

A SELF-GUIDED FARM ADVENTURE

Family Festival @ the Farm



Black Ankle Vineyards

301-829-3338

14463 Black Ankle Road

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Black Ankle Vineyards is 145 acre farm with 22.5 acres planted as high quality wine grapes. Cows and chickens graze in the non-vineyard land in support of the vineyard operation. Our tasting room is now 100% wind powered.

Activities

We offer wine tasting during all open hours. For \$6 visitors can try a selection of our currently available wines. We also offer glass and bottle sales of wine. Special events are planned from time to time throughout the year, and an updated activities list is found on our website: www.blackankle.com

Products

All of our wines are available for sale at our farm. In addition, we offer a cheese plate featuring an assortment of locally produced cheeses.

From Frederick: Take route 26 East, through Libertytown. 2.6 miles past Libertytown, turn right onto Unionville Road. Follow Unionville Road for just over one mile to a right on Black Ankle Road. We are a half-mile up on the right (14463 Black Ankle Road).



Brookfield Pumpkins, LLC

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8313 Ramsburg Road

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Brookfield Pumpkins is a pick your own pumpkin patch located on a six-generation dairy replacement heifer and cash crop farm. Three generations of the Ramsburg and Roop family are currently active in running this operation. The picturesque farm is located just a few miles north of Frederick and has a beautiful view of the Catoctin Mountains. Many customers start their visit with a hayride out to the 10 acre pumpkin patch where they will find a wide variety of pumpkins and gourds to pick directly from the field. They then return to participate in the numerous activities around the barn.

Activities

Hay ride, petting zoo, corn fun (table filled with shell corn and miniature farm equipment), face painting (\$), (weekends only), history of Brookfield Farms, Molly Moo (life size cow replica that can actually be milked), Corn Maze for the Cure (\$)

Products

Available in October - Pumpkins, Gourds, Indian Corn, Corn Shocks, Local Crafts, Mums, Pumpkin Carving Supplies - Available year around - Hay and Straw

From Frederick: Take Route 15 North for 5 miles, turn right onto Old Frederick Road travel 2 miles and turn right onto Ramsburg Road travel 1 mile and the farm will be on the left.



Caprikorn Farms

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29312 Townsend Road

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Nestled in Maryland's historic Pleasant Valley is Caprikorn Farms- home to Award Winning Saanen Dairy Goats. We hand raise our goats in a humane, healthy, safe, and environmentally responsible manner. Although we have over 150 goats, they each have a name and we totally enjoy their distinct personalities. At Caprikorn Farms, we start with our best tasting goat milk, from goats allowed to browse as nature intended. This natural diet produces milk of exceptional flavor and quality- perfect for cheese. Our raw goat milk cheeses are made in small batches in the tradition of the best artisanal farmstead cheeses using only all natural ingredients. Most of our cheeses are aged over 200 days.

Activities: Have your kids meet our kids, milk a goat, tour a goat milking facility and try a sampling of our cheeses.

Products: Raw goat milk cheeses: Cheddar, Aged Sharp Cheddar, Gouda, Italian Cheddar, Jalapeno Cheddar and Baby Swiss.

Directions: Take alternate 40 west. Turn left at the stop sign at Gapland Road. Turn right on Townsend Road; we are the last farm on the right. Farm visits on our open house days only. See our website for dates.



Catoctin Creek Farm

301-834-6427

4939 Broad Run Road

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Located in the Catoctin Mountains of Western Maryland, Catoctin Creek Farm raises award winning Romney sheep. We have been recognized by the American Sheep Industry Association as Certified Wool Producers. We follow strict standards in the production of our wool to maintain consistency and high quality. We have won a soil conservation award as well as met the qualifications for the Maryland Nutrient Management Plan to prevent runoff into the Chesapeake Bay. A newly added solar array has been established to make our farm carbon neutral. A pristine, natural gem located in Western Frederick County, Catoctin Creek Farm is the perfect example of sustainable agriculture: a small agricultural business concerned most with maintaining high environmental standards.

Activities: Visit the sheep and learn about wool processing at the Fall Family Festival. Children can learn how to card and spin wool. Materials will be provided by the American Sheep Industry on raising sheep and recipes. Children's activities will involve stories, working with sheep and wool.

