

BILLINGS FARM & MUSEUM

2019 CALENDAR

Every day is special at Billings Farm & Museum! Enjoy an array of daily hands-on programs and demonstrations, or visit on one of our special event dates listed below.

Open Daily, April 1 – October 31 • 10:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.

April 1

Opening Day – 37th season! Visitors receive free ice cream.

April 19 & 20

Baby Farm Animal Celebration Meet the farm's newest additions during family-centered programs with our lambs, chicks, piglets, goats, and calves. Plant an heirloom seed to take home, and visit the 1890 Farm Manager's House and dairy bar.

April 21

Closed Easter Sunday

May 3 – October 25

Foodways Fridays Every Friday, discover how we use seasonal ingredients from our farm and gardens to make delicious recipes. See different culinary demonstrations each week.

May 12

Draft Animal Day Explore large animal power in the Billings Farm fields. Local teams of oxen, working steers, and draft horses will demonstrate throughout the day. *In honor of Mother's Day, mothers receive free admission.*

May 25 & 26

Sheep Shearing & Herding Watch the spring shearing of the farm's ewes and demonstrations of Border Collies herding sheep in the farm fields. Participate in hands-on wool activities.

June 16

Celebrate Father's Day Join us in playing historic base ball and making ice cream. *Fathers receive free admission.*

June 22 & 23

Dairy Celebration Days June is Dairy Month! Celebrate Vermont's distinctive dairy heritage during this two-day event. Sample delicious dairy products, help us make cheese, ice cream, and butter, and learn how goat milk is made into soap. *Sunday: Watch local students compete in the Youth Invitational Dairy Show.*

July 2 – August 20

Time Travel Tuesdays Join us in the 1890 Farm Manager's House on Tuesdays to experience late 19th-century chores and pastimes. There's plenty of work and fun for every age!

July 3 – September 18

Wagon Ride Wednesdays Wagon rides featured each Wednesday from 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

July 4

Old Vermont 4th A patriotic family celebration featuring the reading of the Declaration of Independence, a historic debate, wagon rides, making 1890 flags, spelling bees, sack races, playing historic base ball, and lots more.

July 21

National Ice Cream Day Help make and sample four flavors of ice cream as we celebrate the great American dessert; wagon rides around the farm.

July 27 – September 15

33rd Annual Quilt Exhibition This juried exhibition of colorful quilts made exclusively in Windsor County will celebrate 33 years of quilting excellence at the Billings Farm. Enjoy quilting demonstrations, programs and activities for children and adults.

July 27

Farm to Ballet • 6:30 P.M. This colorful ballet performance reinterprets classical pieces to tell the story of three seasons on a Vermont farm. Accompanied by a live string sextet playing Vivaldi. *Separate fee. Reservations recommended.*

August 4

Antique Tractor Day Tractors made between the 1920s and 1970s will be displayed from 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., by the proud and talented folks who restored them. *Watch the ever popular tractor parade at 1:00 P.M. Tractor-drawn wagon rides and tractor activities for everyone. Pedal tractor pulls for kids!*

October 5 & 6

Autumn Wagon Ride Weekend Take a narrated wagon ride around the Billings' fields at the height of fall foliage; enjoy farm programs and activities.

October 12 & 13

Harvest Festival Join us for a traditional Vermont harvest celebration with a husking bee and barn dance; cider pressing, harvesting root vegetables, "putting food by," and more. Hot spiced cider and doughnuts available.

October 27

A Family Halloween *Halloween fun for all ages!* Activities include doughnuts-on-a-string, pumpkin carving, Halloween tales, and lots more. Enjoy a tractor-drawn wagon ride around the farm. Visit the pumpkin patch and pick your own pumpkin! Costume parades at 12:00 and 2:00 P.M. *Children in costume admitted free when accompanied by an adult.*



2019 Winter Calendar

Open each weekend, November – February
10:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M.

November Weekends

November 2 & 3, 9–11, 16 & 17, 23 & 24

Enjoy the dairy farm and 1890 Farm Manager's House during the late fall – when the brilliance of foliage has softened and the weather is still pleasant; farm life exhibits, daily programs and activities.

Nov. 9–11: wagon rides around the farm (conditions permitting).

Thanksgiving Weekend

November 29–December 1

Discover how Thanksgiving was observed in rural Vermont in the 1890s. Enjoy the sights and scents of a traditional New England holiday while participating in programs, activities and wagon rides (conditions permitting).

Christmas at the Farm

December Weekends & Dec. 21–Jan. 1
(excluding Christmas Day)

Experience the traditions of a 19th-century Vermont Christmas. Visit the authentically decorated 1890 Farm Manager's House and the dairy farm for interactive programs; farm life exhibits, holiday programs and making historic ornaments. Don't miss a winter visit to the farm.

Dec. 26–Jan. 1: horse-drawn sleigh or wagon rides (conditions permitting).

Wassail Weekend

December 13, 14, & 15

Tour the festively decorated 1890 Farm Manager's House and farm barns; make a historic ornament as a memento of your visit.

Sunday: horse-drawn sleigh or wagon rides (conditions permitting).

2020 Winter Events

January & February Weekends

10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Visit the Jersey herd, draft horses, oxen, chickens, and sheep – inside for the winter – and tour the restored and furnished 1890 Farm Manager's House and farm life exhibits. A Place in the Land, our Academy Award®-nominee film is shown every hour in the theater. *January 18–20: Horse-drawn sleigh rides (conditions permitting), and in observance of the holiday, the award-winning documentary, A Time for Justice, will be shown on the hour.*

February Vacation Weeks

February 15–29, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Tour the dairy farm, farm life exhibits, and 1890 Farm Manager's House. Enjoy a presidential cookie favorite, hot spiced cider, and hands-on activities. Horse-drawn sleigh rides (conditions permitting).

