



EXPERIENCE RURAL NEW HAMPSHIRE



Where to find unique events, learning opportunities and places of interest featuring New Hampshire's rural heritage, agriculture and forestry.

Visit an historic farm, take the family to a harvest season festival, roam gardens in full bloom, shop a bountiful farmers' market, sample maple sugar on snow, get caught up in the excitement of a country fair...

Join the fun!



April 2007 - March 2008



About Town

Herbal Crafts for Christmas-Thyme & Ewe Farm, 688 Chestnut Street, Claremont. November 10 & 17, 10am-12pm. Make herbal sachets, pomanders, dried apple wreaths and more. Admission \$5/person, plus supplies. Reservations required. 542-1746, poissonsheep1@aol.com, www.thymeandewefarm.com.

Holiday Open House-Conservation Center, 54 Portsmouth Street, Concord. December 1, 10am-4pm. Visit our holiday open house, enjoy refreshments, buy a NH grown tree, listen to holiday concert, the gift shop is open with NH made gifts. 224-9945, amcculough@forestsociety.org, www.forestsociety.org.

Lighted Winter Wonderland-Charmingfare Farm-Route 27, Candia. December 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24. Reservations required. Admission \$15/person online; \$18/person at gate, under one free. Thousands of lights illuminate our seasonally decorated trail. Laugh and carol while passing by our festive holiday scenes on your 30-minute horse drawn ride. Children will be filled with amazement as they meet their fabled friends, such as Frosty, Grinch and Christmas Bear. A visit with Santa Claus, his live reindeer and a hearty ho-ho-ho will make everyone tingle in delight. 483-5623. www.visitthefarm.com.

Dickens Victorian Teas-Thyme & Ewe Farm, 688 Chestnut Street, Claremont. December 15 & 22, 10am, 12pm & 2pm. Enjoy a traditional English tea with costumed servers. Admission \$5/person. Reservations required. 542-1746, poissonsheep1@aol.com, www.thymeandewefarm.com

Hay & Sleigh Rides

Charmingfare Farm-Route 27, Candia. 483-5623. www.visitthefarm.com

Traditional Hay & Sleigh Rides-Fall & Winter. The trail makes it way through our North American Wildlife Exhibits so passengers can see our wolves, mountain lions, river otters, wolverines, reindeer and many other animals. The trail continues by the pastures with the Scottish Highland cattle. The ride is 1.5 hours long and includes a stop around the campfire area for about 30 minutes. Be sure to bring along snacks to enjoy while warming up by the fire. Groups of 20 or more may wish to have us cater refreshment around the campfire. We also have indoor facilities available for small groups. We can accommodate groups up to 400 or more guests outside. Contact us for more information and rates. \$15/general ticket, limited to Saturday and Sunday at selected times. Reservations required.

Single Horse Drawn Sleigh-January-March. Requires adequate snow base conditions. Experience a one hour long ride through a wintry wonderland of snow. Our sleigh seats four passengers, is a recreation of an 18th century vis-à-vis sleigh complete with antique lamps, velour cloth seats and a warm sleigh robe. Reservations required. \$100/hour, rate allows up to four passengers.

A Day of Sleighting-The Carriage Barn Equestrian Center, 6 Sarah's Way, Newton. January-February, Sundays, 12-3pm. Join other horse drawn sleigh enthusiasts for an afternoon of fun in the sun and snow. Just like the ski slopes, please call ahead for conditions. Private lessons available. 378-0140, carriagebarn@comcast.net, www.carriage-barn.com.

Livestock

Farm Animals-Beans & Green Farmstand-245 Intervale Road, Gilford. Ongoing. Farm animals to pet include pigs, goats, calves, chickens and ducks. Great for families and school groups. Free admission. 293-2853, beansandgreensfarm@msn.com, www.beansandgreensfarm.com.

Farm Animals-Goat Dairy-Via Lactea Farm, 366 Stoneham Road, Brookfield. March-December, Wednesday-Sunday, 9am-5pm. Visit a working goat dairy farm, take a self guided tour to see dairy goats, goat kids, swine, poultry. Guided tours of barns, dairy and cheese making available by appointment. 522-3626, info@vialacteafarm.com, www.vialacteafarm.com.