Products: We raise and sell award winning Romney sheep. Our Romney wool is highly prized by handspinners. We also make wool products including blankets, roving, historic throws, yarn, socks and various other wool crafts.

Directions: Take route 340 west towards Charlestown, WV. Exit at Lander Rd/Jefferson. Bear right off ramp. At traffic light, turn left onto Jefferson Pike. Proceed through Jefferson, turning right onto Broad Run Road (383). Farm is 1 1/4 miles down Broad Run Rd. on the right. Appointment only, please.



Catoctin Mountain Orchard

301-271-2737

15036 North Franklinville Road

<http://www.catoctinmountainorchard.com>

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Catoctin Mountain Orchard is a third generation Fruit, Vegetable, and Berry Farm celebrating our 46th year in business. Our one hundred plus acres produces many high quality products that are sold at our retail farm market on Catoctin Mountain.

Activities

PYO pumpkins, sample our apples, get recipes and storage hints to better enjoy your apples. Enjoy a free wagon ride that will tour our family fruit farm.

Products

Fall season fruits and vegetables including many varieties of apples!

From Frederick: Drive North of Rte. 15 towards Thurmont. Continue past Thurmont 1 & 1/2 miles and you will see the Orchard and Market on the left just North of the Shamrock Restaurant.



Celebration Farm

443-745-0207

www.celebration-farm.com

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Celebration Farm is a boarding and training center featuring lessons in dressage and eventing. We offer lessons and some sale horses as well. On the farm, we have an award-winning small Oldenburg and Trakehner breeding operation.

Activities

Learn about horses and their care.

Products

Equine Boarding

Equine Training

Daily Dose Equine Natural Horse Feed

Hours of Operation and Directions

From Route 70, take exit 62 onto Green Valley Road and head north. Once you reach Liberty Town, go 1.5 miles to farm access road on right. Take center lane once you reach the split. By appointment only. Visit website for scheduled events.



Elk Run Vineyards

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15113 Liberty Road
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Experience Elk Run Vineyards, where luscious Vinifera grapes are lovingly nurtured in Maryland's verdant Piedmont region. Located on historic property that dates back to 1756, Elk Run produces a wonderful variety of wines - red and white, dry and slightly sweet, along with a selection of dessert wines. Bring a picnic and relax on the patio, while sampling some of Elk Run's finest.

Activities:

We offer wine tastings (\$2 for 5 wines). Tours will be available as well.

Products:

Wines by the glass, bottle and case, apples, bread & cheese, and a gift shop

Directions:

Take 70 East to Rt. 27 North, which becomes Ridge Road. Proceed 2 miles through Mt. Airy to Taylorsville, then turn left on Rt. 26. Elk Run is approximately 2 miles on the right.



England Acres

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5620 Detrick Road

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"All Things Farm" is the tag line for England Acres, owned and operated by lifelong farmers, Jeff and Judy England. Since discontinuing dairy farming, we have been devoted to diversifying our farming venues with the goal to develop sustainable agricultural practices and provide quality products and services to our customers. Today, England Acres produces beef cattle, chicken flocks, sheep, fields of crops and seasonal garden produce. We are proud to share our Farm Market space with the quality agriculture products of the Farm GALs (Growing Agricultural Lifestyles with Support) along with educational opportunities for the public.

Activities: Any special events, happenings and the upcoming fresh produce available will be featured on a notice board in the Farm Market, or you can sign up to receive email notices. Also, during FF@F there will be food and fiber demonstrations and interactions with the animals.

Products: Grass fed freezer beef, lamb, pastured chicken and eggs from free range chickens. Also, timothy, mixed grass, and alfalfa hay and straw. The Farm Market will have fresh seasonal produce, eggs, jams, relish, prepared specialty items, fresh baked goods, frozen custard, raw to finished fiber products, flower bouquets, soap and more!

Directions: Take I-70 East to Exit 62 at New Market, go North on Rte 75 1/4 mi and turn right on Old National Pike East (Rte 144). Proceed 1 mile and turn left (second set of farm buildings) with a farm sign beside the road.



