

A Visitor's Guide to



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PINELAND FARMS



Located in the rolling hills of New Gloucester, Maine, Pineland Farms is a 5,000-acre working farm, diverse business campus and educational and recreational venue that welcomes visitors to enjoy its beautiful rural landscape.

Pineland Farms' mission is to provide a productive and educational venue that enriches the community by demonstrating responsible farming techniques, offering educational opportunities and encouraging a healthy lifestyle through recreation.

We invite you to explore our website and visit the farm to take part in our wide variety of activities and events.



Farm AND Agriculture

Pineland's Valley Farm is the hub of our animal-based agriculture. It is home to our dairy cattle, egg-laying chickens, and education livestock living side by side on this historic piece of farmland.

The dairy cows you see here at Pineland Farms comprise one of the oldest registered Holstein herds in the United States. A "registered" cow means that the animal's parentage is known and is certified by the United States Holstein Association. The milk from our herd has many uses including the production of Pineland Farms award-winning cheese made in Bangor, Maine. The calves and heifers are an integral part of the dairy herd and will be raised here or sold to improve other dairy herds. The dairy herd is housed at the Calf Barn, Dairy Barn, and Heifer Barn and the animals have gained recognition for their superior dairy qualities.



Adjacent to our dairy operation is the Education Barn & Family Farmyard. Here you will find our farm education livestock that range from sheep, goats, and ponies to various types of poultry including our egg-laying chickens that consist of 200 production hens. These eggs are processed on site and sold only at the Pineland Farms Market.

History of Pineland Farms

Originally opened by the state in 1908, it was first known as the Maine School for the Feeble Minded. Maine opened the school for developmentally disabled, although its population also included mentally ill, poor, destitute, troubled persons and other wards of the state. Many residents worked at Valley and Hill Farms providing food for the campus as well as learning various trades.



By mid-century the population at the school swelled to nearly 1,500, but at this time, states were beginning to view developmental disabilities as more of a medical issue. Under this new philosophy, the farms were closed down and larger hospitals and dormitories were built. In the late 1970's initiatives were established to protect the affected residents. By 1996, the state closed the school and its last residents moved out.

In 2000, the state sold the school's campus buildings and adjacent farmlands to the Libra Foundation. Pineland Farms reopened to the public as a working farm, business campus, and much more. We invite you to learn more about our history and present day use by visiting our farms and facilities.

Equestrian Center

The Pineland Farms Equestrian Center is a world-class equestrian center which includes indoor and outdoor arenas, stabling for 30 horses and housing for athletes. The Equestrian Center's 260' x 100' heated indoor arena is one of the largest of its kind in the United States and can hold a full ring plus seating for 1100 spectators. The outdoor arena measures 250' x 100' and is surrounded by expansive views of the surrounding countryside all the way to New Hampshire's majestic Mt. Washington.



Farm Etiquette

- Please park in designated areas.
- Animals are sensitive to loud noises and sudden movements.
- Do not open farm gates or enter fenced in areas.
- No smoking allowed on the farm.
- Use pedestrian or designated walkways whenever possible.
- No dogs allowed on property.
- All equipment and machines are for employee use only unless otherwise noted.
- Users accept responsibility of all risk associated with property access.
- Some areas may be closed or off limits, due to the nature of a working farm.

Thank you for following these guidelines during your visit.

WELCOME TO

PICK YOUR OWN

Pineland's Produce Division cultivates 300+ acres of crops on Mayall Road in New Gloucester, growing a variety of fruits and vegetables for wholesale and direct purchase. We also grow strawberries, blueberries, and raspberries for pick-your-own (PYO), a great experience at any age. Our PYO stand is open during the growing season from the first strawberries in June through the last of the high bush blueberries in August. Open daily, subject to availability. Please call the Berry Hotline (207) 657-2877 for updates.



EDUCATION ON THE FARM

The Education Department at Pineland Farms develops programming year-round to engage visitors of all ages. Our combination of classes, events and meaningful hands-on activities are designed to:

- Connect participants to forests, fields and livestock
- Inspire participants to become active stewards of land and resources
- Educate participants about local natural history and agriculture
- Provide a positive and fun educational experience.

The Family Farmyard offers an opportunity for visitors to take a break from the increasingly busy world and connect with life on the farm. Come visit with our animals, learn about the different types of livestock and explore the vital role of farming. Discover the wonders of nature found in the farmyard, forests, and gardens at Pineland Farms.

PINELAND FARM

RECREATION ON THE FARM

Winter on the farm...

The **Outdoor & Fitness Center** offers the amenities you'll need for a memorable day of fun in the snow. We provide ski, snowshoe and fatbike rentals, waxing benches, and last minute supplies. We offer ski lessons, warming huts on the trails, and fire pits for a cozy break. Our groomed sledding hill and 50' x 100' ice skating rink are open, when conditions allow, free for your enjoyment. We also offer indoor fitness activities in our gymnasium and have a four lane candlepin bowling alley available by reservation. Please check our trail conditions for daily updates on all winter activities.

**Cross Country Skiing • Snowshoeing • Bowling
Sledding • Fatbiking • Skating • Open Gym**

Summer on the farm...

Trails, Farm and Campus are a great summer destination for biking, hiking, running, walking, disc golf, orienteering, tennis, and education programs. Kids I visiting animals in the Family Farmyard and fishing at the pond. For lighter activity stroll through our one-acre scenic garden.

