

Farmer's Pantry

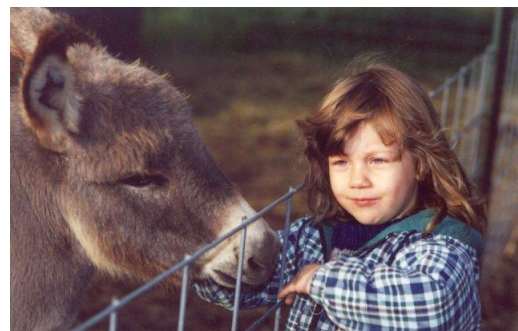
In a hurried world, when the cupboards are bare, your kids need something fun to do, and you need a change of pace, Farmer's Pantry offers a one-stop solution. Situated on a large apple farm near Clarksburg, it's a combination farm market, u-pick operation and educational centre. The farm is operated by Mike and Mary-Lynn Sheridan. Mary-Lynn explains that trying to sort out the conflicting needs of work and family in her own life was part

of the inspiration for the farm concept. At Farmer's Pantry you can grab a pie and buy your weekly supply of vegetables while your kids run around the orchard, visit the barnyard animals (donkeys, goats, sheep, rabbits, ducks and chickens), or watch a wildlife presentation. Take time to sit with a coffee and newspaper and enjoy the sounds of nature. It's a free and easy atmosphere. There's no gate fee and you're welcome to bring your own picnic. If you decide to pick apples there are no rules about how much time you spend in the orchard or how many apples you can taste-test.



The educational program, which has been growing steadily for the last few years, offers events on Saturday afternoons (July through September) at 1:00 p.m. The topics for summer 2010 include:

- *Snake senses (July 3 & August 14)*
- *Compass orienteering (July 10 & Aug 21)*
- *Astronomy in the orchard (July 17 & Aug 28)*
- *Raspberry festival (July 24)*
- *Cow day (July 31)*
- *Farmer's mini golf challenge (August 7)*
- *Candy apple clinic (September 4 and 11)*



This is a real working farm with 25,000 apples trees growing on 180 acres, plus u-pick raspberries, a market garden (with some pick-your-own vegetables), and livestock. Tours are available and all activities are posted on the website.

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