Flying Goat Farm

443-538-8303

5241 Bartonsville Rd

<http://www.flyinggoatfarm.com>

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We had a dream to buy some land and plant an orchard, to have chickens and goats, to spin our own fiber and to dye it the colors of earth, sky, forest and ocean, to live more sustainably and to tend our piece of the earth as organically as we can. Today we have 25 acres that we farm in an organic and sustainable way. We have fruit, berry and nut trees, free range chickens, guinea fowl, Angora goats, cormo and BFL sheep. We sell our organic eggs, jams and pickles to farm customers or at local farmers' markets. As our orchard matures we will also offer fruit, berries and nuts as they are available. We sell mohair locks, fleeces, roving and yarn and hand-dyed commercial quilting fabric and yarns.

Activities: We offer spinning, dyeing and weaving workshops. We have occasional farming specialty classes such as pruning and animal husbandry as well. You can sign up and pay for those classes on our website. Weaving, spinning and felting demonstrations during FF@F.

Products: Eggs, jams, jellies, pickles, fresh fruit (in season), fleece, roving, yarn, other vegetables may be added. Call for availability.

Directions: Take Patrick St East to Bell's Lane. Turn right on Bell's Lane and then left onto Bartonsville Road. Turn left into the driveway next to the utility box with "5241" on it. Our farm is 1/2 mile in from the road on the left.



Fox Haven Organic Farm

301-748-2427

4855 Broad Run Road

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Fox Haven Farm is a 550 acre working farm with an emphasis on conservation and improvement of the quality of the Catoctin Creek and Lewis Creek Watersheds. The farm operates under the guidelines of the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Organic certification program. Over a ten year period, 180 acres of CRP trees, shrubs, native grasses and wildflowers have been established along the erosion sensitive riparian corridors along the Catoctin Creek and Lewis Creek. A haven for birds and wildlife is being created. A solar powered irrigation system for the main garden, a geo-solar high tunnel-type greenhouse and a prototype vertical axis wind turbine are being demonstrated as innovative working models for public education.

Activities: Farm tours, field days and mini-seminars are planned for 2011.

Products: Organic hay and organic vegetables are raised and sold.

Directions: Take route 340 west towards Charlestown, WV. Exit at Lander Rd./Jefferson. Bear right off ramp. At traffic light, turn left onto Jefferson Pike. Proceed through Jefferson, turning right onto Broad Run Road (383). Farm is 1 mile down on the right.



Frederick Cellars

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221 N East Street

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We have a 2-acre vineyard in Middletown where we grow the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes that have produced 2 Governor's Cup winners. Farm operation includes pruning, spraying, canopy management and harvesting.

Activities

Will be held at the vineyard. See website for activities

Products

Several vintages of our award-winning Cabernets are available for tasting or purchase. We also make other types of wines using Maryland or regionally-produced grapes, including Chardonnay, Riesling and our unique semi-sweet Frederick Red.

Hours of Operation and Directions from Frederick

Thursday – Monday, noon until 6 PM; closed Tuesday & Wednesday. Weekday hours may vary slightly by season so please check the website for an up-to-date schedule. We're located at 221 N East Street, in the Everedy Square /Shab Row area of downtown Frederick.



Gaver Tree Farm and Pumpkin Patch

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Gaver Farm is a family owned diversified farming operation which produces corn, soybeans, wheat, various hay crops in addition to a Fall Fun Festival with Pumpkin Patch and Cut your Own Christmas Tree Farm.

Activities

FALL - Visit the Pick-Your-Own "Great Pumpkin Patch" with free hayrides on weekends. Family Fun Festival (\$) - includes a 5-acre themed corn maze, jumping pillow, pedal kart track, large animal arena, straw activities, mini mazes, giant slides, family activities and picnic areas. School tours and birthday parties are available by appointment.

CHRISTMAS - Cut your own trees, farm petting zoo and family fun.

Products

FALL- PYO pumpkins, gourds, corn shocks, straw, Indian corn, mums, pumpkin carving supplies and our pumpkin barn full of all your fall needs. Food concessions on weekends.

CHRISTMAS- Colorado Blue Spruce, Canaan Fir, Douglas Fir, and White Pine, and pre-cut trees from our own farm. Gaver's fresh wreath shop from 10-70 inches. White pine roping, Swags, Greenery, Bows, Tree Stands, Tree Bags and more. Food concessions on weekends.

From Frederick: Take I-70 East to Exit 62 at New Market, go North briefly on Rte. 75 to 1st intersection and turn right onto Old National Pike (Rte. 144) East. Go 1/3 mile and turn left on Detrick Road. Tree Farm is on the right.



