

THE FARM AT PROPHETSTOWN



A 1920's Farmstead Highlighting
Sustainable Agriculture,
Homesteading, Heirloom Gardening,
and Farm to Table Cooking

2017 EVENT SCHEDULE

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Located in Battle Ground, Indiana, The Farm at Prophetstown offers a unique experience on all aspects of farm life. Programs revolve around the 1920's farms as they began their transition from animal to tractor power. The Farm is a training farm for sustainable agriculture, homesteading, gardening, canning, as well as farm-to-table cooking, sewing and quilting. It draws on a wide range of resources such as beekeepers, master gardeners, farm experts, and home economics experts. Admission is free with state park entry except for special programming and workshops.

2/12 Explore Seed Saving - Join us for information, tips, and FREE heirloom seeds from our new seed library. Learn about the importance of saving seeds and how you can get involved! Start your own heirloom garden. Find out when to plant your seeds and how. An informative seed talk will be given at 2:00pm. *FREE with park admission.* Stop in anytime between 2:00-4:00pm.

3/25-3/26 Maple Sugaring at the Village - Join us in the Native American village at Prophetstown State Park for the third annual maple sugaring demonstration. Visitors will see, smell, and taste history during this event. Woodland Indian Educational Program presenters, Jessica and Mark Eaton, will demonstrate historic Native American-style maple sugaring techniques using clay vessels, hot stone boiling, and evaporation in metal kettles. Help stir the sap, tend the fire, taste the treats, and more. *FREE with park admission.* For more information, call 765-567-4919 or email amanuel@dnr.in.gov

3/25 Maple Treats - In celebration of Maple Sugaring at the Village, stop at The Farm for maple treats. We will have maple fudge and our very own maple bacon popcorn for guests to purchase. Maple leaf coloring sheets will be available for kids. Explore The Farm and check out Maple Sugaring in the park. *FREE with park admission.* Noon-3:00pm.

3/26 Making Maple Leaves - Stop at The Farm and make your own maple leaf from clay. Take home your work and turn your maple leaf into a keepsake. This is a great activity for children! *FREE with park admission.* Noon-2:00pm.

4/8 Homesteading: Fermented Foods - Do you love the tangy taste of fermented foods? Learn how to multiply those tasty microorganisms in your own kitchen! Come to this workshop to learn about the basics of fermentation, and apply that knowledge to make yogurt, sauerkraut, and sourdough starter. Participants will go home with samples of each project. Registration required. \$20 per person. Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot! 1:00-3:00pm.

4/9 Mini Morning - Meet our mini horses! Get the chance to pet Mr. Bojangles and our newest mini, Hope. Learn about what mini horses were used for in the 1920's. Have your picture taken with our minis. *FREE with park admission.* 10:00-11:00am.

4/22 Homesteading: Beer Brewing - Beer is a part of our history and has been around for centuries. Learn how to brew your own beer at home. Impress your friends with your very own brew. Sample homebrewed beer. Must be 21 or older to participate. Valid ID required. Registration required. \$20 per person. Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot! Noon-3:00pm.

4/29 Right Steps Run 5K/10K Walk/Run - Spend your morning in a fun and healthy way – all while supporting children in families who need help to afford high quality child care. Right Steps' mission is to provide and advocate for quality child care and early education for all. Please help us make that happen! For more details and to register, visit www.rightstepscdc.org/ Race begins at Prairie View Picnic Area. Event starts at 9:00am.

4/29 Sewing with Kids - Staff member Shawn Gillen will be on hand teaching the basics of embroidery. This class will give children the opportunity to try sewing on their very own hoop. Space is limited; first come, first serve. *FREE with park admission.* 1:00-2:00pm.

4/30 Tractor or Automobile - In the 1920's, Americans embraced new technologies which promised to reduce their labor or provide new leisure diversions. Economic restraints forced many local households to debate the purchase of an automobile or tractor. Would a new auto change a farm family's, economic activities? Would a tractor replace the farm horses, reduce the hours of farm labor and increase crop production? Join us in the debate! *FREE with park admission.* 1:00-2:00pm.

5/6 1920's Life in Motion - What was it like to live on a 1920's farmstead? Find out and see The Farm come alive! Demonstrations, hands on experiences, and old fashioned family fun. *FREE with park admission.* Noon-3:00pm.

