

# An arfy woof to you and yours.

Time to meet the farm dogs. Indian Creek is home to a herd of heroic beasts. They are kind enough to let us live here and cater to their every whim. They used to help with deer and rabbits, but anymore they just pretend. They often sing with distant sirens. Then they nap again.



Their instinct is to protect the farm. They might trot up to you and bark, but they will not chase you away. Nonetheless, some of them are easier going than others—they probably lived very different lives before we adopted them through local shelters. Just ignore them if you are unsure. We do not expect problems, but please share your concerns with us.

# INDIAN CREEK FARM.

You pick fruits and vegetables. Open every day sunrise to sunset.



"ITHACA'S ORCHARD PLAYGROUND."

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# When to pick.

**WE GROW OVER 100 CROPS**—75 varieties of apples, pears, and peaches, and tons of other goodies. They all ripen at different times from July to November. Some years are up, some down. How can you keep track? What's ripe now?



## **YOU CAN SIGN UP FREE FOR FRESH CROP ALERTS!**

We'll email you when crops are ready. You won't miss your favorite local foods.

## **ISN'T THERE A CALENDAR?**

Sure, see our web site. But, remember: If you want to make Mother Nature laugh, tell her your plans.

## **BETTER TO STAY HUMBLE. GET FRESH CROP ALERTS.**

They're free. They're fun. And they are the best way to keep up with reality.

## **CROPS EBB AND FLOW.**

That's life on a small farm. The season is short and the

weather is weird. And that's why a whole mess of local food lovers have already subscribed to Fresh Crop Alerts.

**Sign up at the farm stand  
or the web site—it's free.**

[indiancreekithaca.com](http://indiancreekithaca.com)

# How to pick.

## **DO ask the stand worker which crops are ready to pick.**

There is variation even among varieties of the same fruits and vegetables. For example, yellow peaches versus white peaches, beefsteak tomatoes versus heirloom tomatoes.

## **DO NOT bite a piece of fruit then toss it on the ground.**

If you've picked before it is ripe, don't panic. A peach will be ripe in a few days and an apple will continue to sweeten. Take it home and eat it... or give it to your neighbor!

## **DO ask for picking tools and return them when done.**

Some items are best picked with clippers (eggplant), big loppers (sprouts), or those cool picking sticks (apples).

## **DO look for these ribbons in the Vintage Orchard:**

**ORANGE = McIntosh**

**YELLOW = Cortland**

**BLUE = Rome/Red Delicious**



**RED = Northern Spy**

## **DO pick with 2 hands.**

Before you pick an apple, steady the branch and the nearby apples with one hand, then gently twist with your picking hand. If you just grab and yank, other apples will fall and cause a chain reaction below. Imagine 500 people knocking a few apples off each time. Heartbreaking waste.



# The farm map.

**WELCOME TO THE 'CREEK.** Please hike around. Have a picnic. Drive carefully. Look out for kids, pets, tractors, and holes. It is a working farm; there are  and  around.

This map shows visitor roads (**YELLOW**) and work roads (///// **WORK ROAD**). Please keep vehicle traffic on visitor roads. You can walk along work roads; please stay clear of the work zones () to be extra safe.

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- P** **PARKING** – Use the main lot or park along the road where you're picking
- A** **PICNIC SITES** – Find one of the tables or pick a shady spot of your own
- I** **CHECK IN & OUT** – See the stand worker or use the after-hours pay slot
- ★** **LANDMARK** – Discover these special features and stay tuned for more
- W** **WORK BUILDINGS & ZONES** – Please stay clear of these for your safety
- /////** **WORK ROAD** – Do not drive on these roads, but you can walk along them



ROUTE 96 / TRUMANSBURG RD

Ithaca 2 mi

DUBOIS RD



WE ARE JUST 1/2 MILE NORTH OF THE HOSPITAL

TRUMANSBURG RD / ROUTE 96

T-burg 7 mi

# The dwarf orchard.

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19 (Mixed Pears – Reserved) 19

18 Honeycrisp Honeycrisp Gala 18

17 Spigold Splendour Enterprise Sir Prize Fuji 17

16 Prairie Spy Northern Spy Spartan Jonagold 16

15 Snowsweet Fortune Liberty Sweet 16 Autumn Gala 15

14 Early Fuji Macoun 14

13 Empire Honeycrisp 13

12 Dayton Jonamac NYS 674 Honeycrisp 12

11 Zestar Gingergold Akane 11

10 William's Pride Sansa Pristine 10

9 (Colonial Apples – Reserved) Gingergold 9

8 (English Pippins – Reserved) Elstar 8

7 (Russets – Reserved) Goldrush Sundance 7

6 (Heirlooms – Reserved) Pixie Crunch 6

5 (Heirlooms – Reserved) Sweet 16 5

4 (Heirlooms – Reserved) Winecrisp 4

3 Winecrisp & Company 3

2 The Gala Family 2

1 Ashmead & Friends 1



**There are 75 types of apples here in the Dwarf Orchard.**

They ripen at different times, so please ask at the farm stand which varieties are ready. We will circle them on your map.

**Pick an apple, take it home.**

Each one is precious. It took a long time to grow. Do not take a bite then throw it on the ground! Too mean! How would you like to be bitten and thrown away?

**Reserved = Please do not pick.**

It is very hard to tell when these special varieties are ripe. We'll pick them for the display down at the farm stand.

TO PLAYGROUND & VEGETABLES

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