Glade-Link Farms

301-898-7131

12270 Woodsboro Pike

<http://www.gladelink.com>

Glade-Link Frms is family owned and operated. For 40 years, Glade-Link has provided its customers with the freshest, locally grown fruits, vegetables and cut flowers.

Activities:

U-Pic pumpkin patch, hayrides, face painting and scarecrow making. (all activities have a small fee)

Products:

(U-pic pumpkins, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, collards, turnips, winter squash, green beans, mini pumpkins, gourds and Indian corn. Concessions will be made available by Hobby Horse Concessions.

Directions:

Take Rt. 15 North to Rt. 26 East. Take Rt. 194 North towards Walkersville. Continue through Walkersville and Woodsboro to New Midway, MD. The farm will be on your left just past the school.



Jumbo's Pumpkin Patch

301-371-6874

6521 Holter Road

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Homestead Farms is the home of Jumbo's Pumpkin Patch, LLC. Purchased in 1870 by the Huffer family, Homestead has been "home" to six generations of our family. Come experience fun and adventure in our 18-acre pumpkin patch and our 9-acre Crazy Corn Maze. Take a hayride out to pick your own pumpkin, visit our general store in our renovated milking barn, and our Craft Attic for some fantastic fall shopping. Take the kids to our Kids Barn for pint-sized fun. When you have worked up a hunger, stop at our snack shack for one of Greta's famous hot beef sandwiches or "The Jumbo Dog".

Activities

Free admission, free parking, free petting zoo, acres of pick-your-own pumpkins (\$), fantastic birthday party and group packages (\$), Pirate's Adventure Corn Maze (\$), Kids maze (Birthday parties and groups only), Snack Shack concessions (\$), pony rides (\$), face painting (\$), and more! (Please note that all activities are open on weekends. Pony rides, face painting, and Snack Shack are open weekends only.)

Products

Pumpkins, gourds, mums, straw, fall decorations, crafts, painted pumpkins, carving kits and concessions.

From Frederick: Take Rt. 340 West toward Jefferson, 5.6 miles. Take the Lander Rd. exit towards Jefferson. At the stop light, go straight, it becomes Holter Rd. Go 4.0 miles and turn right at Jumbo's.



M & W Nursery

410-635-6305

15002 Oak Orchard Road

<http://www.mwnursery.com>

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M & W Nursery specializes in growing conifers, both common and unique, large and dwarf.

Activities

Kids can paint a pot and plant a pansy in it to take home, hand painting, visit the animals, take the haunted woodland trail.

Products

We offer close to fifty varieties of Japanese Maples and close to 300 conifers of all shapes and sizes.

From Frederick: Travel east on Rte. 26 towards Libertytown. Just after Libertytown, turn left onto Rt. 31 (towards Westminster). Go approximately 4 miles. Turn right onto Oak Orchard Rd. Nursery is 3/4 mile in on left.



Mayne's Tree Farm

301-662-4320

3420 Buckeystown Pike

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maynestreefarm@comcast.net

Don't let the name fool you. Mayne's Tree Farm is a full-service farm offering everything from asparagus and pick-your-own strawberries in the spring and mouthwatering sweet corn all summer long to a hayride to the pumpkin patch in the fall. In December, the fun continues with opportunity to come cut-your-own Christmas tree.

Activities

Guided Hayrides through the Christmas tree fields on the way out to the pumpkin patch, pick-your-own fruits, vegetables and pumpkins, cut-your-own Christmas Tree, Moon Bounce, Pedal Tractor course. Straw jumping, face painting (\$), scarecrow making (\$), pumpkin throwing sling shot (\$), concession stand.

Products

Vegetables, strawberries and sweet corn, pumpkins and fall decorations, Christmas trees.

From Frederick: Take Rt. 85 South for 5 miles. The farm is on the right just after passing through Buckeystown.



Myersville Trolley Festival

301-293-2888

2540 Canada Hill Road

<http://www.myersvilletrolleyfestival.com>

This event was started to generate interest in Frederick County heritage including the impact of Agriculture in the developing of Frederick County. You will be able to board one of the actual trolleys that served in building our county and that was built by the creative farmers of our area.

