

Farm Tours

Certified by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry



In the 1800s, 90 percent of the U.S. population lived on farms and produced fruits, vegetables, meats and dairy products for their families. Today, 2 percent of the population produces our food through mechanized farming.

Farm tours provide an opportunity for youth and adults to learn about the origins of the food they eat and the fiber they wear. These farm tours are part of a larger effort known as “agritourism.”

AGRITOURISM is a business venture on a working farm, ranch or agricultural enterprise that offers educational and fun experi-

ences for visitors while generating supplemental income for the owner.

Before you plan your visit, ask if the operation is certified through the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

Certified operations have completed a plan of operation listing possible safety risks and their proposed plan to minimize those risks. Once approved by the LSU AgCenter, the plan is forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Ag and Forestry for certification.



Tell me more . . .

Field trips are seasonal and cost between \$5 and \$10. Most operations provide a designated eating area for lunch time and have rest rooms.

In the pages that follow, *only agritourism operations that have been certified by LDAF* are included. Many other certified operations exist in our state, but offer different experiences. If you know of other operations that you would like to see included contact:

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PaPa Simpson's Farm features educational farming tours. Their tours begin with a wagon ride to animal alley, a hay maze and the crops section where visitors plant corn. They also offer birthday parties.

Keachi Acres LLC

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Keachi Acres offers tours to small groups that can include: hiking trails; a large pond for swimming and canoeing; camp fires; fishing; feeding hens and collecting eggs; gardening; lodging; and day or overnight camps.



Dixie Maze Farms, LLC

9596 Sentell Rd.
Shreveport, LA 71107
318-703-2870 business
info@dixiemaze.com
www.dixiemaze.com



Dixie Maze Farms is open year round. In the fall is a corn maze and pumpkin patch plus three haunted attractions: the Haunted Maze, the Haunted Trail & Interactive Shooting. Other special events are available throughout the year by appointment.

Curry Farms, Inc.

548 Robinson Drive
 Rayville, LA 71269-7506
 bentleycurry@aol.com
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 318-728-6203

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Curry Farms offers educational field trips for Christmas trees, pumpkins and honeybees. Their farm also has a goat walk and educational farming activities in a playground setting.

Uncle Robert's Orchard

150 Lucky Lane
 Monroe, LA 71203
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 318-340-9400 business
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Uncle Robert's Orchard is a working pecan orchard with educational stations that include small farm animals, games, recreation, wagon rides, a pumpkin patch, a garden, a playground, a picnic area, small barns and photo settings. They are open year round.



Frogmore Cotton Plantation & Gins

11054 Hwy. 84
 Frogmore, LA 71334
 frogmore@bayou.com
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 318-757-3333
 Contact: George and Lynette
 Tanner



Frogmore is a Louisiana cotton plantation that offers both historical and modern tours of cotton production and processing from the cotton field through the ginning process. Tours involve visitors walking to the cotton fields along with viewing appropriate buildings regarding slave culture, music and Civil War information.

WesMar Farms

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Moreauville, LA 71355

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WesMar Farms is a working goat dairy where visitors interact with animals in a controlled setting.

Visitors see the milking stations, pasteurizing room, cheese cave and may sample milk and cheeses.

WesMar Farms manages their farm friendly to the environment and natural resources.

CM Farms LLC of Dry Creek

252 CM Farms Rd.

Dry Creek, LA 70637

Jackie@cmfarmsllc.com

www.cmfarmsllc.com

337-328-8916



A field trip to CM Farms includes animals and agricultural related activities like a corn maze, pig races, learning barn, live milking demonstration and much, much more including a ride through their herd of cows and donkeys.

Kemp Farms

38511 Weiss Rd.

Denham Springs, LA 70706

kempfarms@yahoo.com

225-665-8574

225-978-2057



Guests at Kemp Farms experience farming. They milk a cow, bottle feed a calf (when available), hold chickens, feed a donkey, see pigs and/or sow, pet a rabbit, enjoy a hayride and plant a seed. They host school groups, home-schooled groups, scouts, birthday parties, etc.

Keller and Roberta McKowen

3320 Bill McKowen Lane
Jackson, LA 70748

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225-278-6575

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This working beef and lamb ranch offers field trips to show how they use sustainable farm practices. On their ranch, rotational grazing and no-till planting support wildlife and farm animals. Their ranch dogs guard flocks, drive the herds and repel predators.



