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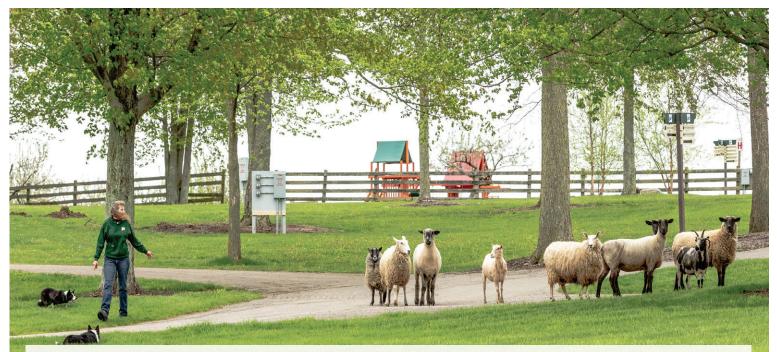
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Enjoy the Spring and Summer at Farmpark

by Lee Homyock, Farmpark Administrator



Farmpark staff has been busy planning spring and summer seasons full of fun activities and events. In May, Farmpark has a full schedule of events including Shearing Weekend, Horse Fest, and the Spring Showdown Lamb Show. In June, kick off the summer at Farmpark's Railroad in the Park featuring trains, trains, and more trains. July starts off with Farmfest, a free admission day full of demonstrations, live entertainment, food, and beverages. For the first time, Farmpark will host the 51st Annual Historical Engine Society Antique Power Exhibition on July 29-31. The event will feature antique engines, tractors, and other equipment and machinery exhibits, demonstrations, and more. In August, the Vintage Ohio Wine Festival returns on the first weekend,

followed by Sunflower Harvest Weekend August 20-21, and ends with Milk & Honey Weekend the last weekend of August. By the end of summer, the Corn Maze will be ready to open on September 1.

Another exciting development is the construction of a new outdoor riding ring outside the Arena to allow expansion of our equine programs. And don't miss out on the All-America Selections Display Garden as it is in full bloom this summer with the best flowers and vegetables that you can grow at home.

We look forward to seeing you this spring and summer!

WE SCREAM FOR



Ice cream and summer go hand in hand. Farmpark has been demonstrating ice cream making techniques for more than 25 years. Have you ever wondered exactly what goes into Farmpark's ice cream? Check out the secret recipe and technique below and enjoy a fun activity with your family and friends. Enjoy!

Makes

2, half-cup servings

Materials

1 plastic container with lid (at least 7 cups/1.6 L) 2 resealable plastic bags (sandwich or quart) 1 cup rock salt 4 cups ice

Ingredients

1/4 cup sugar $\frac{1}{2}$ cup heavy cream ¹/₂ cup 2% milk 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions

In a short while, the contents of the bag should thicken to the consistency of soft ice cream or yogurt. You may need to add more ice and rock salt to the container after about 5 minutes of shaking. The ice cream should be frozen in 10 to 15 minutes and ready to eat!

Tip: Once the ice cream is frozen, an easy way to remove it from the bag is to cut off one of the bottom corners and squeeze the ice cream out.

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Makes 2% Milk Heavy Cream Sugar Vanilla



Pour sugar, heavy cream, milk, and vanilla into the plastic bag and seal completely. Place the bag inside the second plastic bag and seal completely. Fill the container about half-way full with ice and add about half of the rock salt. Place the double-bagged mix inside the container. Add the remaining ice and rock salt on top of the bag. Close the container completely and shake well.

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ough to have your own ice cream maker, here is our basic	
ent sized batches.	