Activities:

Visitors may visit Trolleywood's farm animal exhibit. Other exhibits include farm tractors, steam engines, antique cars and wood turning.

* Demonstrations include a blacksmith, control line airplanes, trolley shuttle rides and solar astronomy telescope viewing.

* Children's activities: Pony Rides, Draft Horse hayrides, Corn box, climbing wall, magic Mike and crafts.

* Entertainment: Solo Bluegrass Competition on Sunday, and other musical entertainment on Saturday.

Products:

Pumpkins, apples, Emu products, Alpaca gloves, hats, scarves, sweaters, paintings, jewelry, furniture, candles, soaps, Crafts, memorabilia and more.

Food: Soups, Baked goods, seafood, sandwiches, ice cream and more

Directions:

From Frederick: take I-70 west about 10 miles. Take exit 42 North into Myersville. Continue on Main Street through Myersville. Make no turns. At the north end of town, Main Street becomes Canada Hill Road. Proceed about 1 mile. You will take the 2nd entrance on the right just past Easterday Road. Make sure to follow the

Festival signs.



Nick's Organic Farm

301-874-4854 or 301-983-2167

2733 Buckeystown Pike

nickmaravell@comcast.net

Established in 1979, Nick's Organic Farm is a diversified certified organic livestock, crop, and hay operation providing all grass fed beef, pastured chicken, grains, mixed feed, and hay. We are committed to improvement in our organic farming methods, and we conduct on-farm research in cooperation with USDA's Agricultural Research Service. Chicken and Turkey feed is grown on the farm and all the poultry processing is done on the farm.

Products

We offer freezer beef, pastured chicken & turkey, free range eggs. Our grass fed beef and pastured chickens & turkeys receive no antibiotics, hormones, or animal by-products. We also have dry grains (corn, barley, rye, soybeans), alfalfa and grass hay, baleage, straw, fresh edible edamame, mixed livestock feeds, and small grain cover crop seed. Grilled Burgers \$, Education on Organic farming, Hayride/tour of the farm, order your Thanksgiving Turkey.

From Frederick: Take Rte. 85 South to Buckeystown. Continue 1 1/2 miles past Buckeystown to a black mailbox with "2733" in it. The Farm is on the left.



Open Book Farm

240-457-2558

10430 Rum Springs Road

openbookfarm.com

openbookfarm@gmail.com

Open Book Farm is a small, diversified livestock and vegetable farm focusing on soil health, livestock wellbeing and direct to consumer sales. We grow more than 100 varieties of vegetables and some small fruits as well as raising pastured chickens, turkeys, and pigs. While we are not certified organic, we never use any pesticides, herbicides, parasiticides, antibiotics, or artificial hormones. We market the majority of our products through our Community Supported Agriculture program, though we also offer on farm sales (please call ahead to find out availability). Visitors are always welcome.

Activities

Self guided touring of the farm available all day along with a special guided farm tour starting at 2 pm each day. Farm food available for purchase

Products

Whole frozen chickens

Whole frozen turkeys

Eggs

Frozen pork by the cut

Assorted vegetables (varies by season)

Hours and Directions

From Frederick take US-40 West. Turn right on Harmony road. Take the third right turn, onto Fisher Hollow. Fisher Hollow tees into Highland School Road; turn left. Rum Springs Road will be the first road on your right. The farm is then the first driveway on the left. Visitors are welcome any time, though we request that you call ahead if you would like anything more than a self-guided tour



Rights of Man Farm

240-674-2727 or 240-674-2733

9120 Ball Road

rightsofmanfarm.com

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We are a family-owned farm located in Ijamsville, MD. We sell certified organic vegetables, turkeys, chickens and eggs. We have a large herd of All-Natural beef cattle and goats. Our beef cattle & goats are raised on organic grasses and hay. Our chickens are raised cage-free. We also have All-Natural pork available. We sell frozen beef, organic eggs, and organic veggies at several Farmers' Markets during the summer months. Our mission is to sell affordable organics and All-Natural products (no hormones or antibiotics) to our community.

Activities

We will be holding a Spring and Fall Open House where visitors will be able to take Hay Rides, get very close to animals, buy products, sample products, and have lunch. Please check our web site (rightsofmanfarm.com) for details.