The Carriage Barn Clinics & Events-6 Sarah's Way, Newton. 974-0779, carriage-barn@comcast.net, www.carriage-barn.com.

Driving Clinic with Lisa Singer-November, 12pm. Ms. Singer is multiple Triple Crown of Driving Winner, multi time National Pairs Driving Champion, Coach of the World Singles Team and the first woman to win National Pairs Championship. She connects this sometimes thought "elitist" sport with a wider world of horse people. Private lesson format. Auditors welcome.

It's A Zoo-Charmingfare Farm, Route 27, Candia. October-April, 11am-6pm, weekends. Largest collection of agricultural animals and North American wildlife in NH. The farm is home to over 200 animals and 30 different species. The barnyard area includes all the traditional agricultural animals you would expect to see on a farm. Hands-on petting area. Follow the paths into the woods and you will encounter our wildlife exhibits, featuring many of North America's greatest predators. Admission \$11/person, under one year free; pony rides, \$3/pony ride; horse drawn hayride, \$3/ride; tractor train ride, \$3/ride. Picnic tables are placed throughout the farm so be sure to pack a lunch. Available for family reunions, birthday parties, company outings, etc. The farm offers day camps and horseback riding instruction. 483-5623, www.visitthefarm.com.

Museums & Historic Sites; Farm & Special Events

Sanbornton Historical Society's Lane Tavern-Sanbornton Village Square, 520 Sanbornton Road, Route 132. Organized in 1952, the Sanbornton Historical Society has its headquarters in the Lane Tavern, a 19th century drover's inn and stage coach stop on the old Boston to Montreal road. The society holds its meetings at the tavern on the first Wednesday of the month from April to October at 7pm followed by programs that are open to the public free of charge. 286-9590, info@lanetavern.org, www.lanetavern.org.

Christmas Wreath & Craft Sale-December 1, 9am-3pm.

Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm Events & Workshops-58 Cleveland Hill Road, Tamworth. Admission is free to all special events, donations are accepted. 686-6117, www.remickmuseum.org.

Hearthside Dinners-December 15, 5-7pm. Experience the warmth and charm of an early 19th century Hearthside Dinner, where the meal is cooked entirely on an open hearth. The staff, dressed in traditional 19th century attire, prepare a nourishing meal using historic recipes and ingredients preserved fresh from the harvest. The menu for each meal varies, the ingredients were raised on site. Usually a cozy gathering of eight people, designed for adult audiences. Youth age 16 and up are welcome with an adult. Reserve your place at the table. Fee is \$25 per person. Registration closes two days prior to an event.

Historic Thanksgiving-November 10, 1-4pm.

Soap Making-November 17, 10am-12pm. Learn the step by step process to make a basic lye soap. Learn the history of soap making on the farm, and render your own tallow.

Gingerbread Houses-December 1, 10am-12pm. This workshop can be enjoyed by a child and adult team. Assemble and decorate your gingerbread house, after receiving written directions beforehand to bake the gingerbread pieces at home.

Victorian Christmas-December 9, 1-4pm. Remick Museum, 58 Cleveland Hill Road and the Captain Enoch Remick House, 26 Great Hill Road, Tamworth Village.

The Fort at No. 4 Events-267 Springfield Road, Charlestown. 826-5700, info@fortat4.com, www.fortat4.com.

Merry Christmas Open House-Grafton Historical Museum, Route 4, Library Road, Grafton. December 9, 2-4pm. Museum opened on Saturdays starting in April-October. Historical artifacts. 523-7522.

Unusual & Special Events

Tour New Hampshire's Only Round Barn-425 Route 10, Piermont. Anytime, by appointment or request. Guided or self tour of 16 sided round barn built in 1906. 272-9026/5854, www.whitemountainbiz.com.

