

## 2026 CALENDAR

- Yearlong Exhibit: "The Road to Liberty"
- Mar 5–Apr 30 Democracy in Dialogue:  
Food for Thought
- Mar 7 Scripps National Spelling Bee  
regional competition
- Apr 4 Family Easter\*
- Apr 1–May 31 Exhibit: "Hoover on the Road"
- Apr 23 Guest speaker: Historian Sarah Fling,  
"Hoovers in the White House"
- Apr 25 Folk Art Fair
- May 12–23 Freedom Truck Mobile Museum
- May 12–Jun 5 Exhibit: "Freedom—A History of US"
- May 23 Decoration Day
- May 29 Spring Homeschool Day
- Jun 2–26 Exhibit: "Becoming the United States"
- Jun 13 Emancipation Day + Election Day
- Jun 16– Exhibit: "The State of Water"
- Aug 11 *A Program of ExhibitsUSA, a national division  
of Mid-America Arts Alliance and The National  
Endowment for the Arts*
- Jun 27 Pioneer Wedding
- Jul 4 Independence Day + America's Picnic
- Jul 8 Reading of the Declaration of  
Independence with DAR/SAR
- Jul 25 Grain Harvest + Iowa PBS  
"Tractor Wars 2" screening
- Aug 8 Cast-Iron Cook-Off
- Aug 29 Fido on the Farms + Fun Run
- Sep 4 Fall Homeschool Day
- Sep 18 Naturalization Ceremony
- Sep 26 Applefest
- Oct 3 Victorian Funeral
- Oct 10 Indigenous Iowans Day
- Oct 23–25 Family Halloween\*
- Nov 7 Living History Farms Race\*
- Dec 5 Family Christmas\*

\*Not included with General Admission or membership

## PROGRAMS BY RESERVATION

NOVEMBER–APRIL

- Day Camps • Dinners & Teas • Mysteries  
Classes • Barnyard Readers

## LIVING HISTORY FARMS

General admission April 30–October 31  
Tuesday–Saturday • 9 a.m.–4 p.m.  
11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale IA  
(515) 278-5286 • LHF.org

**APPLY TODAY'S ADMISSION  
TO A MEMBERSHIP!**  
Visit the front desk before you leave

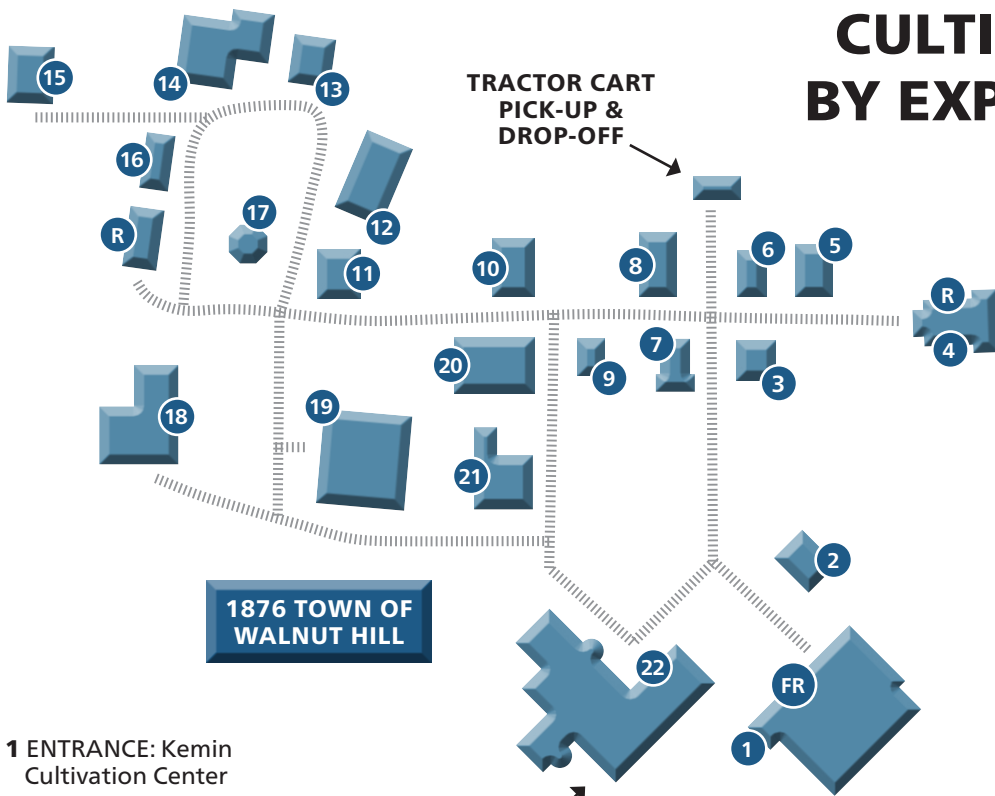
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Additional support for the  
Spark!Lab Smithsonian at Living History Farms  
comes from America250, Meta, and Walmart



