

Chatham Farm Tour

(Drive or Bike)
Chatham Farms Open Their Barn Doors
Saturday, September 24, 2011 10-4

Presented by: Chatham Agricultural Partnership

- 1) Kinderhook Farm Route 21 (at the end of Garner Rd.), Ghent With fields and operations spanning Ghent and Chatham, visit the center of activity to learn more about raising grass-fed black angus beef and free range chickens. A farm store will have beef and chicken for sale. Tours throughout the day.
- 2) Little Seed Farm 541 White Mills Road. A 97-acre family run farm tending vegetables, cover crops and pasture. Committed to agricultural practices that protect land and human resources, build biological diversity, and produce food for local communities. Little Seed is certified organic by N.O.F.A. NY.
- 3) Ooms Farm 215 Route 28A The largest dairy operation in Chatham, sells wholesale and is a multi-generational dairy farm in business in Chatham for over 50 years. There will be tours on the hour, and milking at 3:00.
- 4) Chatham Alpacas 29 Sullivan Road at Route 17. 917-373-8822. A herd of 40 alpacas will surely welcome your visit. Come enjoy the new alpaca babies as they romp and play. Beautiful alpaca yarn is available as well as raw fleece. Also open Sunday the 25th 10:00 4:00.
- 5) The Old Chatham Sheepherding Company 155 Shaker Museum Road Visit the largest dairy sheep operation in the country, for a self-guided tour, where they produce award winning artisanal cheeses and yogurts. The product is always available for sale in the Cheese Store. Observe the new born lambs. Milking at 3:30 in the main barn.
- 6) Little Brook Farm 548 Route 13 at Pitt Hall Road Welcome to one of the most diverse equine facilities in the nation. Established in 1977, LBF has successfully combined equine rescue with educational programs, including riding instruction. Demos will include vaulting and drill teams with hands-on activities and tours throughout the day.
- 7) Spruce Ridge Farm 434 Route 13 at Highland Road. 518-794-6294. A farm raising breeding and fiber alpacas, as well as pigs, chickens and cattle, with a farm shop full of soft alpaca apparel, toys and more. Local vendors, and demonstrations on weaving, spinning and face-painting for the kids. Food and restrooms available. Also open Sunday the 25th 10:00 4:00.
- 8) Highland Farms 395 Highland Road. Highland Farm raises chickens, heritage breed turkeys and heritage breed pigs, which are pasture-raised and fed local organic grains. They also pasture Black Angus for Kinderhook Farm in the summer months. Come visit the animals, tours throughout the day. Farm store open with their chickens, honey and maple syrup for sale and taking reservations for turkeys and pork.
- 9) Equine Advocates Safe Home Equine Rescue & Sanctuary 3212 Route 66 This beautiful farm provides a model for humane treatment of horses of all different types and with different needs. The mission is to educate people on how to properly care for, handle and socialize horses. Tours throughout the day.

Tour Hints:

The full circular route is approximately 28 miles, though you can start or stop anyplace. Lunch? Try the many good spots in Chatham or the Old Chatham Country Store. Food and restrooms also available at Spruce Ridge Farm.

