

Ventura County Agricultural Tours

Compiled by the Ventura Visitors & Convention Bureau



BEYLIK FAMILY FARMS

890 Oak Avenue

Fillmore, CA 93015 (805) 524-5533

Contact: Scott Beylik

Hydroponically grown tomatoes. Tours may be arranged by appt. Group size 20-25.

Tour length: 30 min. to 1 hour. Fee negotiable.

BROKAW NURSERY, INC.

1419 Lirio Avenue

Saticoy, CA 93004 (805) 647-2262

Contact: Larry Rose or Shelly Berg

Avocado and citrus propagation. Agricultural tours only. Two weeks advance

notice required. Open 9 am - 2pm Mon. - Fri. Up to 30 guests. No fee. Tour length: 40 min.

CALAVO GROWERS

655 West Main Street

Santa Paula, CA 93060 (805) 525-4461

Contact: Mike Derr

Avocado packinghouse. 20-25 minutes of orientation, then a walk-through of plant to see how avocados are packed. Up to 40 in a group. 5 day advance notice requested. Tours offered 8am - 3pm Mon.-Fri. No fee. Tour length: 1 hour.

CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

College Park

3250 South Rose Avenue

Oxnard, CA 93033 (805) 385-4739

Contact: Patrick Mullin

California's "Strawberry Coast" comes alive at this annual event held the 3rd weekend in May each year. Experience anything and everything strawberry at this popular festival which includes great food, live entertainment, kids activities, arts and crafts and much, much more. The hours of the festival are 10am to 6:30pm on both Saturday and Sunday.

CENTRAL MARKET

Central Avenue & 101 Freeway

Camarillo, CA 93010 (805) 983-1211

Contact: Phil McGrath

Family owned & operated. Locally grown vegetables & citrus in season. Oranges, lemons, lettuce, cauliflower, broccoli, tomatoes, strawberries, grapefruit, honey, flowers, assorted fruits. Wagon rides mid-February through Halloween. Special quantity rates for produce. Agricultural tours, two weeks advance notice required. No fee.

FAULKNER FARMS (University of California Davis Hansen Trust Agriculture Learning Center)
14292 West Telegraph Road
Santa Paula, CA 93060

Contact: Susana Bruzzone-Miller, RD

The Faulkner Farm, purchased by the UC Hansen Trust in 1997, serves as the main venue for the agricultural and educational activities of the Trust. The farm has an interesting history and continues to be farmed. The staff is presently growing crops for educational field trips and other demonstrations. The research area of the farm is being utilized for various variety trials (to see what does best in this soil and climate conditions) and irrigation trials. The Trust is also continuing the long standing Faulkner Farm tradition of a Fall pumpkin patch

FILLMORE INSECTORY

1003 Sespe Avenue
Fillmore, CA 93015 (805) 524-2733

Contact: Monty Carpenter

The insectory rears beneficial insects that are released in Citrus groves to control red scale and black scale that get in citrus. Visit culture rooms and learn about the rearing process. Part of the Citrus Protective District. Groups between 3-40. At least 2 days advance notice, appointments needed. Open 8am - 4pm Mon.-Fri. Tour length: 30-45 minutes. No fee.

FILLMORE FISH HATCHERY

LOCATED EAST OF CITY LIMITS ON FISH HATCHERY RD.

805-524-0962

The hatchery is open 365 days a year. Watch as the fish are fed 2,000 lbs of food per day. This is a state run working facility. Visitors can view the long fish ponds on self-guided tours. There is also a pond, and bird viewing is allowed. No fishing allowed. Open daily: 7am-3:30pm

FRIEND'S RANCH

15150 Maricopa Highway
Ojai, CA 93023 (805) 646-2871

Contact: Emily Ayala

The ranch offers different tours of citrus groves every Spring season. They also invite the public to stop by their packing house from 7am to 2pm every Tuesday and Friday when they are there. Tours also available by appointment.

LIMONEIRA TOURS

1141 Cummings Road
Santa Paula California 93060
Contact: Customer Service 866-321-9995

Limoneira Company was established in 1893 and now encompasses over 7000 acres of agricultural production. Citrus Packing House Tours, Citrus Ranch Tour. Sustainability Tour at 5 acre solar orchard, 12 international bocce ball courts among the lemon groves. Jeep Tours. Hot Air Ballooning and Gourmet Orchard Dining (depending on weather). Special one-of-a-kind Wedding and Corporate Event venues. Please check website or call customer service for details

www.limoneiratours.com.

