

# 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.

**(1) ENTERING & EXITING THE FARM**—Every year we witness **multiple accidents as vehicles enter and exit** the farm in an unsafe manner. Slow down on the highway well in advance of our property and use your turn signal. If you miss the entry, keep driving until it is safe to turn around. As you exit, check carefully for traffic. Do not exit unless the road is completely clear.

**(2) TAKING THE BUS & (NOT!) WALKING THE HIGHWAY**—If you want to take the bus from town, catch the Route 21 bus right to the farm. The Route 14 line ends at the hospital, and **walking on the highway is very dangerous**. If you must walk on the highway, walk against traffic. The bus stop to get back to Ithaca is in front of the farmstand.

**(3) DRIVING ON THE FARM... SLOWLY!** Indian Creek is an active working farm. There are people and animals and tractors and potholes and falling apples. There is a lot to watch out for... and not crash into. Go slowly in the parking lot, farm roads, everywhere. **You're on vacation here.**

**(4) LADDERS & STOOLS**—Be careful when using wooden "tripod" stools and small ladders. **Do not climb a tall ladder** if you find one in the orchard. These are for farm crew only.

**(5) COVID PROTOCOLS**—All farmstand staff are fully vaccinated. The farm is an outdoors experience and masks are not required. **We recommend that everyone practice social distancing** in the farmstand area and that non-vaccinated people wear masks when at the farmstand.

# INDIAN CREEK FARM.

U-pick fruits & vegetables, June–October, open to the public every day except Mondays.

"ITHACA'S ORCHARD PLAYGROUND."

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# Map.



NURSERY

Orchard of the Future

Asian Pears

Playground & Picnic Area

Pumpkins Squash

Grapes

Honeycrisp

Peaches

Vintage Orchard

Donut Peaches

Private Residence and Conservation Forest

Garlic

Tomatoes Eggplant Peppers

Brussels

Raspberries 2

Mutsu Orchard

Dwarf Orchard

SEE APPLE & PEAR LIST ON NEXT PAGE

Raspberries 1

Vintage Orchard

Bartlett Pears

Vintage Orchard

Bartlett Pears

NURSERY

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## PLEASE BE SAFE

You may drive on the **MAIN ROAD** shown in **YELLOW**. Slowly!

Do not drive on the **WORK ROADS** shown in **GRAY**, but you may walk along them. Carefully!

Peaches

Orchard of the Future

Peaches

Strawberries

NURSERY

EXIT

ENTER

Farmstand

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NURSERY

**TRUMANSBURG ROAD (NYS ROUTE 96)**

**DUBOIS RD**

Ithaca 2 mi



WE ARE ABOUT 1/2 MILE NORTH OF THE HOSPITAL

T-burg 7 mi

# Dwarf Orchard list.

FIND THE  
DWARF ORCHARD  
ON FARM MAP

← EAST SIDE / DOWNHILL

UPHILL / WEST SIDE →

- 1 **Ashmead's Kernel**
- 2 **Galarina**
- 3 **Winecrisp**
- 4 **Mixed Heirlooms - Winecrisp**
- 5 **Mixed Heirlooms - Sweet 16**
- 6 **Calville Blanc - Mixed Heirlooms - Pixie Crunch**
- 7 **Roxbury - Golden Russet - Margil - Goldrush - Sundance**
- 8 **Ashmead's Kernel - Pixie Crunch - Elstar**
- 9 **Newtown - Early Fuji - Jefferies - St Edmund's - Gingergold**
- 10 **William's Pride - Sansa - Pristine**
- 11 **Golden Delicious - Gingergold - Akane**
- 12 **Dayton - Jonamac - Autumn Crisp - Honeycrisp**
- 13 **Empire - Honeycrisp**
- 14 **Early Fuji - Macoun**
- 15 **Snowsweet - Fortune - Liberty - Sweet 16**
- 16 **Prairie Spy - Northern Spy - Spartan - Jonagold**
- 17 **Spigold - Splendour - Enterprise - Sir Prize - Fuji**
- 18 **Honeycrisp**
- 19 **Mixed Pears (all other rows are apples)**

**Varieties ripen at different times!** Ask at the farm stand and we will circle the varieties that are ready for you. **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?

