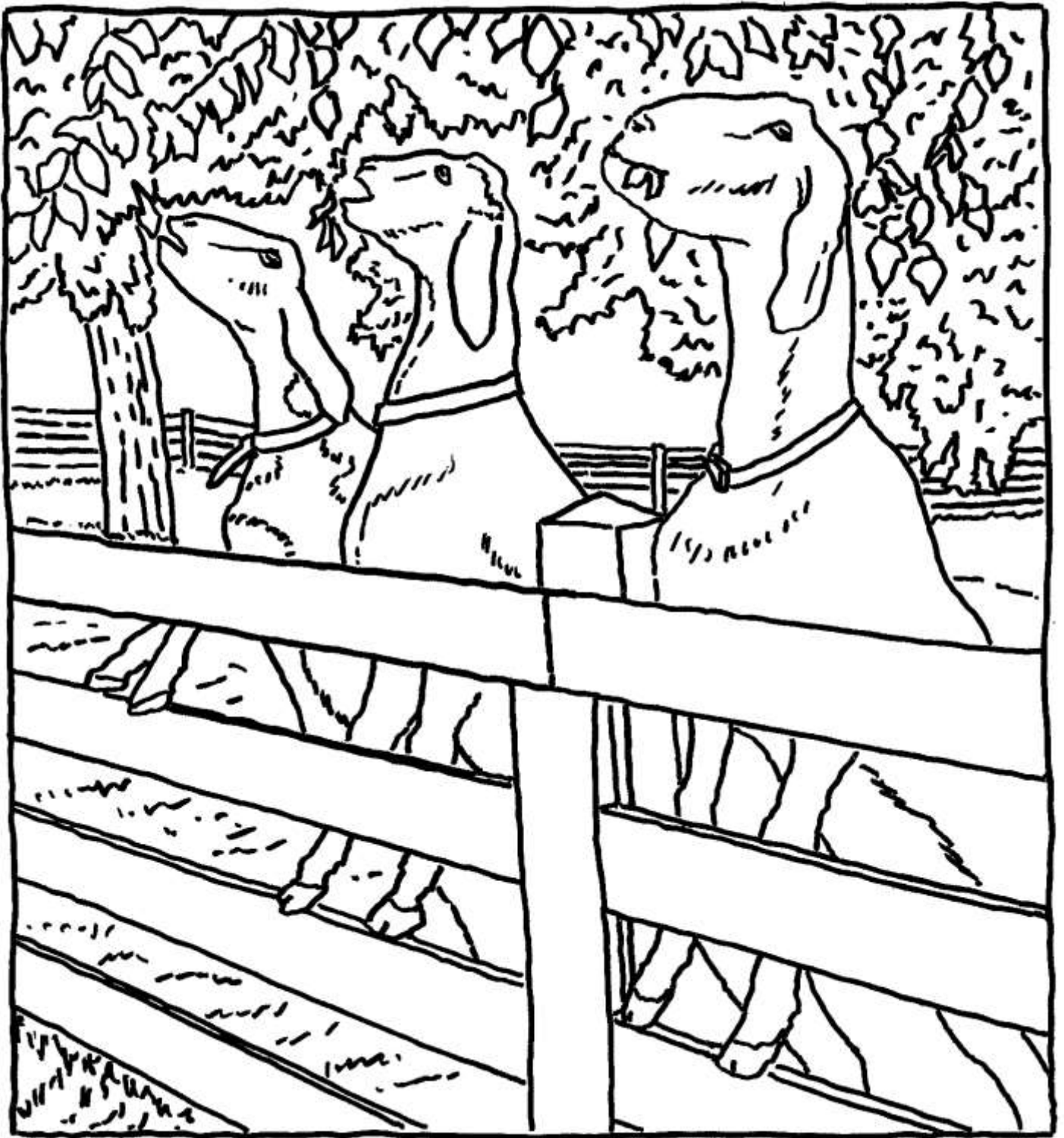
Oak View has hiking trails that let you walk through the woods and over creeks like this one. They are a great way to enjoy nature!

FARM FACT: The two hiking trails at Oak View are called the Hunnicut Trail and the Jones Creek Trail.