5/6 Meet the Clydesdales - Come and say hello to two gorgeous Clydesdale horses, Barney and Mike. They often pull our trolley, but will be available for photos and your affection. See these beautiful giants in person and chat with Karen Cadle about what it takes to raise them. *FREE with park admission.* Noon-2:00pm.

5/13 Native Wildflower & Plants Sale - Sponsored by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, buy straight out of the greenhouse! Join us from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Visitor Center for our Annual Plant Sale. Over 40 native plant species of wildflowers and grasses to choose from. Prices range from \$2 to \$5 for each plant or plug. *FREE with park admission.* For more information call 765-567-4919 or email amanuel@dnr.in.gov.

5/13 Heirloom Vegetable and Herb Plant Sale - The Farm will be selling heirloom vegetable plants and herbs grown in the DNR greenhouse. Your purchase supports The Farm at Prophetstown. Stop in at the DNR Visitors Center to purchase your plants. *FREE with park admission.* 9:00am-4:00pm.

5/13 Sheep Shearing - Come watch as our sheep get hand sheared for summer. Pat and Harold Dorrell will be on hand to demonstrate shearing, spinning wool and to offer information about raising sheep. Pat and Harold are both retired educators who own Simple Soapworks and Farm Yarns. They travel the Midwest selling their homemade products! Stop in to see this special demonstration. *FREE with park admission.* 10:00am-Noon and 1:00-3:00pm.

5/20 Homesteading: Poultry, the Basics - Interested in raising poultry? Learn the basics of raising your own flock. Chickens, ducks and turkeys will be covered in this intro session. *FREE with park admission.* 11:00am-Noon.

5/21 Quilting Demonstration - Members and friends of the Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild will demonstrate stitching on a quilt made of fabrics in mid-19th century style. Visitors are welcome to join in and try out this traditional craft. *FREE with park admission.* 10:00am-4:00pm.

5/21 Music on the Porch - Steve and Jenny Moss play old-timey fiddle and banjo music with accompaniment on the guitar and even the musical spoons. The era of their favorite music, early 20th century, fits just right on the front porch of the Gibson Farmhouse. Steve and Jenny met playing music and have been in harmony together for over 25 years. They have appeared at folk festivals and concert stages across the Midwest. *FREE with park admission.* 1:00-2:00pm.

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5/27 Farm Breakfast - Enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet served in the Gibson Farmhouse. Try a sampling of breakfast favorites, raised right on our farm. Served with all the fixins! Contact The Farm for menu details. Reservations required. Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot. \$12 per person, includes park admission. Children 3 and under eat free. 8:30-10:30am.

6/3 Family Day - Please join us for a fun filled day on The Farm! We will have demonstrations, music, games, farm play sets, food, plenty of animals to see and more. Don't forget to join us for the pie eating contest at 12:00pm! Scott Greeson has performed all around the Midwest and will be putting on a show in our barn from 1:00-3:00pm. Stop in and see a fabulous show! *FREE event with park admission.* 10:00am-4:00pm. Horse drawn trolley rides will be available throughout the day for \$4 per person. Children 5 and under ride FREE.

6/4 Homesteading: Hereford Cattle - Come to The Farm to meet one of the best Hereford breeders in the country. Ted Hunt will be on site to tell you everything you need to know about Herefords and raising cattle. Ted is the owner of Hunt Bros. Herefords, and has been raising cattle since 1946. Meet our cattle and enjoy a nice morning on The Farm! *FREE with park admission.* 1:00-2:00pm.

6/10 Homesteading: Dairy Goats and the American Farmstead - Angelia Mercer, owner/operator of Still Waters Farm LLC of Danville, IN, will speak about the significance of the dairy goat in the early American farmyard. She will have a dairy goat on hand for guests to see. This discussion will include a milking demonstration and address basic husbandry practices pertinent to dairy goats. *FREE with park admission.* Noon-2:00pm.

6/17 "Chasing Clouds" Kids Triathlon - Youngsters, join us for a morning fill with swimming, biking, and running! The swimming portion has a fun twist because it's held at the aquatic center, and that means you'll be going down the tube slide too! Proceeds benefit Prophetstown's Interpretive Services Fund for Education, Arts, Culture and History Programs. Participants receive a gift bag with performance t-shirt AND will be signed up for a drawing of fun prizes and more! For more details, call 765-567-4919 or email amanuel@dnr.in.gov Race begins at the Aquatic Center. Event starts at 9:00am.

