

How to be safe.

Let's all have a safe season at The 'Creek. Please abide by these simple rules to be a good Farmketeer.

COVID HYGIENE—Protect yourself and others as follows:

- (1) Keep a **SAFE** social distance,
- (2) Wear your **MASK** when in closer quarters,
- (3) Monitor your **CHILDREN** to ensure they comply.

DOGS—We love dogs, but we do not encourage visitors to bring dogs these days. If you must bring your dog:

- (1) Keep your dog on a **LEASH** and attended at all times,
- (2) **CLEAN** up right away and take the waste with you,
- (3) Keep your dog out of the crop **FIELDS**; orchards only.

Remember, there are often crowds of people and vehicles around. Not everybody is comfortable with dogs. And, nobody (farmer or visitor) wants to step in waste as they wander. Thank you. An arfy woof to you and yours.

Our dogs live here on the farm and mostly lounge around. If they ramble up to you or bark, don't worry, they will not chase you away. Just ignore them if you are unsure.

DRIVE SLOWWWWWLY—The 'Creek is an active farm. There are people and animals and tractors and potholes and falling apples... lots to watch out for... and not run into. Go slowly. In the parking lot, on farm roads, even in your private fruit farm daydreams. You're on vacation here.

ORCHARD LADDERS—Do not climb a ladder if you find one in the orchard; they are for farm crew only. Instead use the short wooden "tripod" stools. Carefully!

INDIAN CREEK FARM.

You pick
fruits and
vegetables.
Open daily
June thru
November.

"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 June 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

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

- 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 19 Mixed Pears

18 Honeycrisp 18 Honeycrisp Gala 18

17 Spigold 17 Splendour Enterprise Sir Prize Fuji 17

16 Prairie Spy 16 Northern Spy Spartan Jonagold 16

15 Snowsweet 15 Fortune Liberty Sweet 16 15

14 Early Fuji 14 Macoun 14

13 Empire 13 Honeycrisp 13

12 Dayton 12 Jonamac Autumn Crisp Honeycrisp 12

11 Zestar 11 Gingergold Akane 11

10 William's Pride 10 Sansa Pristine 10

9 Colonial Apples 9 Gingergold 9

8 English Pippins 8 Elstar 8

7 Mixed Russets 7 Goldrush 7

6 Mixed Heirlooms 6 Pixie Crunch 6

5 Mixed Heirlooms 5 Sweet 16 5

4 Mixed Heirlooms 4 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?

It's especially tricky to tell when the various pears are ready.

Ask which pears are ready to pick. You can't tell by just looking or squeezing. Don't squeeze!

TO PLAYGROUND & VEGETABLES

TO EXIT ROAD

TO MUTSUS & VEGETABLES

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