

BILLINGS FARM & MUSEUM

2020 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 10 – November 1 • 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.



April 10 & 11

Baby Farm Animal Celebration

Meet the farm's lambs, kids, chicks, piglets, and calves.
Closed Easter Sunday.

April 13

Free Ice Cream for Opening Day

Celebrate the beginning of our 38th season!

May 10

Draft Animal Day

Watch demonstrations by local teams of oxen, working steers, and draft horses. Happy Mother's Day!

Mothers receive free admission.

May 23 & 24

Sheep Shearing & Herding

See the spring shearing of the farm's ewes and herding demonstrations by Border Collies. Make wool crafts.

June 21

Celebrate Father's Day

Play historic base ball and make ice cream. *Fathers receive free admission.*

June 27 & 28

Dairy Celebration Days

Sample dairy products, make cheese, ice cream, and butter. *On Sunday, watch local youths compete in the Youth Invitational Dairy Show.*

July 4

Old Vermont 4th

A patriotic family celebration! Witness a reading of the Declaration of Independence and a historic debate. Make an 1890 flag. Join a spelling bee, wagon ride, sack race, and historic base ball game.

July 19

National Ice Cream Day

Make and sample ice cream. Take a wagon ride and play in an historic base ball game.

August 2

Antique Tractor Day

See restored antique tractors from 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Watch the afternoon tractor parade. Take a tractor-drawn wagon ride, and join tractor activities for all ages.

August 29

Pollination Celebration

Learn about bees, butterflies, moths, and more. Explore our Sunflower House in full bloom. Make crafts, enjoy honey tastings, and meet a beekeeper.

September 19

Traditional Crafts Day

See 19th-century New England craft demonstrations by regional artisans.

October 3 & 4

Wagon Ride Weekend

Enjoy fall foliage with a narrated wagon ride around the Billings' fields.

October 10 & 11

Harvest Celebration

Join our traditional Vermont harvest activities including a husking bee, a barn dance, and cider pressing. Sample hot spiced cider and doughnuts.

October 25

A Family Halloween

Children in costume admitted FREE! Costume parades at 12:00 and 2:00 P.M. Have fun playing doughnuts-on-a-string and carving pumpkins. Take a tractor-drawn hay ride.

July 18–August 23

34th Annual Quilt Exhibition

Explore the juried exhibition of locally-made quilts. Enjoy quilting demonstrations and activities for all.



Billings Weekly Programs

July 7–August 25

Time Travel Tuesdays

Experience late 19th-century chores and pastimes at the 1890 Farm Manager's House.

July 23–August 27

Thursday Threads

Celebrate the fiber arts with ongoing demonstrations of textile-related crafts such as weaving, knitting, spinning, felting or dyeing, and create a craft to take home.

July 8–August 26

Wagon Ride Wednesdays

Enjoy a wagon ride around the farm from 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

May 1–October 30

“Foodie” Fridays

Discover how we use seasonal ingredients from our farm and gardens to make delicious recipes. Culinary demonstrations and interactive garden programs.

Visit www.billingsfarm.org for more information about the **Billings Backyard Series** and **Junior Farmer Summer Camp** programs as well as other ongoing programs and events.

Joint Programs with the National Park

Take a guided tour incorporating locations at both Billings Farm & Museum and the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park. Combination ticket required for these two-hour programs. Space is limited. Reserve by calling 802-457-3368 x222.

Farm House/ Manor House

June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, 2:00 P.M.

Tour two unique homes – the 1890 Farm Manager's House and the Billings Mansion and learn what makes them so special.

Life & Death Tour

October 24, 2:00 P.M. & 5:00 P.M.
October 29, 5:00 P.M.
October 31, 2:00 P.M.

Guides share tales of the people who lived (and died) on the Billings Farm and estate. The tour also explores Victorian-era traditions and superstitions around death and mourning.

