

# PRF Visitor and Usage Info

Peggy Rockefeller Farms (PRF) is a project of College of the Atlantic (COA) and is unique in that it exists to act as both an agricultural learning facility and a working production space. The farm encompasses several historic agricultural properties along Norway Drive and Crooked Road in Bar Harbor. Pastures, hay fields, wetlands, and forest are all represented in the property's landscape. An easement through the National Park Service governs its land usage and operations. Visitors from the COA community as well as the public are welcome to visit the farm provided they adhere to the following guidelines.

## Private Versus Public Spaces

PRF is a property of College of the Atlantic and is open to the public. However some spaces on the farm are private. The yellow 1930s farmhouse located at 538 Norway Drive belongs to the College but acts as the private living space for the farm manager and their family. The public is not permitted to enter this building, sit on the porches, or lounge in the lawn spaces immediately surrounding the house. The garden beds, outdoor furniture, and firepit here are for private use only. The barnyard areas, pastures, orchard, garden spaces and historic cemetery at this street address are accessible to the public via a pedestrian entrance across from Stone Barns or via a gate along the permanent fence behind the farmhouse. Visitors are permitted to walk through the backyard of the farmhouse to access this space. Other public access points to the other farm properties can be found via the driveway at our Crooked Road address and the parking area in front of the Delaitre Barn further down Norway Drive. Please note there is a paved private driveway next to the Delaitre Barn which is off limits. This driveway is identifiable by the family name and house number posted at its gated entrance.

## Visitor Hours

*Monday through Friday from sunrise to sunset.*

Peggy Rockefeller Farms will be closed to visitors on weekends, COA observed holidays, overnight, and in extreme weather events unless you have otherwise acquired permission from the manager. This is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our livestock and our visitors. We're adhering to these hours to ensure visitors are only around when the farm is fully staffed to assist in case of emergency. You may notice there is a gate at our Crooked Road address that leads to our main barnyard. This gate will remain closed during non-visitor hours. If this gate is closed our barnyard is closed to visitors at that moment; please do not open the gate to let yourself in.

## Parking

Visitors may come to the farm and park their vehicles/bikes provided they do not do so in such a way as to hinder daily farm activities. We ask that you park your vehicle in such a way as to not block barn doors, large pieces of equipment, or roadways from our employees. PRF is not responsible for the theft of any bikes/gear left unattended here for prolonged periods of time. PRF employees may ask you to move your vehicle if it is poorly placed.

## Navigating the Farm

Peggy Rockefeller Farms (PRF) sprawls across several properties along Norway Drive and Crooked Road in Bar Harbor. Driving may be required to reach each location unless you walk or bike along the public road. PRF is an approximately 15-minute drive from COA's main campus. Roads may be icy in cold conditions. None of the farm roads or parking lots are paved. Visitors may walk through any of the farm properties provided they do not cut through private property to reach these spaces and things are left in the condition they are found. There is not currently any trail system or map for PRF although we hope to develop one in the future. There is a public access gate available to our garden and orchard area located opposite of the Stone Barns parking lot. This entrance also allows access to the historic cemetery on the property. The Stone Barns property is not owned by COA but it is open to the public and it offers a lovely route of well maintained hiking trails that offer good views of the farm and Northeast Creek. Guidelines and rules for visiting that property are posted on the signage located there.

### **Prohibited Activities**

- Visitation outside designated hours and areas unless otherwise approved by the manager.
- Littering/dumping of any kind.
- Tampering with equipment, fences, or facilities, including but not limited to climbing fences, altering electrical fencing units, handling equipment, and opening up closed barns/sheds.
- Unleashed dogs. We love dogs but some have stronger prey drives than others. Please leash them to keep our animals safe and pick up all dog poop
- Smoking of any kind in barn areas.
- The consumption of alcoholic beverages on any farm property or in any barn structure or by anyone under the age of 21 during work hours. As a campus property, PRF follows COA's policies on alcohol and tobacco.
- Harassment of livestock and or employees including but not limited to unnecessary handling of animals and physical or verbal harassment of employees or visitors.
- Entrance into animal enclosures or feeding of livestock without manager supervision.
- Unauthorized use of farm vehicles.
- Consumption of farm produce not labeled as "pick your own" or "help yourself."
- Theft of farm property or goods. Forgetting to pay for farm products is a form of theft.

### **Purchasing Farm Products**

The farm produces a variety of products including organic eggs, organic poultry, organic lamb, grass fed beef, pork, fiber, and a range of produce. Those looking to purchase PRF products can find them at Beech Hill Farm Stand (seasonally), Town Hill Market, through MDI Farm Drop's website (during winter months), or through our seasonal roadside stand located at 538 Norway Dr (May-October). Purchases can also be made by reaching out to the manager April Nugent at [anugent@coa.edu](mailto:anugent@coa.edu) or 413-230-9670 to arrange pickup.

### **Independent Studies, Course Work, On-Farm Projects, and Facility Tours**

Two Google forms have been created to manage requests for class visits, guided tours of PRF, on farm projects, and independent studies. These forms can be found on our website

and are linked below. If your proposed farm visit or project does not require farm staff supervision or alter the daily functions of the farm, you do not need to complete these forms.

Sign-Up Form for Guided Tour and Class Visits:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfT7p0VkrLtF5qNqk1belk7wCXYHPy9-nYAF5uACQT2b58Tng/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfT7p0VkrLtF5qNqk1belk7wCXYHPy9-nYAF5uACQT2b58Tng/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Sign-Up Form for On-Farm Projects and Independent Studies:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVnVZIZx4iKSzDHGi1sE5WZa7gMGeLhPZjLuxD17d1VRPnkg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVnVZIZx4iKSzDHGi1sE5WZa7gMGeLhPZjLuxD17d1VRPnkg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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