**Trail Running • Hiking • Mountain Biking
Disc Golf • Orienteering • Tennis • Bocce**

Veterans Adaptive Sports & Training

(VAST) meets at the Outdoor Center every Wednesday 9am-noon. Offering activities & camaraderie to Veterans. Contact: Kristina@pinelandfarms.org or (207) 310-8694



Pineland Farms Produce Division
PYO - Open June-August
752 Mayall Rd.
New Gloucester, ME
207.657.2877



Pick Your Own
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From the Pineland Campus, take Morse Road, to Rt. 202, turn left, then turn right on Mayall Rd.

Key

- Information
- Farm Visit Pass Required
- Parking
- Restroom
- Picnic Area



To PYO Berries!
Approx. 9 min.

Fox Run Trail

Equestrian Center



Hill Farm

Depot Road

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Recreation

Rd. (Rt. 231)

River Loop
Trails

Valley
Farm Trail

Sensation
Garden

Valley Farm

Valley Farm Rd.

Olivias
Garden

Family
Farmyard

Campus
Loop Trail

Malaga
Memorial

Native
Tree Walk

Greenhouse

Oak Hill
Trails

Event
Tent
Great Lawn

Intervale Rd. (Rt. 231)

Perennial &
Lilac Gardens

Freeport Road

Fox Run
Trail

For 30 Kilometers
of Trails, download
our Trail Map!

Scan for a
PDF Download



GUIDE TO

1 MARKET & WELCOME CENTER

We have a full selection of groceries, including our own meats, cheeses, produce, and baked goods, along with a great selection of beer, wine, and gift ideas. Enjoy our indoor & outdoor seating including heated domes in the colder months for a unique apres dining experience. To place a take-out, bakery, or catering order please call: 207.688.4539

2 OUTDOOR CENTER & FITNESS CENTER

The Outdoor & Fitness Center is your one-stop shop for all recreation & fitness. Rent ski gear, discs, mountain & fat bikes, and sleds, or purchase gear and recreational passes for xc ski, disc golf, snowshoeing, and more. For indoor fitness we have candlepin bowling and activities in the gymnasium. For more info contact: (207) 688-6599

3 SMOKEHOUSE VISITOR CENTER

Check-in for your Pineland Farms self-guided tour. Here you can purchase farm passes, pick up a map and ask us any farm-related questions. 207.650.3031

4 FAMILY FARMYARD

Home to a variety of farm animals that welcome you for a hands-on experience. The larger barn is the Education Barn which includes an interactive classroom and is home to our year-round farm animals. The smaller barn is the chicken coop where our egg-laying hens live. The farmyard is also home to our Sugar House, educational gardens and ample outdoor play space.

5 HEIFER BARN

This is where our heifers and dry cows live.

6 CALF BARN

This barn is where our baby cows live. Please only touch (1) calf to avoid spreading germs from one animal to another.

7 DAIRY BARN

This is where we milk our Holstein herd twice a day, at 4am and 3pm. Attached to the dairy barn you'll find the milk room (where we store our raw milk) and the hay barn (where we store our animal food and bedding).

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8 HISTORICAL MALAGA ISLAND WALK

We encourage you to learn about Pineland's past, as it is inextricably linked to the history of Maine and the United States. Take a walk to the Malaga Island Memorial and learn the history along the way. Parking is available near the greenhouse. Follow the signs to the Malaga Memorial.

9 NATIVE TREE WALK

Test your tree ID skills! How many trees can you identify? Study the bark texture and leaf patterns. What clues give it away? Flip each wood-burning plaque to find the answer. Scan the QR code for a link to information about each tree.

10 GARDENS & GROUNDS

The one-acre perennial, herb and vegetable garden at Pineland Farms is a wonderful place to stroll along a quarter-mile of paved walkways, picnic on the lawn in the shade of the apple tree allee and enjoy the fragrant air. During the month of May, immerse yourself in the scent of 34 lilac varieties. Located just past the Garden on Freeport Rd. For the rest of the growing season enjoy the landscaped beds on the great lawn, filled with thousands of tulips in spring and annual displays throughout the summer. Many trees and shrubs are labeled making your visit an enriching horticultural experience.

11 EQUESTRIAN CENTER

The Equestrian Center is a state-of-the-art facility home to Cabot Morgans (nationally-known Morgan breeding) and to the National Museum of the Morgan Horse. Horse and livestock shows and other special events are hosted here throughout the year. Please come in to meet the Morgans, and tour the facility and museum.

Open Thursday - Saturday 9am-2pm.

Call 207-831-4989 for more information.

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Pineland's Produce Division cultivates a variety of fruits and vegetables for wholesale and direct purchase.

PYO peas & berries is **open seasonally 7 days a week**

June-August. Located at 752 Mayall Rd. New Gloucester.

Market AND Welcome Center

A visit to Pineland Farms is not complete without a stop at the Market & Welcome Center. Our Market is where you will find the full selection of groceries including our own meats, produce, and award-winning cheeses.

Our Market also carries a wide array of gourmet and specialty foods from producers near and far. We have an outstanding beer and wine selection, including a great representation of Maine's finest craft beers. Locally made gifts are always available, and the staff at our Market can take your selections and create an unforgettable gift basket for you.

If your visit leaves you feeling hungry, our Market has just what you need. Breakfast selections include our own freshly-baked bagels, muffins and scones, along with amazing breakfast sandwiches made from our own farm-fresh eggs. Lunch and dinner options include soups, salads, sandwiches and a rotating selection of fresh entrees.



SEASON PASSES

Do you love the farm? Ask about our season passes for the farm 207.650.3031 & recreation 207.688.6599!

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