# CULTIVATING OUR FUTURE BY EXPERIENCING OUR PAST



- 1** ENTRANCE: Kemin Cultivation Center
- 2** MidAmerican Energy Foundation Pavilion
- 3** Print Shop
- 4** Church of the Land
- 5** Millinery
- 6** Law Office
- 7** Bank
- 8** Drug Store
- 9** Doctor's Office
- 10** General Store
- 11** Blacksmith
- 12** Red Barn Gallery
- 13** Vet Clinic
- 14** Cabinetmaker
- 15** Schoolhouse
- 16** Broom Works



- 17** Gazebo
- 18** Flynn Mansion
- 19** Flynn Barn
- 20** Implement Dealer
- 21** Tangen Home
- 22** Learning Center and Spark!Lab (open 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m.)
- R** Restrooms
- FR** Family restrooms

No pedestrian access from town to farms

Last tractor cart to farms leaves at 2:30 p.m.

Walking path

Map not to scale

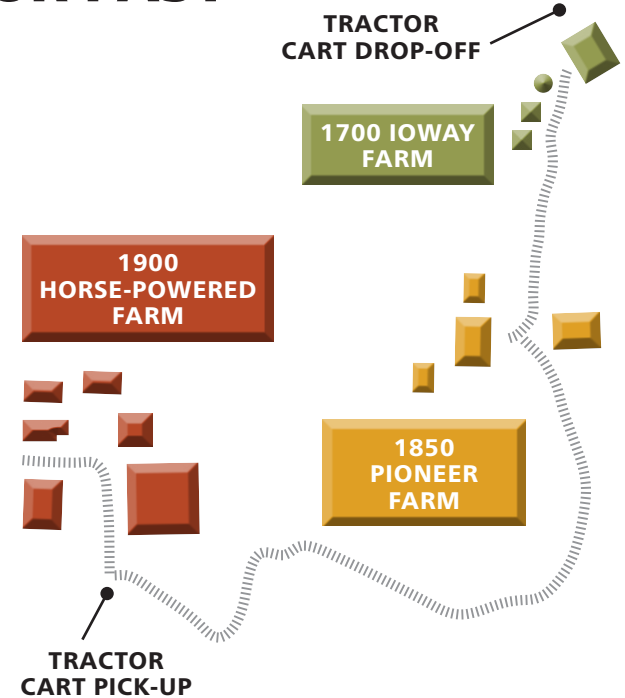
For your safety, please stay on marked paths and use only designated areas for tractor cart pick-ups and drop-offs.

**LIVING HISTORY FARMS** is an interactive outdoor museum. Your visit is self-guided and self-paced. You choose which sites to visit and how long to stay. Our museum is composed of:

- Three working farm sites—the 1700 Ioway Farm, 1850 Pioneer Farm, and 1900 Horse-Powered Farm
- The Flynn Farm, Mansion, and Barn, listed on the National Historic Register
- The 1876 town of Walnut Hill

**WHERE DO WE START?** From the Kemin Cultivation Center, choose whether to begin your visit by exploring the town of Walnut Hill or by riding the tractor cart to the farms. *You must ride the tractor cart to reach the farm sites.*

**WHO WILL WE MEET?** You will encounter historic interpreters in period dress at many sites. They are doing the real work of tending crops and livestock, keeping house, and plying trades. Ask them questions!



**HOW FAR WILL WE WALK?** The walk around town is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of dirt/gravel trail and boardwalks. On the farm side, the tractor will drop you at the 1700 Farm. The walk from there to the 1850 Farm is  $\frac{1}{10}$  mile of dirt/gravel trail. The walk from the 1850 Farm to the 1900 Farm is  $\frac{3}{10}$  mile of woodland trail. *If you prefer not to walk from 1850 to 1900, return to the 1700 site and ask the tractor driver for a Step Saver Tour.*

## WHERE CAN WE BUY REFRESHMENTS?

Snacks and drinks are for sale in the Kemin Cultivation Center.

## CAN WE BRING OUR OWN FOOD AND DRINK?

Yes! Feel free to bring your own picnic. You can sit in the MidAmerican Energy Foundation Pavilion or at tables around Walnut Hill.

**HOW LONG WILL OUR VISIT TAKE?** Please allow at least three hours to visit the town and all three farm sites.