

A woofy arf 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. They are getting old and the herd is down to Zorro and Katrina, the most easygoing ones. Just ignore them if you are unsure. Please keep your dog on a leash. We do not expect any 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.

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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.

Want to know when crops are ripe? Sign up for **FRESH CROP ALERTS:** indiancreekithaca.com/subscribe

-  **PARKING** - Use the main lot or park along the road where you're picking
-  **PICNIC SITES** - Find one of the tables or pick a shady spot of your own
-  **CHECK IN & OUT** - See the stand worker or use the after-hours pay slot
-  **LANDMARK** - Discover these special features and stay tuned for more
-  **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



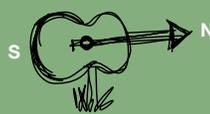
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Ithaca 2 mi

WE ARE JUST 1/2 MILE NORTH OF THE HOSPITAL

T-burg 7 mi



The dwarf orchard.

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TO EXIT ROAD

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	Gingergold 9
8	English Pippins	Elstar 8
7	Mixed Russets	Goldrush 7
6	Mixed Heirlooms	Pixie Crunch 6
5	Mixed Heirlooms	Sweet 16 5
4	Mixed Heirlooms	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

TO EXIT ROAD



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