## How to pick apples & pears.

**DO NOT PICK ANY APPLES OR PEARS THAT YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO PURCHASE!**

**Use two hands!** Hold the branch steady with one hand and remove the fruit by gently twisting it with the other hand.

**Please do NOT** pick apples or pears and toss them on the ground – choose your fruit carefully and treat it with love!

**Pears are usually best** if they are picked when they are hard and allowed to soften off the tree.

**IMPORTANT: Do NOT hit, shake, pull on, or climb the trees. Fruit trees are fragile, and they are easily damaged or broken. It took us at least 10 years to make these trees!**



*Use two hands to pick fruit.*

## How to pick peaches.

**DO NOT PICK ANY PEACHES THAT YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO PURCHASE!**

**Use two hands!** Hold the branch steady with one hand and remove the fruit by gently twisting it with the other hand.

**Look for fruit that is full color,** that is, golden or pink. Do not pick fruit that is showing any remaining green. Full-colored fruit will soften in a day or two on your counter.

**Please do not squeeze the fruit.** This will damage it. Just look for the ripe, peachy color.

**Please do NOT** pick peaches and toss them. Peaches are precious!



*Do not take a bite and discard!*

**IMPORTANT: Please do NOT hit, shake, pull on, or climb the peach trees. Peach trees are extremely fragile, and they are easily damaged or broken in half. A broken peach tree will never make peaches again. It took us at least 10 years to make these trees!**



# How to pick vegetables.

**DO NOT PICK ANY PRODUCE THAT YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO PURCHASE!**

We charge the same price per pound for tomatoes, sweet peppers, hot peppers, and eggplants. Feel free to mix them up in your basket!



Allow produce to "size up" before picking!

**Please do NOT** pick produce before it is mature, e.g., no baby eggplant!

**Please treat the plants gently.** Hold the plant steady with one hand and remove the vegetable with the other hand to avoid tearing off branches or uprooting the whole plant.

**Dogs are NOT permitted** in the vegetable fields or berry patches. This is for sanitary reasons.

# How to pick flowers.

**DO NOT PICK ANY FLOWERS THAT YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO PURCHASE!**

**Use scissors.** Do not tear flowers from the plant with your bare hands. You can usually find a stash of scissors in the corner of the field. If they are gone, ask at the stand. Please return the scissors!



A handful of flowers fits in one hand.

**Please cut stems, not branches.** These plants will produce flowers until November if treated kindly.

**Use walkways** in the field and do not leave children unattended.

**Vases are for sale** at the stand.

**We charge by the handful – not armful!** You will get more in your handful if you remove leaves as you pick. Ask about bucket pricing!

# Farm rules & manners.

**KINDNESS**—This farm is our home, and we have opened it to you. Please remember that you are a guest. **Be nice!**

**PARKING**—You can look for designated parking areas on the map, or you can find a clear patch of grass. Please be sure to park **fully off the road!** We need to keep roads clear for everyone and be able to move farm equipment freely.

**DOGS**—Dogs are permitted but not encouraged. You must keep your dog **on a leash at all times and pick up after it.** Dogs are permitted only in the grassy orchards; do not bring your dog into crop fields – vegetables, pumpkins, strawberries, raspberries, flowers – or the farm stand area.

**TRASH**—Please carry **all your trash** out of the orchards and fields. If you see a large wooden bin sitting empty in the orchard, this is not a trash bin. It is a bin that is waiting to be filled with fresh apples.

**PICKING**—Please pick **only crops that we say are ready.** Please do not pick unripe crops. Let's allow all crops to size up properly so everyone has a shot at good picking.

## Want first pick?

Things move fast on a small farm! If you sign up for our famous **FRESH CROP ALERTS**, you won't miss your favorite local foods:

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

## Want to grow your own fruit trees?!

Order apple, pear, peach, plum, apricot, and cherry trees from **CUMMINS NURSERY**, our sister business, and start your orchard:

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