McGRATH FAMILY FARMS

1012 W. Ventura Blvd.
Camarillo, CA 93010 (805) 485-4210
Contact: *Paul McGrath*

McGrath Family Farms is an organic vegetable farm, established in 1871 by and Irish immigrant named Dominick. Of the 300 acres on the ranch, Philip (Farmer Phil) grows an extensive array of seasonal vegetables. Year round vegetables grow on 24 acres with an additional 4 acres of strawberries and 17 acres of lemons. Minimum tour group size is 20 and maximum is 80. The cost is \$7/person and average tour time is 1 hour. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday are best at farm. Spring is optimal season, winter is weather permitting, and fall is all about pumpkins.

NATURIFE BERRY GROWERS

950 Industrial Ave.
Oxnard, CA 93030 (805) 487-3915
Contact: *Jack Suhama*

Strawberries in season April-July. Tours arranged with two weeks advance notice. No fee.

NEW OAK RANCH

9599 Ojai-Santa Paula Road
Ojai, CA 93023 (805) 640-1189 or (805) 640-1189
Contact: *Karen Evenden*

24 acres of lavender, Ojai Pixie tangerines, olives and walnuts. Tours are available by appointment.

OJAI CERTIFIED FARMERS MARKET

300 E. Matilija Street
Ojai, CA 93023 (805) 698-5555
Contact: *Cynthia Korman*

Open every Sunday, rain or shine, from 9am to 1pm. Locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables harvested daily. You may also find: jams, honey, bees wax candles, fresh seafood, breads, olive oil, free-range eggs, nuts and dried fruit, fresh cut flowers, plants, orchids, drought tolerant native plants, homemade soaps, cheese, seedlings, herbs, olives, dog treats, lavender and organic meats (duck, chicken, pork, lamb and goat). Tours available by appointment.

OJAI OLIVE OIL

1811 Ladera Road
Ojai, CA 93023 (805) 646-5964
Contact: *Ron or Alice Asquith*

Olive grove tours and tasting room are available every Saturday 10am to 3pm. Call 2-3 days in advance for weekday tours.

OXNARD LEMON COMPANY

2001 Sunkist Circle

Oxnard, CA 93003 (805) 483-1173

Contact: Frank Diaz

Packing tours available for groups of 5 or more by appointment. Ages: Grade 3 and above. 1 hour tours Mon-Fri are offered at \$5 per person. Call for appt.

PLEASANT VALLEY FLOWERS

3132 East Pleasant Valley Road

Oxnard, CA 93033

(805) 986-2776

Contact: Mary Ellen Lane

Pleasant Valley flowers represent the culmination of more than five generations of experience in the nursery business. Wim Zwinkels, President and founder of Pleasant Valley Flowers, has brought a unique and innovative approach to the business of growing flowers. Please call in advance for tours. Tours offered June-September only. Fee of \$50.00 may be waived for small groups. Group size 1-30 ppl. Tour length: 45 minutes to 1 hour.

PICTSWEET/VENTURA MUSHROOM

4440 Olivas Park Drive

Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 642-3253

Contact: Rick Hernandez

Mushroom grower. Tour includes information on growing mushrooms, picking and packing. Call for availability and reservations at least 2 weeks in advance. Groups of up to 50. Hours: 9am-2pm Monday - Friday. No fee. Tour length: 45 min. to 1 hour.

RANCHO CAMULOS

5164 E. Telegraph Rd.

Piru, CA (805) 521-1501

Contact: Jack Infranca

One the oldest, continuously operated farms in California. Docent led tours through the historic grounds include discussion on the agriculture past and present. Throughout its long history Rancho Camulos has had a diverse and rich agricultural history. The first oranges grown and shipped commercially from what is now Ventura County were from the Camulos Ranch in 1876. In addition to the annual crops of citrus, almonds, walnuts, apricots, peaches, wheat, corn and barley. Grapevines were also cultivated at Camulos for the production of wine and brandy. Regular tours are Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, with a suggested donation of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Fruit stand on premises. Tour length: 1 hour.