Frye's Measure Mill Gift Shop & Tour-12 Frye Mill Road, Wilton. Year round, Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-5pm; Sunday, 12-5pm, January-March, call for winter hours. Shaker & Colonial boxmakers since 1858, seven room shop is filled with country furnishings, folk art, lighting, tin, iron, pewter, glass, pottery, antiques and collectibles. Mill tours of our water powered woodworking shop on Saturdays at 2pm, June-October. Admission \$4.75/person. 654-6581, fryesmill@tiac.net, www.fryesmeasuremill.com.

New Hampshire School of Falconry-183 Deering Center Road, Deering. Seasonally, April-December. Touch the wild in a way you never dreamed possible! Come learn to fly a hawk yourself, or bring your family/group to a flight demonstration, regularly scheduled May through October. Bring your camera and meet amazingly beautiful raptors up close. Reservations required. 464-6213, falconers@comcast.net, www.nhschooloffalconry.com.

D Acres of New Hampshire-Streeter Woods Road, Dorchester. 786-2366, www.dacres.org.

Solstice Party-December 22, 6-9pm.

Annual Holiday Tour & Farm Event-Someday Farm, 65 Pickard Road, Canterbury. November 23-25, December 1-2, 10am-4pm, both weekends. See and feed animals. Enjoy our barn and farm store, decorated for the holiday season. Sip hot cocoa while listening to holiday tunes, wafting through the barn. Photo opportunities. Alpaca products and NH made products on our farm for the last minute shopping. 783-9436, somedayfarmNH@aol.com, www.somedayfarm.com.

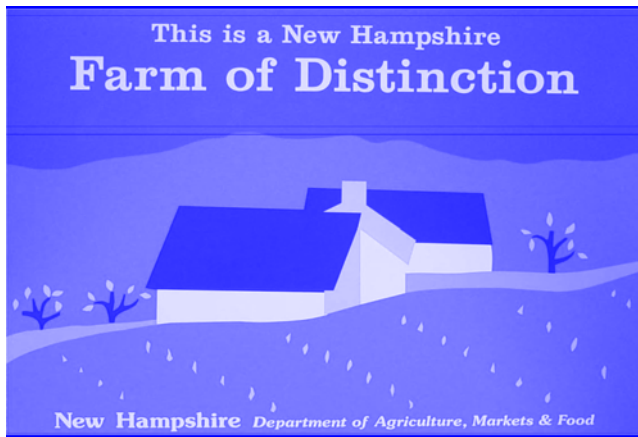
Hometown Holiday Parade-Downtown Plymouth. December 1, 5pm. Parade features bands, floats, trucks, animals and children all decked out for the holiday season. Santa arrives via a fire truck at the end of the parade. Following the parade, youngsters and their parents are invited to visit with Santa and enjoy some hot cocoa at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center. 536-1001, info@plymouthnh.org, www.plymouthnh.org.

Vineyards/Wineries

Wine Tasting-Jewell Towne, South Hampton. May-December, 11am-4pm, Wednesday-Friday; 12-5pm, Saturday & Sunday. Premium NH made wines on our gorgeous rural vineyard setting. Producing red, white and rose wine since 1994. Learn about the winemaking process from vine to bottle on our guided tours and enjoy a complimentary wine tasting to discover the premium wines that are made from New Hampshire grapes. Take a stroll through the vineyard, or visit the rustic post and beam tasting room and our second floor art gallery. Free tours and complimentary tastings. 394-0600, info@jewelltownevineyards.com, www.jewelltownevineyards.com.

New Hampshire Winery Association is a collective group of wine, cider, mead and fruit wine growers, producers and others devoted to the New Hampshire wine industry. Visit their web site for a listing of member wineries and information about upcoming events and activities. www.nhwineryassociation.com.

Farms of Distinction



In 1997 the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food introduced a program recognizing those farms that make an effort to keep their busy farm stands neat and attractive. The New Hampshire Farms of Distinction program honors have been awarded to 98 farms to date. Each farm displays an attractive Farms of Distinction sign. For more information about the NH Farms of Distinction program contact the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food at 271-3788.