Products

We operate a Farm Store where we offer for sale items such as Freezer Beef, Goat, Chicken, and Pork. We also have fresh Organic Eggs and seasonal vegetables.

Hours and Directions

From Frederick: take Rt. 355 South past the FSK Mall, cross over the Monocacy River and take the first road on the left (Ball Road). We are located approx. 3 miles ahead on the left, look for our big signs at the end of the farm lane. Saturdays (November thru April) from 10am till 2pm.

We also participate in the Farmers' Market at the Urbana Library on Sunday's from 12 – 3. We also participate in the Urbana Library Farmers' Market, and the Middletown Farmers' Market.



Saddleview Ranch

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We are a small family owned and operated farm filled with fun for the whole family, located in Urbana, Maryland. Saddleview offers a variety of options for the horse enthusiast. We have horses for sale, lease, boarding, and horse shows for both English and Western Riders. We even have a huge gift shop in case you need a great gift for your horse loving friend! With access to miles of trails on Sugarloaf Mountains, two large arenas with sandstone footing and a round pen, whether coming to stay or just for the day, you and your horse will be happy and healthy at Saddleview Ranch!

Activities and Products:

This is our sale weekend, so there will be a sale at the store, visitors have the chance to see horses and learn horse care.

Directions:

Travel south on 270 to the Urbana/Buckeystown exit, Rt. 80. Go around to roundup to Rt. 80 west. Make first left onto Thurston Rd. Saddleview is 1 mile down on the left.



Scenic View Orchards

301-271-2149

16239 Sabillasville Road

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getfresh@scenicvieworchards.com

Come for the view and the produce! Scenic View Orchards has been family-owned and operated for the past 7 generations. In the mid-1800's, the farm was mostly a hay and grain operation. Today, Scenic View raises a wide variety of delicious fruits and vegetables. Set in the beautiful Catoctin Mountains, the orchard is ideally located to view the regions breathtaking fall colors. Relax in our picnic area, and then stroll through the indoor fresh produce market.

Activities

Picnic area, horse drawn wagon rides to the pumpkin patch. Guided hayride and orchard tours, Sunday at noon, 1:30 and 3:00pm, Jack-B-little pumpkin painting by Deerfield United Methodist Church youth group, pick-your-own pumpkin patch, light refreshments.

Products

Fruits and vegetables are available while "in season", strawberries, red & black raspberries and blackberries, Spring, Summer and Fall vegetables, cherries, peaches, plums, nectarines, pears, apricots and apples, specialty cheeses, eggs, jams, jellies, prepared specialty items – snacks, birdhouses, fall decorations, bedding plants, mums and flower bouquets.

From Frederick: Take Rt. 15 North to the MD 550 North (Sabillasville/Ft. Ritchie exit). Go north on MD 550 for approximately 5 miles. Farm is located on the right, across from Sabillasville Elementary School.



Sugarloaf Alpaca Company

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1347 Buckeystown Pike

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Alpaca: softer than cashmere and warmer than wool. Sugarloaf Alpaca Company lays nestled amidst lush rolling pastures beneath Maryland's Sugarloaf Mountain in Southern Frederick County. We look after a happy and colorful herd of more than 100 alpacas. In return they provide what the ancient Incan's called the "fiber of the gods." We are a "pasture to product" farm where visitors can enjoy visiting with the alpacas, learn about their care and feeding and shop for locally grown and American spun yarns and other alpaca products. We selectively breed both Huacaya and Suri alpacas for the best in animal health and fiber production.

Activities

Farm tours, alpaca performance, fiber processing, spinning, knitting and weaving demonstrations

Products

Feature yarns, rovings and raw fiber from our own animals as well as a large variety of alpaca fashions and practical items including socks, sweaters, hats, gloves, scarves, gifts, etc.

Hours and Directions

From Frederick City take I-270 south to Exit 31B MD-85/ Buckeystown Pike towards Buckeystown. Stay on Md-85 for 8.5 mi. We are on the left.

Open Daily. Monday through Saturday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM & Sunday Noon to 4:00

PM. Groups of 12 or more by appointment



Sycamore Spring Farm

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Sycamore Spring Farm is a local homestead striving to preserve and promote sustainable farming practices, heritage breed livestock, heirloom produce and lost traditions in food preparation and preservation.

