Springdale Farm...

No matter where we live, we depend on agriculture for the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and many of the materials we use every day. At Springdale Farm, visitors learn firsthand in a fun, interactive way how agriculture affects our everyday lives.

See a cow being milked by a laser-guided robot in the dairy barn or walk through the woodland trails and simply enjoy nature. Depending on the season, enjoy the petting zoo with newborn animals like lambs and goat kids. Activities vary throughout the year so that there’s always a new experience to enjoy! Whether you’re planning a school field trip, family outing, Scout activity or a birthday party, Springdale Farm is a place that people of all ages love to visit.

Springdale Farm is a 200-acre public demonstration farm that is owned by Monroe County and operated by Heritage Christian Services, a non-sectarian human services agency that supports children and adults with developmental disabilities. The farm has been in operation since 1830, and today it provides unique demonstrations of modern agriculture. It also serves as a day program site for adults with special needs who help to take care of the animals, maintain the grounds of the farm and welcome visitors.

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Springdale Farm is a great place for students. Thousands of schoolchildren tour Springdale Farm each year for a fun-filled, educational experience. Here, students:

- Discover the importance of farms as the source of the food we eat;
- Find out how technology has changed agriculture today;
- Learn about the many careers in agriculture;
- And explore the forest and pond ecosystems.

Each tour is designed to provide hands-on activities that meet New York State learning standards in math, science, English, art and social studies.

Guided tours are one-hour long and are offered Monday through Friday, March through November. For more information on guided tours, please call (585) 349-2090.

Springdale Farm is a great place for Families. Kids will enjoy visiting with the farm’s friendly barnyard animals. Take a short walk to the woodland trails to watch the wildlife and search for animal tracks.

And, everyone will be amazed at the farm’s 60-cow dairy barn featuring a robotic milking parlor open for public viewing! Admission is free to see most of our great attractions. Dairy barn tours are offered at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The cost is $3 for adults (ages 12-62), $2 for youth (ages 3-11) and seniors (63+) and free for kids 2 and under.

The dairy barn is closed on Sundays.

Springdale Farm is a great place for Volunteers. There are several volunteer opportunities available at Springdale Farm to meet your interests. Please contact us.

Springdale Farm is a great place for Festivals. Visit www.springdalefarm.org for a calendar of upcoming events, including our annual Summer Kids Camps, Sheep Shearing Festival and Christmas with Santa!

Driving Directions

From the East:
Springdale Farm is just a 15-minute drive west from Rochester, New York. From NYS Thruway exit 45, take Route 490 West and exit at 533. Drive to the end and turn left onto Washington Street (Route 36). Turn right onto Colby Street. Springdale Farm is approximately one mile down the road on the right side.

From the West:
From NYS Thruway exit 47, take Route 490 East to exit 1 (Leroy/Brockport). Continue on Route 13N for approximately 10 miles and turn right onto Colby Street. Springdale Farm is three miles from the center of Spencerport. Springdale Farm is on the right side.

Springdale Farm is open:
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Saturday
(Enter through Visitor Education Center Mon.-Fri., and through the gate near the Farm House on Saturday)

Noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays
(Enter through gate near Farm House)

Last Entrance to farm is 3:30 p.m.
Springdale Farm has many attractions for people of all ages to enjoy! Attractions often change from one season to the next, so make sure you come back again to see what’s new.

Attractions

The Petting Zoo offers more opportunities for visitors to pet friendly barnyard animals. Goats and rabbits are typically in the zoo but other animals are there on certain days, such as American Miniature Horses and lambs.

The future of dairy farming is here. The dairy barn at Springdale Farm is home to 60 cows and calves, and features the Riedman Robotic Milking Center - a highly advanced, automatic milking system that allows the cows to milk themselves! A laser-guided robot does the work of cleaning the teats and suctioning the milk without the farmer even needing to be there. It’s utterly amazing!

Just past the pond, follow the path up the hill to 2.5 miles of woodland nature trails. The trails feature exhibits about native plants and trees, tree ring counting, animal tracks, maple sugaring and the history of the Iroquois Indian Longhouse.

Springdale Farm’s pond is spring-fed and features ducks, geese and other water fowl. It is stocked with large and small mouth bass and koi fish. In the summertime, see turtles sunning themselves on large rocks on the island.

POULTRY CENTER

In the pole barn and the pastures, visitors can meet the farm’s pigs, horses, American Miniature Horses, donkeys and peacocks. In the spring, greet piglets and other newborn animals. (Animals may be moved to other areas on the farm depending on the weather.)

The greenhouse features plants that are grown by adults with developmental disabilities who attend the day program at the farm. Plants are for sale seasonally. (Closed during winter months.)

Farmer Joe’s Loft features agricultural exhibits and seasonal activities for young children. (Closed during winter months.)

Petting Zoo

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The livestock barn is home to a variety of animals like miniature horses and goats. Learn about the animals and their young as you get a close-up view of them in their stalls. During the warm weather, animals may be moved outdoors to grazing pastures.

ROBOTIC DAIRY BARN

The Visitor Education Center features activities and interactive exhibits, including our Agventureland Exhibit which highlights New York state apples and their journey from the farm to your table. There is also a children’s interactive room featuring many hands-on activities including a garden, farmer’s market, mini-tractors and more. Check out our community space that can be rented for meetings and receptions. (The Center is closed during winter months but available for rentals.)

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*Fees are subject to change. Hours vary and are posted daily in the Visitor Education Center. Both areas are closed on Sundays.