

## EQUESTRIAN CENTER

The Equestrian Center at Pineland Farms provides a unique training environment for professional and dedicated amateur riders in the sport of dressage, one of the three Olympic equestrian disciplines. The Equestrian Center is home for up to 30 horses, many of which are owned by Pineland Farms. These competition horses include several National Champions, and range in training from newly started through Grand Prix, the Olympic level of dressage.



The dynamic educational environment at the Equestrian Center is led by a team of highly trained professional dressage riders that includes an Olympic Bronze Medalist. In addition to daily training, The Equestrian Center hosts a number of national and international experts each year. Events at the facility include equine veterinary conferences, training clinics, musical freestyle design, and large-scale symposia.

The Equestrian Center training program is open to riders who demonstrate the willingness and ability to spend the time and effort required for excellence in the sport regardless of age or level of training.

## FARM AND AGRICULTURE

Pineland's Valley Farm is the hub of animal based agriculture on the farm. It is home to three distinct divisions – dairy cattle, beef cattle and egg laying chickens – living side by side on this historic piece of farmland.

The 150 head of registered Holstein cows is comprised of one half milking cows and one half young stock. The 75 milking cows produce more than 1.5 million pounds of milk each year at the farm. That milk has many uses including the production of Pineland Farms award winning cheese made at our Creamery. 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.



The Angus beef herd is a small cow and calf operation of 24 head. The cows and calves are raised naturally and are pastured on the south side of the Valley Farm during the summers and spend the winter in our dry cow barn. The cows calve each spring with the pairs remaining together until the fall, when the calves will be sold to other farms or replace existing cows in the herd.

## 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 array of fresh products produced on the grounds, from our award winning cheeses to our fresh, in season produce.

Our Market also carries a wide selection of gourmet and specialty foods from producers near and far. We have an outstanding beer and wine selection, including a wide variety 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 sandwiches are made with eggs from our own organic Golden Comet hens, our own farm fresh cheese, and biscuits and bagels baked right here. Our sandwiches are made with Boar's Head meats, freshly baked breads, our own farm fresh cheeses, and locally sourced produce when available.



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## VISITORS GUIDE



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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.



## 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. By 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.

# WELCOME TO PINELAND FARMS

## 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 7 days a week from 7am-1pm. Call our 'Berry Hotline' for daily updates and conditions at (207) 657-2877.

## RECREATION ON THE FARM

### Winter on the farm...

The **Outdoor 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 one of the best country skating ponds around are free for your enjoyment.

Cross Country Skiing • Snowshoeing  
Sledding • Fatbiking • Skating

### Summer on the farm...

Our **Trails, Farm and Campus** are a great summer destination for biking, hiking, running, walking, orienteering, tennis, and education programs. Kids love 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

## 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:

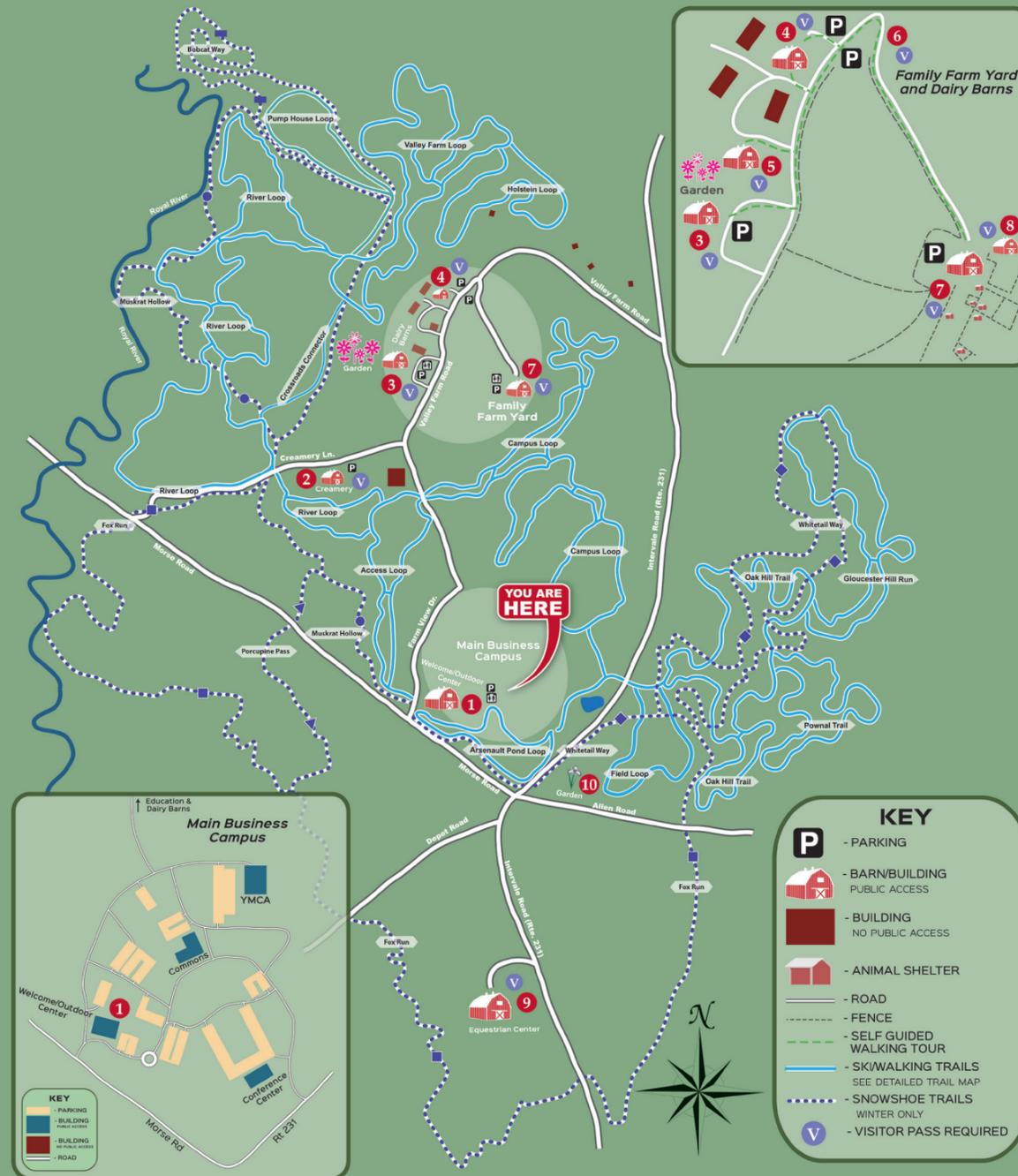
- Educate participants about local natural history and agriculture
- Inspire participants to become active stewards of land and resources
- Connect participants to forests, fields and livestock
- Offer a positive and fun educational experience