Activities

Weekend educational Farm tours begin in April- Learn in amazement and wonder about the real lives of baby chicks, bunnies, lambs, kids & calves and their fascinating farm families. (Includes egg gathering, goat milking, animal feeding and hand washing with goat milk soap). Ongoing classes at the farm: Raising small animals for fun & food, Garden Magic w/manure & earth worms, Goats for milk, cheese & soap, Real Food & why it matters. 22 week CSA program

May-November. Mostly Heirloom produce includes Asparagus, blueberries, cherries, and pears. Egg, poultry and beef shares available too. Special Farm tours, Fall Orchard Fruit stand, Goat Cart Rides & Souvenir Photographs. (\$)

Products

Educational tours & classes, CSA subscription, fresh seasonal produce, Eggs for eating or hatching, poultry, goats for meat or milk, beef. Attend Farmers' Markets every weekend and now offer CSA delivery locations.

From Frederick: Take Rte. 340 West to the Mt. Zion Road exit. Make a Left onto Cap Stine Road at top of ramp. Turn Left at Elmer Derr Rd. The farm is 7/10 of a mile on right.



Thanksgiving Farm

301-662-1291

1619 Buckeystown Pike

<http://www.thanksgivingfarms.org>

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Thanksgiving Farms is a 56-acre family owned farming operation where our motto is: *we grow our own*. We specialize in unique and unusual annuals, perennials, herbs, evergreens, shrubs and trees. Since 1982, the Zimmerman Family has provided Frederick County with a large selection of fruits from our orchards, vegetables of all varieties and our largest endeavor, the 8 acre greenhouse/nursery operation. Enjoy browsing our entire Thanksgiving Farms operation.

Activities

Self-Guided tour of our farm, orchard and greenhouse/nursery, Pick your own: Peaches (July-August), Apples (September-October) and lots of other fruits and vegetables (June-October). Call to find out what is in season- 7 days a week. Visit the perennial display gardens. We now offer a CSA here at our farm! The CSA will offer our fresh fruits and vegetables grown here on the farm (call or stop by to sign up). At the FF@F, we will have PYO apples, fall vegetables and pumpkins, Apple Tasting, Pumpkin painting, Make an Apple "Buddy", Refreshments.

Products

Fruits, and vegetables, annuals, perennials, herbs, evergreens, shrubs and trees, a wonderful selection of gardening enhancements – pottery, statuary, trellises, tools and gifts for gardeners.

From Frederick: Take Rt. 85 South 7 1/2 miles. The farm is on your left.



Whispering Meadows Alpaca

301-829-0599

13959 Unionville Road

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Whispering Meadows Alpaca Breeders was established in 1999 and currently maintains a herd of 30 alpacas. We think it's important to provide an opportunity for the community to learn about these gentle creatures and to work hands-on with them. We started the first 4H alpaca club in Frederick County, our moto is... first in fiber, first in fun, first in Frederick. We produce our own hay and have animals on our farm year round, such as: alpacas, chickens, turkeys, peacocks, horses, and Texas long-horns.

Activities

Free Hay Rides, hay tower, petting zoo, spinning & alpaca demonstrations, fiber picking, 4H education, card making for soldiers, games, puppet shows and vendors. Small fee for 4H drinks and food.

Products

A variety of alpaca products. From natural to dyed yarns, raw fiber, rovings, bears, hats, scarves, gloves, purses, sweaters, vests, a variety of socks, finger puppets, throws, and much more.

From Frederick: We are located East of Frederick just off Rte. 26. Unionville Rd is approximately 4 miles east of the intersection of Rt. 26 & Rt. 75 (Libertytown). Coming from the West Unionville Rd is approximately 4.5 miles from the intersection of Rt. 26 & Rt. 27 (Taylorsville)



Windy Hollow Growers

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Our farm is a working production farm that specializes in vegetables and plants & flowers. We use greenhouses to increase our production and lengthen the growing season.

Activities:

Children will be able to do make & take products: Indoor herb gardens and home decorations. Other fall activities and tours will be available

Products:

Mums, Winter Squash, Potatoes, Onions, Turnips, Green Beans and Eggs

Directions:

From US 15 North to MD 26 East, to MD 194 North. Proceed to Ladiesburg and turn Right on Good Intent Rd. Go East 2 miles to Simpson's Mill Rd and Turn Left. Driveway is first Left.