6/23 Farm Dinner - Enjoy a 5 course meal in the 1920's Gibson Farmhouse, featuring fresh ingredients from The Farm. Socialize and make new friends! Reservations required. Space is very limited. *Vegetarian options available. Please specify with your reservation. \$50 per person. Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot. 6:00-8:00pm.

6/25 Handkerchief Dolls - Try your hand at making a handkerchief doll. These dolls have been made for hundreds of years. Learn the history behind the doll and take home your work. *FREE with park admission.* 11:00am-Noon.

6/26/17-6/29 Hands-on History Day Camp - Does your outdoorsy kid need something to do during their summer break? Prophetstown State Park is offering a summer day camp for 7-11 year olds to explore different kinds of history – nature, culture, geology, and farm history. Camp runs from Monday, June 26th thru Thursday, June 29th. Cost is \$50/child, and **ADVANCED REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT IS REQUIRED** by calling 765-567-4919 or email amanuel@dnr.in.gov 9:30am-3:30pm.

7/1 Iced Tea on The Porch - Relax and sip refreshing iced tea on our porch. We will be serving up different teas for you to enjoy. Find out the many uses for tea and what common plants can make great teas! *FREE with park admission.* Noon-2:00pm.

7/2 Sears and Roebuck Catalog Exploration - The Sears and Roebuck catalog provided unprecedented access to household necessities and amenities. The availability of these factory made goods lessened rural isolation and narrowed the differences between city and country life. Explore the Gibson Farmhouse and discover the variety of household goods from the "wish" book. Examine catalog ads and see the appeal of Mr. Sears' innovative marketing. *FREE with park admission.* Noon-2:00pm.

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7/9 Homesteading: Shetland Sheep - Bernie and MaryAnn Cripe will be on hand to share information on Shetland Sheep. Meet a ewe lamb! See examples of handspun yarns and clothing. Bernie Cripe will review how to raise happy and healthy sheep. *FREE with park admission.* 1:00-3:00pm.

7/22 Homesteading: Beekeeping at The Farm - Enjoy a talk about beekeeping on The Farm, led by our volunteer beekeepers. Explore equipment and techniques from the 1920's, to present day. Take a trolley ride to see our working hives! If honey is available, try different techniques of extracting honey from the combs. *FREE with park admission.* 10:00am-Noon.

7/29 Ice Cream Social - Try our very own homemade ice cream! Made with eggs raised on our farm. This is a truly special ice cream experience. Supplies will be limited. \$3 per cone. Noon-2:00pm.

8/6 Homesteading: Vegetable Juice - Back by popular demand, learn how to can your own vegetable juice. Our Executive Director, Leslie Martin Conwell, will be teaching this introductory canning class. Each participant will receive juice to take home. Registration required. \$15 per person. Please call 765-567-4700 to book your spot. 1:00-5:00pm

8/12 Music of the 1920's - In the 1920's, many farm homes boasted of a piano and a Victrola. Home entertainment was still very popular. Join us in the Gibson Farmhouse for an afternoon of musical exploration! How had the radio influenced musical interest? Who were the popular artists of the 1920's? Try your hand at our player piano and listen to music from our Victrola. *FREE with park admission.* Noon-1:00pm.

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8/19 Celebration of Pork - New this year, The Farm will be sharing our love of pork with the community. Sample several pork themed dishes, learn how to make your own sausage and more! This event will be presale ONLY. Space is limited. Ticket price includes food and nonalcoholic beverage! Come hungry and pig out with us. \$12 per person, plus park admission. Call 765-567-4700 to get your tickets. 6:00-8:00pm

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8/28 Butterfly Run: 5K Walk/Run - Support the Guardian Angel Hospice organization! Join us for this unique event, which raises awareness of grief/loss and raises funds for Camp Angel and other family bereavement services. For more details, and to register visit www.guardianangelhospice.com. Race begins at the Prairie View Picnic Area. Event starts at 5:00pm.

9/9 Country Fair - Join us for an exciting day on The Farm! Enjoy great music, food, games, vendors, demonstrations, antique tractors, tour the Gibson Farmhouse, and the Battle Ground Saddle Club will be on hand to show off different horse breeds! Pie eating contest at 12:00pm. \$5 per car, plus State Park admission. 10:00am-4:00pm

9/10 Homesteading: Raising and Caring for Rabbits - Hop on over to the barn to meet our rabbits! Learn about the New Zealand breed, get your photo taken with a rabbit and learn about general rabbit care. Great for kids! *FREE with park admission.* 11:00am-Noon.