¹∕₂ Gallon	1 Gallon	2 Gallons
4 cups	8 cups	14 cups
2 cups	4 cups	6 cups
1 cup	2 ½ cups	4 cups
1⁄2 tablespoon	1 tablespoon	2 tablespoons





6 JUNE

LAKE COUNTY FREE DAY 1

SHEARING WEEKEND PAIRING DINNER May 13, 5:30 to 9 pm

\$60 per person, pre-registration required at lakemetroparks.com

or call 440-358-7275

Enjoy an exclusive evening of sheep shearing and sheepherding demonstrations followed by a catered gourmet rack of lamb dinner with all of the trimmings, including a delicious dessert and wine pairings by a local vineyard. The chef and winemaker will be on hand to discuss the themed recipes and wine pairings. Vegetarian option available.

SHEARING WEEKEND May 14 & 15

Discover the wonders of wool! Watch sheep shearers remove the wooly winter coats from the sheep, enjoy the skill and precision of the border collies as they move sheep based on cues given by staff, and learn about the characteristics of different breeds of sheep. Artisans will demonstrate spinning wheels, carding combs, looms and other tools and the techniques required to turn fibers into usable products.

17 LAKE COUNTY FREE DAY

HORSEFEST May 21 & 22

Be transported to a time when horses were vital to transportation, working livestock and power on the farm. Take a ride on a stagecoach, hear the sound of the blacksmith's ringing anvil and smell food as it cooks over a fire at the cowboy encampment. Riders of all ages will compete in an obstacle course and demonstrate the skill and trust between horse and rider. Meet characters from the West and watch reenactments of scenes from the past. Chris "The Whip Guy" Camp will showcase his amazing talents with tricks and demonstrations. Beautifully-choreographed equine shows will be presented in the arena. The hands-on activity area will feature roping and games.

THE SPRING SHOWDOWN

May 29

Formerly the Lake County Lamb Show, the event features competitors ages 8 to 18 showing their lambs and commercial ewes. They will demonstrate their showing abilities and animal husbandry skills. Equipment used to raise show lambs and ewes will be on display. The show is a collaboration between the Lake County Senior Market Livestock Committee, Lake County Farm Bureau and Lake Metroparks.

RAILROADS IN THE PARK June 4 & 5

The Visitors Center will be filled with operating model train displays N-Scale layouts. Other featured exhibits include G-Scale trains, Lionel O-gauge trains, Lego train layout Farmpark's G-Scale Garden Railroad layout in the Courtyard plus display on agriculture and the railroad

5 LAKE COUNTY FREE DAY

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7 JULY

LAKE COUNTY FREE DAY 3

FARMFEST: RIBS. BREW & MUSIC July 9, 9 am to 8 pm

FREE Admission for Everyone

This family event has become a favorite in northeast Ohio for both the young and young at heart. With ribs, brew and music as the weekend fare, families can drive a horse, milk a cow, ride the barrel train, and watch Farmpark horse shows and other farm demonstrations. Chef Lisa Pucci Delgado will offer four entertaining BBQ and smoking cooking segments and you can also witness a chainsaw woodcarver vs. ice carver demonstration. Enjoy the farm, wild animal encounters and much more including pony rides (\$6). Take a stroll through the craft vendor area to purchase wares from local artists.

19 LAKE COUNTY FREE DAY

HISTORICAL ENGINE SOCIETY ANTIQUE POWER EXHIBITION July 29, 30, & 31

For the past 50 years, the Historical Engine Society's simple tractor show has grown from a small engine show to more than 300 engines on display last year. During your visit you can expect to see antique tractors, construction and excavation equipment, cars, trucks, hit and miss engines and steam engines. You can witness a tractor pull, grain threshing, a parade of machinery and earth-moving demonstrations throughout the day. If you or someone you know enjoys machinery-this is the event for you!



Closed Mondays, Christmas & New Year's Day.

"FREE DAY" (Proof of Lake County residency required). Every day is

For more information about Farmpark programs and events: 440-256-2122 • 800-366-3276 • lakemetroparks.com



LAKE COUNTY FREE DAY 7

VINTAGE OHIO WINE FESTIVAL AND A LITTLE BREW TOO!

