

TOUR OF FARMS

Sunday, July 26 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

A drive-yourself family tour of farms and farmland on the Saanich Peninsula

Where does my food come from? Who grows my food? Who will grow it in the future? What's it like to be a farmer? How can we build a sustainable future for local farming? The "Tour of Farms" is organized by the **Southern Vancouver Island Direct Farm Marketing Association** so that you can explore answers to these questions - and have some fun, too!

Information:

www.islandfarmfresh.com

Tel 250.652.9100

no admission fees!

(special \$5 rate on Galey Farms train ride)

How to Enjoy Your Rural Ramble

1. Read the information on the back of this brochure and select the farms you want to visit.
2. Keep an eye open for "Tour of Farms" signs at key intersections and at participating farms.
3. When you arrive at the farm, please respect parking and other directional signs.
4. Please leave your pets at home. Mixing family pets and farm animals is not a good plan.
5. Dress appropriately. Wear comfortable clothing and sensible foot wear.

FARMS ON TOUR

1. Cartref Gardens
2. Vantreight Farms
3. Sea Cider Farm and Ciderhouse
4. Saanichton Christmas Tree Farm
5. Silver Rill Corn
6. Dan's Farm
7. Phil's Farm
8. Babe's Honey
9. Galey Farms
10. Glanford Greenhouses



You can also enjoy the **Cowichan Valley Tour of Farms** – August 9

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Tour of Farms

Choose from our list of 10 farms to visit. Find out what farming is all about and what you can do to help support farms and farm families, for today and for the future. The farm sites offer a range of activities including field tours, activities for kids, a scarecrow contest and more. *Please leave your pets at home – pets and farm animals don't always get along!*

1. CARTREF GARDENS

1340 Munro Rd, North Saanich

Phone: 250.655.1940 | Email: ebthomas@shaw.ca

Cartref Gardens is located on a beautiful country road. Come and see our cut flowers growing. Enjoy refreshments while sitting in our peaceful, beautiful garden. The farm tour will include bouquet-making demonstrations, other crafts and music. We are looking forward to seeing you!

2. VANREIGHT FARMS

8277 Central Saanich Road, Saanichton

Phone: 250.652.2777 | Fax 250.652.1077

www.yourlocalfood.ca or www.daffodil.com

Located in Central Saanich, our farm hosts some of the most beautiful landscapes on the Saanich Peninsula with spectacular ocean views of Sidney Spit and James Island! Walk with us as we explain how we grow the products found at our on-farm market whether it be grown in the fields or in our over 3 acres of state-of-the-art greenhouses and maybe take home some Upick Glads! We look forward to seeing you soon!

3. SEA CIDER FARM AND CIDERY

2487 Mt. St. Michael Road, Saanichton

Phone: 250.544.4824 | Email: info@seacider.ca

www.seacider.ca

Wander through our certified organic orchard and learn about growing vintage cider apples. Explore our agro-forestry grove. Discover stinging nettle's many culinary uses. Tour our cidery and learn about the ancient art of crafting fermented ciders, then relax on our deck with a cool, refreshing glass of cider paired with savoury tastes of local cheese and charcuterie as you enjoy panoramic views of the Gulf Islands.

4. SAANICHTON CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

8231 East Saanich Road, Saanichton

Phone: 250.652.3345 | Email: joanfleming@shaw.ca

www.ostrichfarm.ca

Join us for a unique family experience. Visit with Diane the Ostrich, and Penny and her piglets. See four different breeds of chickens and baby chicks hatching! Learn about our rainbow trout. See our large selection of Christmas trees and unique growing methods. Enjoy our 250 dahlias in full blossom. Visit our gift shop. Refreshments. Ice cream with fruit in season. Scarecrow contest – great prizes! Check our website for more details.

5. SILVER RILL CORN

7117 Central Saanich Road, Saanichton

Phone: 250.652.3854

We have provided the Greater Victoria area with high quality produce for over 50 years, with the third and fourth generation carrying on the farming tradition. Plenty of veggies and berries available, and hopefully one of our 20 varieties of corn will be ready. Visit our goats, chickens, ducks and dogs. We'll be happy to answer questions about our farm operation and practices, including integrated pest management and reduced spray applications!

6. DAN'S FARM

2030 Bear Hill Road (at Oldfield Road), Oldfield Valley

Phone: 250.652.9100 | Email: dansfarm@shaw.ca

www.dansfarm.ca

Visit our unique Country Market and Garden Centre. We grow a wide selection of fruit and veggies including eggplant, peppers, and tomatoes. Come and try our berries over ice cream (16 flavours). Visit all of our barnyard animals. Farmer Dan will be available to answer your questions throughout the day.

7. PHIL'S FARM

6080 Oldfield Road, Oldfield Valley

Phone: 250.652.2264

www.PhilsFarm.ca

A walking tour of a working farm, hosted by myself, Farmer Phil. We'll be going through a raspberry field, a blueberry patch and have a look at my pasture-fed poultry. We'll check out some specialized equipment as well as the "Juicing Shed". And find out what's new at Phil's Farm! Bring a hat, sensible shoes (no stilletos) and we'll see you on the farm.

8. BABE'S HONEY FARM

334 Walton Place, Oldfield Valley

Phone: 250.658.8319

www.babeshoneyfarm.com

Babe's Honey Farm, The Sweetest Place to BEE! Visit a working honey farm producing natural products. Get a guided tour of the honey plant and learn about commercial beekeeping – from when we make the hives to bottling nature's natural sweetener. Discover the fascinating world of the honeybee and queen bee rearing. See how we purify beeswax. Learn how candles, Mead (honey wine) and Honey Balsamic Vinegar are made. Fun for all ages – taste a mystery secret honey!

9. GALEY FARMS

4150 Blenkinsop Rd

Phone: 250.477.5713

www.galeyfarms.net

Take a tour through our 40-acre farm on over a mile of rail. Our narrated train tour will guide you through our fields, corn maze and our award-winning Blenkinsop Creek restoration project. As we do not allow for people to walk through our fields, we are offering a special discounted rate of \$5 per person for our rail tours on July 26 only. Price also includes petting farm and corn maze.

10. GLANFORD GREENHOUSES

3968 Glanford Ave, Victoria

Phone: 250.479.4783

Our main crop is greenhouse tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers with a few other seasonal offerings. Our farm is located only about 5 km from Victoria city center. You are welcome to stroll through our amazing greenhouse where you will see how our tomatoes and other vegetables are grown. This is a hydroponic operation so if you have an interest in modern intensive growing, you should enjoy visiting us. We will happily answer any of your questions.

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