Steele Christmas Tree Farm

56459 Dollar Road

Angie, LA 70426

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www.steelechristmastreefarm.com

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Steele Christmas Tree Farm tours include pumpkins, Christmas trees and a petting zoo where guests can interact with animals and feed them. In addition, there is an agricultural playground with lots of activities.



Grow Dat Youth Farm

1 Palm Drive

New Orleans, LA 70124

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504-300-1132

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Field trips are offered at Grow Dat Youth Farm to grades K-8 with the option of focusing on any of the following three curriculum tracks: birding corridor and biodiversity; food and food systems; and agroecology and agriculture. Learning tours are also available for adults.



Mrs. Heather's Pumpkin and Strawberry Patch

31458 Hwy. 43

Albany, LA 70711

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www.thfarms.com

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Mrs. Heather's Pumpkin and Strawberry Patch offers educational tours of the strawberry and pumpkin patches. Mixed within these operations are other agricultural educational activities for the guests to enjoy.

Growing Local NOLA

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New Orleans, LA 70130

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www.growinglocalnola.org/#!/home

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Growing Local NOLA is a community food and farm center in the Central City neighborhood of New Orleans. Students can visit a real working urban farm and community garden where they meet chickens, tour a unique growing system that raises fish and plants together (called aquaponics) and learn more about growing fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables. They offer herb and plant identification games and a scavenger hunt.



Greater New Orleans Therapeutic Riding Center

152 Shadowbrook Lane

LaPlace, LA 70068

horseyhartzell@hotmail.com

www.gnotrc.com

504-453-5509

Contact: Anita Hefler



In addition to therapeutic riding, Anita offers hayrides through five acres of farmland during the Christmas season with 80-plus Christmas tree frames outlining Christmas themes. It's the perfect family trip or school field trip.

Luckett Farms

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Pride, LA 70770

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The Luckett's are third generation farmers. They offer tours on their working fruit and vegetable farm year round. They also participate in community supported agriculture (CSA) and offer their services to the Baton Rouge area.

Cajun Country Corn Maze

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1-225-357-4924

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Louisiana Maze offers field trips in the fall to learn about the food and fiber produced on farms in Louisiana. A corn maze and “Ag in the Classroom” education is part of the experience.

Gonsoulin Land & Cattle, LLC

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DVM



Gonsoulin Land & Cattle is a grass-fed beef operation that direct markets its products to local grocery stores and restaurants.

They offer field trips on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Field trips include educational information on cattle breeds, facilities and grazing operation.



Eddie Romero's Fruit Orchard

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337-364-3370



Eddie Romero's Orchard is a unique farm serving the New Iberia area with fresh wholesome locally grown apples, blackberries, fresh eggs, grapefruit, grapes, lemons, oranges, peaches, pears and tomatoes. In addition to fresh fruits and veggies, they offer farm animals farm and stand/market tours for your convenience.



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2008 Agritourism Limited Liability Law

Louisiana law makes a person responsible for injuries that occur as a result of that person's negligence, imprudence, lack of skill, total disregard for the safety of others and for intentionally harming another person. The law also makes a person responsible for any defect or condition in his or her property that causes injury if the defect or condition was known, and the injury could have been prevented by the exercise of reasonable care.

These rules of law mean that each day business owners carrying out the day to day operations of their businesses risk getting sued by customers or visitors for injuries that occur on the business premises or as a result of the business operations.

Owners of agritourism businesses face the same risks, but at a higher level.

Agritourism involves hosting curious visitors, many of whom are new to a farm, ranch or forestry setting and the unique equipment and facilities associated with a working agricultural or forestry operation. This unfamiliarity with uneven terrain, animals that are not kept as pets and the operation of large equipment substantially increases the risk of injury and, of course, lawsuits.

In response to the vulnerability for lawsuits and the problem with obtaining liability insurance, the Louisiana legislature passed House Bill 633 by Representative Anders as Act 591 of 2008; thereby enacting the

Agritourism Limited Liability Law (R.S. 9:2795.4).

This law is intended to limit the liability of agritourism professional for injuries that occur through no fault of the agritourism professional. A copy of the complete law is available at: www.lsuagcenter.com/agritourism

To be eligible for coverage under this law, an agritourism professional engaging in one or more agritourism activity as defined by the Commissioner of Agriculture, must submit a plan of operation to the director of the Cooperative Extension Service of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, and the director must approve the plan.

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