



PINELAND FARMS



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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 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.

HISTORY

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 & facilities.

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 & FITNESS CENTER

The Outdoor & Fitness Center is your one-stop shop for all recreation & fitness year-round. 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, activities in the gymnasium, and group events.

For more info contact: (207) 688-6599

VAST (veterans adaptive sports & training) meets here for activities every Wednesday 9am-noon.

3 SMOKEHOUSE VISITOR CENTER

Our Education Department headquarters. Check-in for your Pineland Farms self-guided tour, purchase farm passes, pick up a map and ask us any farm-related questions. For more info contact: (207)650-3031

4 FAMILY FARMYARD

Come visit with our animals, learn about the different types of livestock and explore the vital role of farming. The large barn is the Education Barn which includes an interactive classroom and is home to our year-round farm animals. The small barn is the chicken coop where our egg-laying hens live. The farmyard also includes our Sugar House, educational gardens, and ample outdoor play space.

5 HEIFER BARN

Our heifers and dry cows live in this barn.

6 CALF BARN

Our baby cows live here. Please only touch (1) calf to avoid spreading germs from one animal to another.

7 DAIRY BARN

Our registered Holstein herd has gained recognition for their superior dairy qualities. They are milked 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 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, a nationally-known Morgan breeding operation, 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 with a 2 hour farm pass.

Call 207-831-4989 for more information.

12 PINELAND FARMS PRODUCE DIVISION

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

PYO peas, strawberries, blueberries & raspberries and

CYO flowers is **open seasonally 7 days a week**

June-August (varieties are subject to availability).

Located at 752 Mayall Rd. New Gloucester.

Call the Berry Hotline for updates: (207) 657-2877

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



Pick Your Own



Mayall Road - 2.1 miles

Rt. 202 - 0.8 miles
Morse Road - 3.1 miles

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

Pineland Natural Meats

Access Loop Trail

Story Walk

To PYO Berries! Approx. 9 min.

Fox Run Trail

Morse Road

Depot Road

Intervale Rd



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Equestrian Center

Hill Farm



River Loop Trails

Valley Farm Trail

Corn Maze
Dovecote

Sensation Garden

Valley Farm

Family Farmyard

Valley Farm Rd.

Olivias Garden

Campus Loop Trail

Malaga Memorial

Native Tree Walk

Greenhouse

Oak Hill Trails

Food & Drink

Big Pond

Great Lawn

Perennial & Lilac Gardens

For 30 Kilometers of Trails, download our Trail Map!

Freeport Road

Fox Run Trail



Scan to find our trail map on Avenza Maps!





RECREATION & FARM PASSES

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



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