



Bay Area Green Tours Presents Our Sonoma County Farm Tour!

Allow us to take you behind the scenes, to visit farms, ranches and dairies to learn how sustainable practices influence local agriculture in Sonoma County. Create a customized tour of your choosing from a number of hand selected stops, as listed in this flyer. Each of our unique tours is led by a knowledgeable and trained guide who will facilitate stimulating conversations with local owners and purveyors. These visits are designed to inspire you to think green, returning with a renewed understanding of your food supply and a deepened appreciation for local agriculture!

About Bay Area Green Tours

Bay Area Green Tours serves as a conduit to solutions for a more sustainable future. We provide our clients with a window into the cutting edge sustainability movements, markets and methodologies which are emerging in our own backyard. Our mission is to provide educational tours and events that demonstrate the sustainable economy in action, inspire support of local green businesses, and empower people to incorporate environmental responsibility and social justice into their personal and professional lives.



Petaluma

Organic Vegetable and Fruit Farm

For almost forty years this farm has taken great care and pride in conserving and regenerating the soil of the rolling hills of Western Sonoma County. Using sustainable farming practices this award-winning organic farm grows vegetables and strawberries, while also raising free-range poultry for fertilizer and eggs for the community. Walk their fields and harvest some high quality veggies while learning about sustainable farming.

Sustainable Cattle & Chicken Farm

"Grow the Mind to Grow the Soil to Grow the Food that Strengthens the Community" is the motto of this sustainable farm, which produces grass-fed beef and pastured pork and chicken. The owners believe in building and supporting the processes that engage the natural life cycles on the farm. They also focus on educating the community and are involved in numerous educational programs. Learn about food production as you walk the farm and listen to the owner's fascinating tales.





Bee & Lavender Farm

Amid the rolling hills of Sonoma County, this family honey farm plays host to over 5,000 lavender plants and multiple bee hives. Stroll through their lavender fields while learning about bees and honey and their benefit to our environment. This farm is chemical-free - no pesticides or chemical fertilizers have been used to raise their stellar honey and lavender products, which are available for purchase at their colorful farm store.

Biodynamic Ranch

Situated on rolling grassland among small stands of eucalyptus, walnuts and cypress trees, this farm grows a wide variety of vegetables while also sustainably raising grass-fed cattle, pigs, and free-range chickens and turkeys. Using organic and biodynamic practices, the farm is operated from just two main homesteads dating back to the early 1900s. Witness how using natural resources in moderation can produce a great diversity of products and maintain the health of the land.

Sustainable Flower Farm

Over sixty varieties of cut flowers are grown on this small sustainable flower farm in Petaluma. The owners refuse to use chemicals or pesticides that might harm the environment because they believe that growing flowers should enrich the soil, water, air and wildlife, instead of depleting them. The farm is run by two passionate women -- one is an organic farmer, journalist and coordinator for a statewide non-profit helping farmers to find land and capital. The other is a youth and farm advocate and an "ol'-fashioned country gal" at heart. Learn more about their practices and enjoy their interesting stories!



We invite you to inquire about customizing a tour for your group or organization!



Sebastopol

Biodynamic Apple, Flower and Vegetable Farm

The Sebastopol climate is ideal for growing apples. Visit certified organic and dry-farmed orchards where the trees use no irrigation and rely only on Mother Nature's supply of rain and fog. The yield of cider and apples is smaller, but more intensely flavored as a result. This forty-eight acre family farm was founded in the 1970's, began as an original microgreen grower, and slowly evolved into biodiversity. In addition to cider, the farm is renowned for cut flowers and vegetables.

Permaculture & Biodynamic "Mom and Pop" Farm

This small and simple "Mom and Pop" farm beautifully illustrates the practices of permaculture, pesticide-free and biodynamic farming. The family has been farming here for over a hundred years(!) and has preserved most of the orchard that was planted over forty years ago. They offer crafts made from applewood and redwood, small-patch homestead garden vegetables, vegetable starts, chicken eggs and also maintain a small herd of La Mancha goats.