Closed during Dec. and Jan. and during inclement weather.

REGALO OLIVE OIL

Omaggio Farm

283 Carne Road

Ojai, CA 93023 (805) 703-4438

Estate grown, cold pressed, pesticide free, hand harvested extra virgin olive oil. Tours available by appointment only.

SAN MIGUEL PRODUCE

4444 Naval Air Road

Oxnard, CA 93030 (805) 488-0981

Contact: Terry Humphrey

Premier grower/producer of cooking vegetables. Tour includes handling of products, cooling method, inventory, packing and shipping. 2 weeks advance notice, call for availability and reservations.

Groups: 5-20. No fee. Tour length: 1 hour.

SANTA PAULA CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

18540 East Telegraph Road

Santa Paula, CA 93060 (805) 933-9569

Contact: Ralph or Thursel Roatcap

Farm tours throughout the year between 9am - 4pm for groups of 8-10. Call 5-7 days in advance to make reservations. Tour length: 45 minutes. No fee. (Seasonal tours-call for availability).

Tree cutting: Open Friday after Thanksgiving through Christmas 9a.m.-dusk. Choose & cut trees, supplies provided. Free candy canes. Fillmore Western Railway stops at the tree farm during the Christmas season (additional fee for train ride).

SANTA PAULA CITRUS FESTIVAL

Harding Park

1330 E. Harvard Blvd.

Santa Paula, CA 93060 (805) 933-4226

Contact: info@ci.santa-paula.ca.us

This 42nd Annual event celebrating the local legacy of citrus will be held July 15-17 at the following times: Friday 5pm-11pm, Saturday 12pm-11pm, and Sunday 12pm-11pm. This family-friendly event includes a parade, food competition, car show, vendors and so much more!

SOUTHLAND SOD

2599 Hueneme Rd.

Port Hueneme, CA 93044 (805) 488-3585

Dubbed as Southern California's most popular lawn, Marathon sod farms can be toured by calling in advance and making a reservation.

TIERRA REJADA RANCH

3370 Moorpark Road

Moorpark, CA 93021 ~ Farm Market 529-3690, Farm Tours 523-8552

Contact: Russell Blades

80 acres of pick-your-own vegetables. Tomatoes, green beans, artichokes, cucumbers, apricots, strawberries, blackberries, raspberries and a wide range of salad vegetables. October - pumpkins, hayrides, and farm animals. Not a formal tour, can accommodate large groups. Open 9am-6pm, daily from March 1st-December 1st. The Fall Harvest Festival is open every day during October. No fee.

UNDERWOOD FAMILY FARMS

3370 Sunset Valley Road

Moorpark, CA 93021 (805) 529-3690

Contact: Lee, Terri or Denise

Underwood Family Farms is a grower of a wide variety of fresh vegetable and fruits in Ventura County, California. They offer a wide variety of services and activities tailored for the entire family including pick-your-own produce, birthday parties at the Family Animal Center, school tours, gift baskets and the Fall Harvest Festival in October. Tours are based upon availability and include pick-your-own produce for \$6/person, 2-tour combo (berry or vegetable or animal) for \$12/person, and a

3-tour combo (berry, vegetable and animal) for \$14/person. All tours under 20 people will be charged for at least a 20 person price. Underwood Family Farms are closed the weekend before Christmas through March 1st annually

VENTURA COUNTY CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKETS

Contact: Janis Flippen (jflippenpr@roadrunner.com)

Held at various locations throughout the week, this local farmers market network features the freshest fruit, vegetables, nuts, eggs, bakery items, fresh cut flowers and potted plants. The term "certified" refers to the fact that all participating vendors must raise, catch, gather, grow or produce their product. For more information on times and locations, please visit:

www.vccfarmersmarkets.com.

VENTURA COUNTY WINE TRAIL

Maps available at the Ventura Visitors Center

101 S. California Street

Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 648-2075

www.venturacountywinetrail.com

Participating wineries on the map are: Rancho Ventavo Cellars in Moorpark, Bella Victorian Vineyard & Winery in Camarillo, Cantara Cellars in Camarillo, Stafford Premium Wines & Camarillo Custom Crush in Camarillo, Herzog Wine Cellars in Oxnard, Old Creek Ranch Winery in Ojai Valley, and Casa Barranca Winery in Ojai.