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Snack time and restrooms!

The exhibit center is a great place to wash your hands. While you wait for a tractor-drawn cart, now is a great time to enjoy a snack. If you brought apples or oat cereal, ask your farm kid if he or she remembers the apple trees at the 1900 Farm or the oats in the barn! The tractor cart will take you back to town. There you can visit the shops and homes in our 1875 town, or take a short walk back to the Visitor Center.

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Look in the Chicken House and yard. Are the chickens in their house today? What do farmers want from chickens? Chickens eat corn and they also peck the ground for bugs! Watch them walk and strut in the yard! Can you strut like a chicken? Try it!

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Explore the Farmer's garden! The Farmer grows crops like corn and oats and hay. Farmers also grow vegetables to eat too! Explore the garden! Can you find a tomato plant? How about a carrot? Do you like to eat these at home? Don't pick them yet--the farmer will do that! What does the garden smell like as you walk around the plants? Is the ground hard or squishy?

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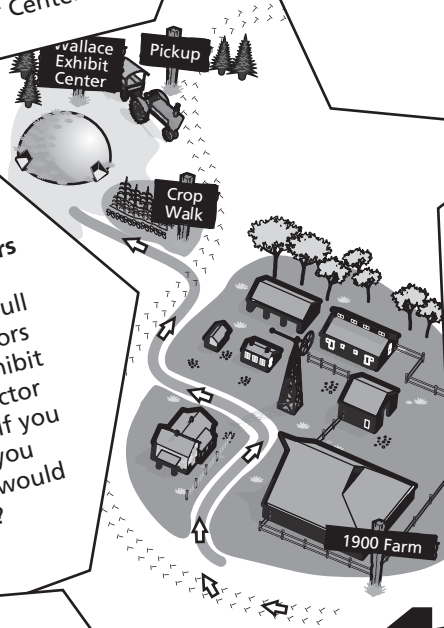
Play on the John Deere tractors outside the Exhibit Center! Today we saw two ways to pull big machines around. Tractors and horses! Outside the exhibit center, there are some tractor models you can climb on! If you were a farmer, would you rather have a tractor or would you have a horse?

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Walk to the Wallace Exhibit Center. Along the path there are new plants! Look at the plants very carefully. Are they tall or short? Leafy or do they have stalks?

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Visit the Farmhouse. Farmers did not always have the machines that we do now! This house shows you how farmers lived a long time ago. Sit in the parlor, where are the lights? Visit the kitchen and look for the stove in this house. Find the place to clean dishes. Without machines, who had to do housework?



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9 **Peek over the fence in front of the hog house.** What kind of animal lives in this pen? Listen for the noisy pig sounds! Can you scrunch your nose and make the same sounds? How many pigs are there? Find a black spotted pig! How about a red or brown spot? What does the pig do for the farmer?

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Visit the Corn Crib.
Do you like eating corn?
Close your eyes and think
about what corn tastes like -
nice and juicy! The animals on
this farm eat dried corn. Look for
the whole ears of corn in
the corn crib. Scoop your hands
into the bucket of corn kernels.
What colors are the corn
kernels? What does the
corn feel like?

Look for animals in the red barn! Remember to ask for help from an interpreter before touching the animals! Horses and cows live in this barn. Are they in today? Listen for them! Are they eating? Can you hear them chewing?

Take a good look at the John Deere tractor that will pull your cart to the 1900 horse-powered farm. What color is this tractor? How many wheels does it have? Are the wheels big or small? Where does the driver sit? What noises does the tractor make? As the tractor starts, can you smell the tractor engine? As it moves, is it a bumpy ride?

Walk to the Green Tractor Pick-up. What will you see today? What is a farm? Let's think of three things we might see on a farm!

Help your farm kid find the **Visitor Center** and the **1900 Horse-Powered Farm** then help them trace the path on the map with their finger. **1**

Leave the tractor at the 1900 Horse-Powered Farm.
What colors are the buildings? Which building is for people and which are for animals? Smell the air. Look at the ground around the barn—what do you see? Is that what smells funny? Listen for the creaky noise. It's the windmill! What makes the mill turn?

Check out the water tank and fenced corrals.
What kinds of animals are in the pens next to the barn?
What do these animals give the farmer? Dip your hands in the big water tank along the fence south of the barn. Is the water cold? Why would the animals want this water?
Look close in the water, is there anything else in the water tank?

Go in the big red barn and look for the grain bin and hay mow in the center. Scoop your hands into the grain bin. Let the oats run through your fingers and back into the bin. How do the oats feel between your fingers? What do you smell? Crinkle the hay grass in the middle of the barn between your hands. Does it make you feel kind of sneeze-y?