Among New Hampshire's prettiest farms by region are:

Great North Woods Region

Clear Stream Farm, Errol
Graymist Farm, Groveton
Indian Stream Farm, Pittsburg
Weir Tree Farms, Colebrook

White Mountains Region

Allard Farm, Conway
Glen Farm, Piermont
Hatchland Farm, Haverhill
Maple Hill Farm, Monroe
Minot Farm, Woodsville
Mount Cube Farm, Orford
Mountain Star Farm, Swiftwater
Pete & Gerry's Organic Eggs, Monroe
Sherman Farm, Center Conway
The Rocks Christmas Tree Farm/
Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Bethlehem
West View Farm & Orchard, North Haverhill
Windy Ridge Orchard, North Haverhill

Lakes Region

Ancestral Acres, New Hampton
Beans & Greens Farm, Gilford
Butternut Farm, Farmington
Cornerstone Equestrian Center, Belmont
Duane Family Farm, Barnstead
Heritage Farm, Sanbornton
Longview Farm, Plymouth
Moulton Farm, Meredith
Oak Ledge Farm, Belmont
Punch Brook Farm, Franklin
Ramblin' Vewe Farm, Gilford

Shaker Woods Farm, Sanbornton
Spider Web Gardens, Center Tuftonboro
Surowiec Orchard, Sanbornton
Wayside Farm, North Sandwich

Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region

Ascutney View Farm, West Claremont
Bartlett's Blueberry Farm, Newport
Bickford Homestead Farm, Orford
Edgewater Farm, Plainfield
Holmes Dairy, Langdon
McNamara Dairy/Mac's Happy Acres, Plainfield
Nunsuch Farm, Bradford
Riverview Farm, Plainfield
Sanctuary, Sunapee
Schroeder Farm, South Newbury
Springledge Farm, New London
Sunday Mountain Maple Farm, Orford
Tadmor Farm, Lebanon
Taylor Farm/Taylor Bros. Sugarhouse, Meriden
Tullando Farm, Orford
Walhowdon Farm, Lebanon

Monadnock Region

Bascom Maple Farms, Acworth
Boggy Meadow Farm, Walpole
Clark's Sugarhouse, Langdon
Davis Brook Farm, Hancock
Eccardt Farm, East Washington
Elsesser Blueberry Acres, Acworth
High Hopes Orchards, Westmoreland
Homestead Farms, Walpole
Malnati Farm, Walpole
Maple Homestead Farm, Marlborough
New Fields Farm, Temple
Pitcher Mountain Farm, Stoddard
Putnam Brothers Farm, Charlestown
Rosaly's Garden, Peterborough
Washburn's Windy Hill Orchard, Greenville
Wellscroft Farm, Harrisville
Windyhurst Farm, Westmoreland

Merrimack Valley Region

Apple Hill Farm, Concord
Beech Hill Farm, Hopkinton
Brookdale Fruit Farms, Hollis
Carter Hill Orchard, Concord
D.S. Cole Growers, Loudon
Folsom's Sugar House, Chester
Gould Hill Orchards, Contoocook
Highway View Farm, Boscawen
J & F Farms, Derry
Jones Farm, Chichester
Lull Farm, Hollis
Moose Hill Orchards, Londonderry
Morrill Farm, Penacook
Nesenkeag Co-op Farm, Litchfield
Pleasant View Gardens, Loudon
S.A. & A.S. Bartlett, Concord
Sunnycrest Farm Inc., Londonderry
Frye Farm, Wilton
Van Berkum Nurseries, Deerfield
Wilson Farm, Litchfield
Windswept Maples, Loudon

Seacoast Region

Apple Annie, Brentwood
Berry Hill Farm, Stratham
Blueberry Bay Farm, Stratham
Cobbler Hill Farm, Rye
Demeritt Hill Farm, Lee
Emery Farm, Durham
Goudreault Farm, Plaistow
Indian Hill Farm & Greenhouse, South Hampton
Jewell Towne Vineyard, South Hampton
Riverslea Farm, Epping
Saltbox Farm, Stratham
Scenic Nursery, Raymond
Shaw's Hill Farm, Kensington



Experience Rural New Hampshire!

New Hampshire's rural heritage steeped in history and tradition, forms the foundation of our state's character. Hard working innovative Yankees laid that foundation. Experience the history and meet many of today's rural entrepreneurs.

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