Discover the farm and celebrate the gift of this land!

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9/16/17-9/17/17 Archaeology Weekend - Archaeology can help tell the history of a site or an event. Join us for a look at natural and cultural displays that highlight artifacts and other items found at Prophetstown. Hands-on activities for all ages. *FREE with park admission.* For more information call 765-567-4919 or email amanuel@dnr.in.gov.

9/16 Pieces of Time: Archaeology on The Farm - Examine early 20th century artifacts found in a privy at a Tippecanoe County farm site. What do the broken pieces of ceramics reveal about the life of the farm family? *FREE with park admission.* Noon-4:00pm.

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10/8 Fall Scavenger Hunt - Bring the kids up to The Farm for a fun filled scavenger hunt. Find all of the items on The Farm and get a treat! *FREE with park admission.* Noon-2:00pm.

10/14 Cornhusk Dolls - Farm staff will be teaching the art of cornhusk dolls. Enjoy this old time tradition and learn the history behind this historic toy. Take your doll home! *FREE with park admission.* 1:00-2:00pm.

10/15 Homesteading: Preparing Your Flock for Winter - Raising chickens and other backyard birds has become a very popular trend in the past year. Learn how to take care of your flock in the changing weather conditions, as well as general flock health. Know what to look for and what to expect! *FREE with park admission.* Noon-1:00pm.

10/20-10/22 Fall Funfest: A Harvest Celebration - Join us for a weekend of fun fall festivities - Halloween activities in the campground, fun at The Farm, a hike to see scarecrows along the bicycle trail, a hayride through the prairie, or take a step back in time at the Native American village to enjoy a harvest celebration. *FREE with park admission.* For more information, call 765-567-4919 or email amanuel@dnr.in.gov

10/21 Fall Funfest on The Farm - Stop in and celebrate Fall Funfest weekend. Try your hand at making a cornhusk doll or a fun mask! We will have *FREE* popcorn and cider available. Decorate a mini pumpkin for \$2 each. *FREE with park admission.* 11:00am-3:00pm

10/21 Barn Dance and Harvest Celebration - Join us for our annual Barn Dance and help us celebrate the harvest of our crops! Scott Greeson shares his musical talents all over the Midwest, but will be performing in our barn from 6:30-8:30pm. We will have a silent auction to support The Farm and activities for children. Come hungry, as we will have our very own farm chili for sale, as well as pumpkin and French silk pie. Bring your camper chair for extra seating. Enjoy this annual evening of family fun! \$5 per car, plus park admission. Trolley rides will be available for \$3 per person, children 5 and under ride *FREE.* 6:00-9:00pm

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10/28 Trick-Or-Treating with the Animals - Come dressed in your costume and share this festive weekend with our animals. Find each station on The Farm and receive a treat. Learn about how trick-or-treating came to be. Several of our animals will be in costume, so don't miss this fun event! *FREE with park admission.* 1:00-3:00pm

11/5 Celebrate Veterans Day - Remember the lives of American servicemen and their families in World War I. Hear the words of a young Tippecanoe soldier exchanged between him and his father. Reflect on the tragedy and triumph of their long ago sacrifice. *FREE with park admission.* 10:00-11:00am.

11/2 Egg Ornaments - Learn how to make beautiful ornaments from real eggs! We will use duck eggs, raised right on our farm. These ornaments make beautiful gifts. Registration required. \$5 per person. Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot. 11:00am-Noon.

12/10 Christmas Traditions - Red was the popular color choice for Christmas decorations in the 1920's, but were electric lights or candles used on Christmas trees? Did friends exchange postcards or greeting cards? Visit the Gibson farmhouse to experience a 1920's Christmas. Learn how to make traditional 1920's paper decorations and feature them on your tree! Registration required. \$5 per person. Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot. 1:00-3:00pm.



The Farm at Prophetstown is located at 5545 Swisher Road, West Lafayette, Indiana and is a non-profit organization operating 100 acres of land leased from Prophetstown State Park. Our staff is dedicated to showing, sharing, and teaching about historic agriculture and the homesteading arts.

Come to the Gibson Farmhouse to check availability for beef, pork, eggs, seasonal produce, and other items.

See more at: prophetstown.org

Like what you see? Want to get involved? Volunteer applications available at:

Events@prophetstown.org

