FARMS IN SIMSBURY

Plan to spend a day, weekend or longer visiting farms in Simsbury, heart of the Farmington River Valley. Just a short drive from downtown Hartford, Simsbury boasts bountiful, diverse farms, beautiful scenery and a town where some trees are nearly as old as its historic houses. Simsbury is the destination for summer fun. Farms to visit are:

FLAMIG FARM

7 Shingle Mill Rd. (at corner of W. Mountain Rd.) West Simsbury, CT (860) 658-5070 or www.flamigfarm@yahoo.com Open daily, 9-5 (Apr.-Nov.)

FARM ANIMAL PETTING ZOO, PONY AND

HAYRIDES. Summer camp (ages 5-12) in July and August and field trips also make this a place where all can have fun and learn about farm life. Celebrate a special occasion on the farm. Mulch and compost for sale. Flamig Farm has been serving the Farmington Valley since 1907. You know you're here when you see the sign for farm fresh eggs.

TULMEADOW DAIRY FARM, INC.

255 Farms Village Road, Rt. 309 West Simsbury, CT (860) 658-1430 Farm Store hours: Open daily, 9-7 (Apr.-Dec.) Friday-Sunday, 9-7 (Jan.-Mar.) Ice Cream hours: Open daily, 12-9 (Apr.-Oct.)

RASPBERRY CHOCOLATE CHIP ice cream and other flavors, made on the farm using natural fruit puree. Established in 1768, farm has been in continuous operation as a dairy farm. We feature tomatoes, corn, other vegetables, fruit, bedding plants, herbs, pumpkins, maple syrup, Xmas trees and greens. Farm grown beef can be purchased also.

GEORGE HALL FARM

180 Old Farms Road (Off of Rt. 309) Simsbury, CT (860) 658-9297 or www.georgehallfarm.com Open daily, 10 'til dusk (June-Nov.)

CERTIFIED ORGANIC PRODUCE on a CSA (community supported agriculture) farm. Concept is simple. Each member buys a "share of the harvest". The fee helps support the running costs of the farm and in return the farm supplies a weekly share of produce. Our farm, pioneers in organic vegetable produce, is certified organic by NOFA (Northeast Organic Farming Assn.). We also welcome visitors to purchase produce at our farm stand.

FOLLY FARM STABLES

75 Hartford Rd. (Rt. 185) Simsbury, CT (860) 658-9943 Open 8-6 on show days, call for dates

HORSE SHOWS open to the public seasonally at this farm right off Route 185. Watch for the Annual Fall Classic, a two-day equestrian event benefiting a local charity and featuring competition among the tri-state area's most accomplished riders. Tickets available day of event. Ask about our riding lessons.

THE PICKIN' PATCH

Nod Road (off of Rt. 44 or Rt. 185) Simsbury, CT (860) 677-9552 Open daily, 8-6 (Apr.-Oct.)

RED AND BLUE BERRIES and other pick-yourown (or direct purchase) fruits and vegetables in season. CT's tenth oldest family farm (since 1666), we have the largest selection of pick-your-own crops in the state. Greenhouses filled with bedding plants, annuals and perennials, and hanging baskets. Hayrides to pumpkin fields featured in October.

ROSEDALE FARMS AND VINEYARDS

25 East Weatogue Street (off of Rt. 185) Simsbury, CT (860) 651-3926 or www.rosedalef@aol.com Open daily, 9-6 (May-Oct.) Wine tasting: Friday-Sunday

SWEETEST SWEET CORN – WINSOME WINE at "barn" direct from adjacent cornfields & vineyards. Farm grown tomatoes and other produce, floral bouquets and gourmet items fill the barn and tent. Freshly picked apples are bountiful in fall along with pies and apple cider. In December shop for Xmas trees. Be sure to enjoy our walking trails to the Farmington River and our C o R n M a Z e.

DEWEY FLOWER FARM

51 Terry's Plain Road (off of Rt. 185 or Rt. 315) Simsbury, CT (860) 408-9268 Open daily in summer, 8-6; winter hours 8-5 (closed on Sunday)

FRESH CUT FLOWERS (affordable) from this flower farm at our greenhouse featuring roses, gladiolas and seasonal field flowers such as asters and zinnias. Individual stems or bouquets. Family owned farm since 1935.

HALL FARM

83 Terry's Plain Road (off of Rt. 185) Simsbury, CT (860) 658-4511 Open daily, 11-6 (May-Nov.)

HEIRLOOM VARIETY ORGANIC VEGETABLES are sold at this farm stand which is stocked with freshly picked seasonal fruits and vegetables.

COMMUNITY FARM OF SIMSBURY

73 Wolcott Road (off of Rt. 10/202) Simsbury, CT www.communityfarmofsimsbury.org

Tim Goodwin, Executive Director (860) 655-5580

Email: tgoodwin@communityfarmofsimsbury.org

WELL-A-WAY FARM

120 Terry's Plain Rd. Simsbury, CT (860) 651-7284 Open every day, 10-6

HORSE-BOARDING AND EQUITATION FACILITY. Specialized training is offered for the show jumping competitor plus private and group instruction in general horsemanship for riders of all ages and every experience level. Inquire about our 9 week summer equestrian camp.

While in town on or near Route 10/202, Hopmeadow Street, look for the Phelps Tavern Museum and Homestead (860) 658-2500, a museum complex interpreting 300 years of Simsbury's history, the Greenway network for hiking, biking and roller blading, the Farmington River for canoeing, kayaking, and rowing, and the nearby Drake Hill Flower Bridge. Parks in Simsbury include Stratton Brook State Park, McLean Game Refuge, Belden Forest, Penwood State Park, and Talcott Mountain State Park where you can climb to the Heublein Tower. For golf, visit Simsbury Farms golf course, one of the finest public golf courses in the state. For ice-skating, visit Simsbury Farms in the winter and the International Skating Center year round. At the Farmington River on Route 185, you can see the 300-year-old Pinchot sycamore tree, the largest tree in Connecticut.

Summer cultural events include the Talcott Mountain Music Festival (Hartford Symphony Orchestra) under the stars. Call 860-244-2999 or visit the website www.hartfordsymphony.org for programs and dates in June and July. Also enjoy the Simsbury Chamber Music Festival on Tuesday evenings in May (call 860-658-0866 or see www.simsburychambermusicfestival.com) and community band concerts every Wednesday in July at Simsbury Farms. Other events include Riversplash and in the fall come to Septemberfest and an annual arts and crafts festival. Don't miss Simsbury Celebrates in November, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. For theater, visit the Simsbury Light Opera Company (www.sloco.org) and the Theatre Guild of Simsbury (www.theatreguildsimsbury.org).

After visiting farms in Simsbury, you may be humming that old song, "How are you going to get them OFF of the farm after they've seen Simsbury?"!

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For further information, call (860) 658-4000 or visit www.simsbury/ct.gov Published by the Simsbury Tourism Committee Simsbury Tourism Committee P.O. Box 1015 Simsbury, CT 06070

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