

McHenry County Illinois Farm Stroll 2015



Sunday, September 27, 2015 - From Noon to 5:30 p.m.

Farm Stroll is a self-guided tour of McHenry County's diversified family farms. There is no beginning or end of the tour: just choose the farms you wish to visit and go during the stroll's timeframe.

There is no charge for Farm Stroll. However, bring some cash; individual farmers will be selling products and produce.

Toilets will be available at select farms. Look for the designation within the descriptions in this booklet. Some farms will conduct tours at specific times.

For your safety, follow the farmers' instructions and be respectful of the animals. These are working farms; have control over small children at all times. Wash your hands after exposure to livestock. Wear sturdy shoes. Don't bring pets.

Cripple Creek Ranch Highlights:

Christy Bourbonnais is the owner/operator of Cripple Creek Ranch. Cripple Creek Ranch is a professional training and boarding facility that offers boarding, lessons, training, equine rehabilitation and clinics. She teaches Western riding lessons (with a bit of Dressage & Vaquero combined) mixed with old time cowboy/cowgirl wisdom, new age technology, holistic elements and natural horsemanship rolled into one package! She has learned from many in the horse industry including Ray Hunt, Martha Josey, Bryan Neubert, Buster McLaury, Craig Cameron, Richard Shrake, Charymane James and many more. She has taken what she has learned and combined it with her experiences and created an approach to working with horses and students in an easy, effective manner. Her style is soft yet gritty enough to get the job done, and not only develops the minds of the horse, but also looks at developing the character of the rider. She loves working with young students who would like to advance and gain equine scholarships. She has worked with various veterinarians and uses what she has learned to help rehab a horse back to health using many modern technologies and old school medicines. Christy has joined forces with Dr. Joe Peabody, DVM of Lake Geneva Veterinary Clinic and the two have created a unique equine program of feeding, rehab work, horse training and winning! They start about 15 to 20 colts a year and take in a variety of horses for training and showing. Christy ropes, barrel races, pole bends, and shows ranch horse classes. Dr. Peabody, DVM, ropes, runs cattle and shows in ranch horse classes. On top of it all, Christy is certified in Western Dressage and is a prestigious AQHA Professional Horseman.



During the McHenry County Farm Tour, Christy will have the facility open for guided tours, with various equine demonstrations. There are horses to pet, goats to see, cows to view and lots to learn about horses, veterinary work, Cowboy/Cowgirl wisdom and more! The tours/demonstrations are scheduled as follows:

12:00 - 1:00 Tour with Barrel Racing/Pole Bending Demonstration

1:30 - 2:30 Tour with Roping Demonstration

3:00 - 4:00 Tour with Cattle Work Demonstration

4:30 - 5:30 Tour with Ground Work Demonstration and Veterinary Rehabilitation Demonstration.

For more information about the tour or if you would like to volunteer with us, give us a call at 847 533-4513

Locations included in the farm stroll:

- A: Patyk's Farm, 8519 IL Route 173, Richmond, IL 60071
- B: Von Bergen's Market, 9805 Route 173 Hebron, IL 60034
- C: Harvard Eggs & Feed, 17205 McGuire Rd., Harvard, IL 60033
- D: Cashmore's Produce Ponics, 5116 Irish Ln., Harvard, IL 60033
- E: Cripple Creek Ranch, 23215 Graf Rd., Harvard, IL 60033
- F: ALsPACAs, 19860 Lembcke Rd., Harvard, IL 60033
- G: Nichols Farm, 23918 River Rd., Marengo, IL 60152
- H: RowSchell Ridge, 3350 Executive Dr., Marengo, IL 60152
- I: Cherry Lane, 18317 Garden Valley Rd., Marengo, IL 60152
- J: Prairie Sky Orchard, 4914 N. Union Rd., Union, IL 60180
- K: Loyola Retreat, 2710 S Country Club Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098



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