

**Itinerary 2: FAMILY FUN FARM DAYS WITH CHEESE & APPLE PICKING\***  
**Saturday, September 13 & Sunday, September 14, 2014**  
**Hudson Line to Beacon Station**

Your first stop will be the **City of Beacon Main Street**, ([www.cityofbeacon.org](http://www.cityofbeacon.org)), a renaissance city on the Hudson and home to a growing arts movement ([www.beaconarts.org](http://www.beaconarts.org)). Visit the area's many galleries, eateries and specialty stores, or learn about glass-blowing at Hudson Beach Glass, located in an historic 1890 firehouse. Before the two farm visits you'll have the opportunity to explore the city's restored historic districts. Visit the world-famous Dia: Beacon which is the museum for Dia Art Foundation's renowned collection of art from the 1960s to the present. Sample and shop Beacon Farmer's Market (10–4 Sundays only) featuring an eclectic array of arts, crafts, and local produce. Make sure you eat lunch in Beacon: Cup & Saucer Tea Room, Poppy's Burgers, Culture Café, Homespun Foods or one of many other fine food & drink establishments. You can even picnic in the park or by the Hudson River.

Your first farm visit will be **Sprout Creek Farm** ([www.sproutcreekfarm.org](http://www.sproutcreekfarm.org)), a model of sustainable agriculture, also known for its artisanal cheeses lovingly produced by a graduate of The Culinary Institute of America. Try the creamery's mouth-watering creations made from the rich and creamy milk of the herd of grass-fed Jersey, Guernsey, Milking Shorthorn and Brown Swiss cows and goats. Sprout Creek's cheeses are all about soil, seasons, grasses, and happy cows! Sprout Creek Farm is a working farm encompassing 200 acres, raising free-range cows, sheep, goats, wild turkeys, guinea fowl, chickens and pigs. You will have a chance to shop for their award-winning cheeses and farm-produced meats in the market, which also offers eggs, vegetables, and gifts.

Your last farm visit will be to **Fishkill Farms** ([www.fishkillfarms.com](http://www.fishkillfarms.com)), where you'll be greeted by a spectacular view of the apple orchard and Catskill Mountains beyond. Whether picking your own peaches, apples and vegetables, enjoying hayrides, or seeing the farm's flock of pasture-raised hens, the relaxed atmosphere and beautiful surroundings will lift your spirits. In the market, you'll find organically grown heirloom vegetables, fresh eggs, and a selection of locally produced meats and cheeses. Don't leave without trying the famous apple cider donuts, or freshly pressed cider. Hayrides will be available for \$3.00 per person. Learn about this historic farm established in 1914 by Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury under FDR. It is still owned and operated by the family and rare footage of Roosevelt and Churchill sipping drinks among the apple trees is shown along with historic memorabilia in the market.

The shuttle will return you to Beacon where you can have dinner, shop some more or stroll along the waterfront. Trains leave hourly at approximately 5:57, 6:52, 7:57, 8:57, 9:57 and 11:16 p.m.

The Dutchess County Farm Fresh Link shuttle will stay with you all day, transporting you to the various locations and bringing you back to Beacon Station for the return trip home. Reservations for the Dutchess County Farm Fresh Link shuttle are required in advance by calling 800-445-3131. Reservations must be made **at least** 48 hours in advance and confirmed **before** you purchase a train

ticket. Shuttle **seats are limited**, and tours frequently **sell out**, so you must have a reservation. After you've made your reservation, purchase your rail and shuttle ticket at any Metro-North station with a ticket office, any full-service ticket machine (except Beacon Station), or online through WebTicket at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info). Tickets and shuttle reservations are non-refundable.

Some activities may require an additional fee. For more information about these itinerary stops and other agricultural and culinary destinations throughout Dutchess County, please visit [www.dutchesstourism.com](http://www.dutchesstourism.com).

*\*Dutchess County Tourism has the right to substitute a farm or related itinerary stop to ensure the quality of the overall program and the individual getaway experience.*

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Metro-North RR Station: Beacon (1 Ferry Plaza & Beekman Street)

Train leaves Grand Central (Hudson Line) 9:50 am AR Beacon: 11:08 a.m.

Pick-Up: Train Arrives 11:10 a.m., Bus Departs 11:30 a.m.

Meet train, and on Sundays encourage visitors to visit the Farmer's Market for 20 minutes.

Estimated Travel Time -5 minutes to 1st location

First Stop: City of Beacon (drop off near RiverWinds Gallery, 172 Main St.) (1 3/4 hrs)

Shuttle Arrives: 11:35 a.m. (1 3/4 hrs. visit , time to eat lunch)

Shuttle Departs: 1:15 p.m. (Estimated Travel Time -30 minutes to 2<sup>nd</sup> location, Sprout Creek Farm)

Second Stop: Sprout Creek Farm, 34 Lauer Road, Poughkeepsie

Shuttle Arrives: 1:45 p.m. (1 1/4 hrs. visit)

Shuttle Departs: 3:00 p.m. (Estimated Travel Time - 25 minutes to 3rd location)

Third Stop: Fishkill Farms, 9 Fishkill Farm Road, Hopewell Junction (1 1/2 hrs)

Shuttle Arrives: 3:30 p.m. (1 3/4 hrs. visit)

Shuttle Departs: 5:15 p.m. (Estimated Travel Time -30 minutes to train station)

Drop-Off: Beacon Train Station, 5:45 p.m. for 5:57 p.m. train departure (GCT AR.7:21 p.m.)

Other Activities:

Beacon Arts

Dia: Beacon

Let passengers know they can stay in Beacon longer, and have dinner, and make their own way back to train station for trains that leave hourly.

Offer to drop off those in Beacon who aren't taking that first train back.

Trains also depart at 6:52 pm, 7:57 pm, 8:57 pm, 9:57 pm and 11:16 PM