August 5 & 6, 1 to 9 pm

Take part in this fun-filled outdoor festival. Sample Ohio wines from world-class Pinot Gris and Cabernet Franc to fun-to-drink fruit wines made of fresh berries. There is also scrumptious food, cooking school demonstrations, live music, artisans and shopping. Plus a kids' tent and Farmpark's regular activities. Special rates and hours apply. For event details, ticket options and pricing, or to purchase tickets, go to visitvintageohio.com. Farmpark members receive a discount on advance purchase tickets only. Call 800-227-6972 for more information. Brought to you by the Ohio Wine Producers Association.

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SUNFLOWER HARVEST WEEKEND August 20 & 21

Come enjoy the beginning of the fall season with our second annual Sunflower Harvest Weekend. Learn about all the varieties of sunflowers and how they are used.

HONEY BBO PAIRING DINNER

August 26, 5:30 to 9 pm

\$60 per person, pre-registration required at lakemetroparks.com or call 440-358-7275



Bees are vitally important pollinators for local farming and agriculture. Guests will tour our apiary and gardens with Farmpark horticulture staff. Enjoy appetizers like fig and goat cheese crostini with honey and honey-pretzel bites. Then enjoy a delicious honey BBQ beef brisket (salmon or vegetarian options available), spinach salad with honey dressing and honey pecans, garlic mashed potatoes, honey glazed carrots, and honey pecan pie by J&J Catering with drink selections paired by Grand River valley wineries and Double Wing Brewing Co.

MILK & HONEY WEEKEND August 27 & 28

Explore the world of milk and honey. Learn how milk becomes cheese, butter, or delicious ice cream and watch the production process. Learn about bees and their role in pollination, how honey is harvested, pollinator-friendly plants, as well as how bees contribute to many products that we use in our daily lives. Demonstrations, garden tours, and more.

OhDee by Valerie F. Reinhardt, Horticulture Manager

There is nothing more disappointing than going out to the garden to find your prized daylily chomped. Bambi has been at it again! What should you do to keep deer from making a banquet of your garden?

Deer predation of garden plants has become an increasing problem. One issue is that deer populations in suburban areas have been squeezed into smaller foraging areas, thereby shrinking their food supply. Suburban deer also don't have natural predators, so their numbers are higher. High populations and short food supply lead hungry deer to your garden smorgasbord.

About the only guaranteed way to prevent deer from eating through your garden is fencing. Remember that deer can leap a six-foot fence, so many common chainlink fences will not deter them. If fencing isn't practical for you, you may want to try netted deer fencing that can keep them out of your vegetable garden provided it's tall enough. You may also try a motion-activated sprinkler or perhaps a barking dog to scare them away. Hanging pie tins and other shiny objects may scare them away initially, but they wise up to them quickly.

You may also be able to deter deer through smell, texture, toxicity and taste. Deer bypass fragrant herbs like lavender, basil, rosemary, catmint and sage. Plant these in and around your vegetables to disguise your luscious lettuce and tempting tomatoes. Deer don't like fuzzy, thorny and rough-textured plants like barberry, spirea, lambs' ear and ornamental grasses because they are not palatable. These might be better choices for outlying landscape gardens. Poisonous plants are off the menu as well. Deer won't eat daffodils, foxgloves, poppies, and a few other toxic lovelies but delight in daylilies and

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hosta. When it comes to taste, deer generally don't like anything with a bitter or medicinal taste, but if food is short, they will eat them. You can spray some of their favorite plants with pepper spray, but they may still take a bite or two before turning away. There are assorted sprays that use smell and taste to keep deer at bay, but remember those wash off in the rain and must be reapplied regularly.

The long and the short of it is that there are very few "deer proof" plants, but there are many that are low on their list. Choosing the right plants can make for a nice deer-resistant garden. To learn more about deer-resistant plants, visit the Plant Science Center at Lake Metroparks Farmpark.







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Deer-resistant plant ideas for your garden:

Barberry Basil Brunnera Catmint Daffodil Foxglove Iris Lambs' ear Lavender Marigold **Ornamental grasses** Peony Poppy Rose Rosemary Sage Spirea







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