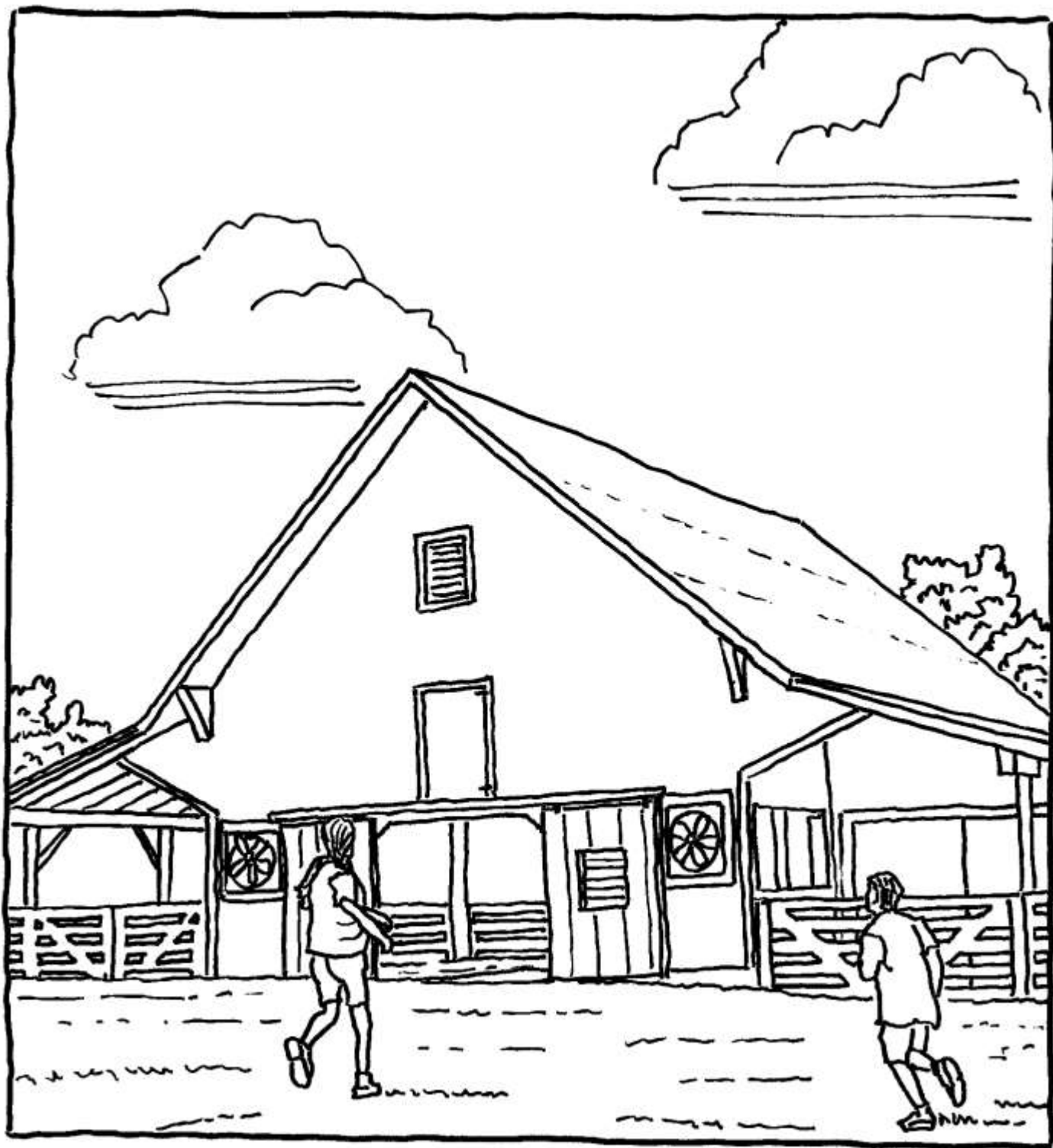
Oak View was once a farm. The families who lived here raised lots of vegetables to eat, like these green peppers, tomatoes, and string beans.

FARM FACT: The park still grows vegetables each year in two large raised beds near the Cotton Field and the Tenant House!



Every day at Oak View is a treat, even for the goats! Be sure to visit with them in the Goat Corral whenever you are at the park!

FARM FACT: Visitors may feed the goats baby carrots or sliced apples, but please check with park staff first just to be safe!



We hope you have enjoyed creating your very own Oak View Coloring Book! Stop by and say hello whenever you are visiting the park!!

FARM FACT: Historic Oak View County Park is open Mondays through Saturdays from 8:30 am to 5 pm, and Sundays from 1 to 5 pm. The grounds are open seven days a week from 8:30 am to sundown!