From May through September the Family Farmyard offers an opportunity for visitors to learn and interact with a **variety** of different types of livestock. From goats to pigs, the animals in the farmyard come from area farms that support our mission and are invested in agricultural education.



## FARM SEASON PASS

*Do you love our family programs?* Get our season pass and have unlimited access to all of our programs and self guided tours on the farm! You will also receive 10% off all of your purchases at the Market.



# GUIDE TO PINELAND FARMS

## 1 WELCOME CENTER/MARKET/ OUTDOOR CENTER

We have a wide array of locally sourced produce, meats, cheeses and baked goods, as well as a great selection of beer, wine, and gift ideas. For grocery shopping to gift giving, the Market at Pineland Farms is your destination for the finest goods from near and far.

## 2 CREAMERY

This is where we make award-winning Pineland Farms cheeses, fresh curd, and spreads, which are sold throughout the northeast and Mid-Atlantic states and at The Market. Please ask about the cheese-making schedule at The Market.

## 3 DAIRY BARN

This is where we milk our Holstein cows twice a day, at 4am and 3pm. On average, each cow produces 8 to 12 gallons of milk per day. The milk room houses the storage tank where raw milk is held until our distributor collects it.

## 4 HEIFER BARN

This is where our heifers (female cows from 10 months to 2 years who have not yet given birth) live.

## 5 CALF BARN

This barn is where our baby cows live. Please pet only one calf to avoid spreading germs from one to another.

## 6 SMOKEHOUSE

Renovated from the old dairy barn and smokehouse from the early the 1900s, the smokehouse now displays information about farming and food production at Pineland Farms. Classes and workshops are held here, and it serves as the starting point for most on-site field trips.

## 7 EDUCATION BARN AND FAMILY FARMYARD

This interactive area includes classroom and workshop space for children and adults. From May to September the Family Farmyard is open for visitors to explore and meet an array of livestock while enjoying a picnic lunch. The barn has two classrooms in addition to living space for young heifers until they're big enough to go into the heifer barn. The family-friendly farmyard offers an opportunity for visitors to get up close and learn about many different animals, gardens and farming techniques.

## 8 CHICKEN BARN

The organic flock of Golden Comet hens are the only certified organic livestock on the farm. Approximately 300 birds live in the chicken coop and produce free range organic eggs that are delivered to the Market daily. Our eggs are available by the dozen and also in our food items at the Market.

## 9 EQUESTRIAN CENTER

The Equestrian Center is a state-of-the-art facility where top-quality horses are trained in the sport of dressage, one of three Olympic-level equestrian disciplines. We also host horse and livestock shows and other special events and clinics throughout the year. You are welcome to come in and watch our riders. You may sit on the bleachers, but please stay outside of the riding space and remember that horses are sensitive to loud noises and sudden movements.

## 10 GARDENS AND GROUNDS

Our one acre botanical garden features perennial plantings intermixed with shrubs, conifers and fruit trees. Benches and picnic tables can be found throughout the garden and grounds. The Great Lawn with its panoramic views is a favorite spot for photographers. The landscape beds on the lawn are filled with thousands of tulips in the spring and annual displays throughout the summer. Many trees and shrubs are labeled making your visit an enriching horticultural experience.