


## 8 Boxwood Farm

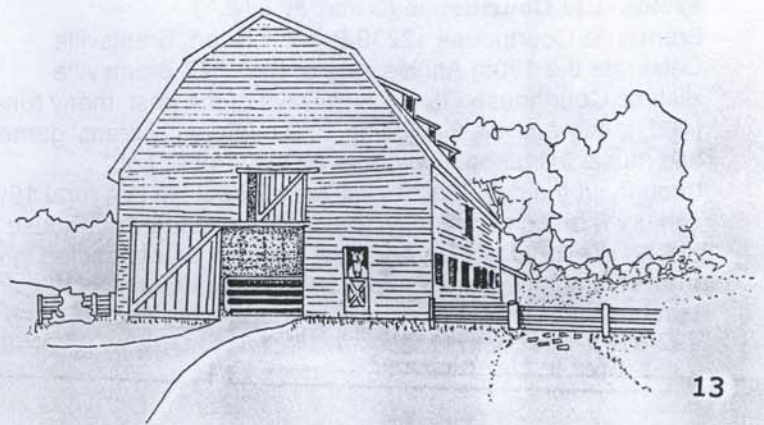
*We are the pets of men--  
The pampered pets of men!  
There is naught for us too gentle and good!  
In the graceful days of our babyhood;  
We frisk and caper in childish glee--,  
Oh, none so pretty and proud as we!  
They cheer and cherish us in our play--  
Oh, none so smilingly sweet as they!  
And when a little our lives have grown,  
Each has a table and room his own,  
A waiter to fill his bill of fare,  
A barber to clean and comb his hair.  
Yes, we are the pets of men!  
The pampered pets of men!*



Will Carleton lived in Michigan from 1845-1912 and wrote this poem, "Dialogue Of The Horses" in the same timeframe historic Boxwood Farm was founded in Prince William County. The earliest deed, a document used to prove the transfer of land from one owner to the another, to Boxwood Farm was written in the year 1850. The farm's distinctive barn was built sometime around 1881. Today, the Hostetter family boards horses in the restored barn and teaches riding lessons in the open fields. As the poem details, the Hostetters take special care of their farm animals.

Farm animals, such as horses, cows, sheep and chickens, are *domesticated animals*. Domesticated animals have been trained or adapted to live with and be of use to humans.

 *Write a poem about your favorite farm animal.* You can answer one or more of these questions in your poem: How do you raise this animal? What is it like to be around one? What do humans use this animal for? What makes this farm animal your favorite?





# Wild Western Prince William County Farm Tour

Saturday, September 28, 10 AM to 4 PM

Sunday, September 29, 12 noon to 4 PM

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## Historic Brentsville Court Day

Saturday Only



### Stop #1 Frazer Stables – Frazer Hendrick

3521 Ingram Drive, Haymarket

Check out Prince William's brand new sport horse breeding farm that offers boarding, breeding, lessons and summer camp. Mares and weaned foals are on display. Take your turn on a pony too! (Charge of \$2 per pony ride.)

### Stop #2 The Cedars Farm – The Heflin Family

6115 Antioch Road, Haymarket

This old-fashioned farm dates back to the 1840s and reflects the diverse, self-sufficient lifestyle of farm living. Mingle among the livestock, gardens, farm equipment and historic farm buildings. Pick-your-own pumpkins and take home fresh vegetables and honey. Learn about bee farming from Bull Run Mountain Apiary. *Restroom facilities available.*

### Stop #3 Double O Good Alpaca Farm –

Ernest Kellog and Barbara Bramlette

7570 Falkland Drive, Gainesville

Who can resist these gentle and cuddly critters? Meet Alpacas of all colors and learn how they are cared for. Get a sneak preview of the beautiful alpaca fleece items that will be available at the farm's Annual Holiday Boutique Nov. 23, 24 & Dec. 7, 8. [www.doubleogood.com](http://www.doubleogood.com),

[doubleoalpaca@erols.com](mailto:doubleoalpaca@erols.com)

### Stop #4 Windy Knoll Farm- The Taylor Family

11602 Kettle Run Road, Nokesville

This high-tech purebred Angus cattle operation also serves as a natural classroom. The Taylors will give walking tours of the cattle, facilities and equipment. Antique John Deere tractors and hay equipment will show the process of making hay. The Prince William Soil and Water Conservation District will highlight how farms help protect the Chesapeake Bay.

### Stop #5 Centreville Sod Growers – The Betterly Family

11806 Bristow Road, Bristow

Welcome to the farm where grass really does grow greener.

This farm makes the grass that decorates new subdivisions and developments. Take a walking tour to see hard working equipment such as the sod harvester and leaf composter.

Find out about greenhouse production from the pros.

### Stop #6 1st Annual Brentsville Court Day – Friends of Brentsville Courthouse (Saturday ONLY)

Brentsville Courthouse 12239 Bristow Road, Brentsville

Celebrate the 180th Anniversary of the 1822 Brentsville Historic Courthouse. Like Court Days of the past, many fun-filled, family activities including 19th century childrens' games and music will be held outdoors on the "Public Lot,"

throughout the day. Visitors will learn about life in a rural 19th century farming community, the central role the Courthouse played in everyday lives and how the Civil War impacted this rural community. Lunch and refreshments are available for purchase. For information [www.brentsville.org](http://www.brentsville.org) or call 703-792-6191. *Restroom facilities available.*

### Stop #7 Jim's Emu Farm – The Rowlette Family

11605 Parkgate Drive, Nokesville

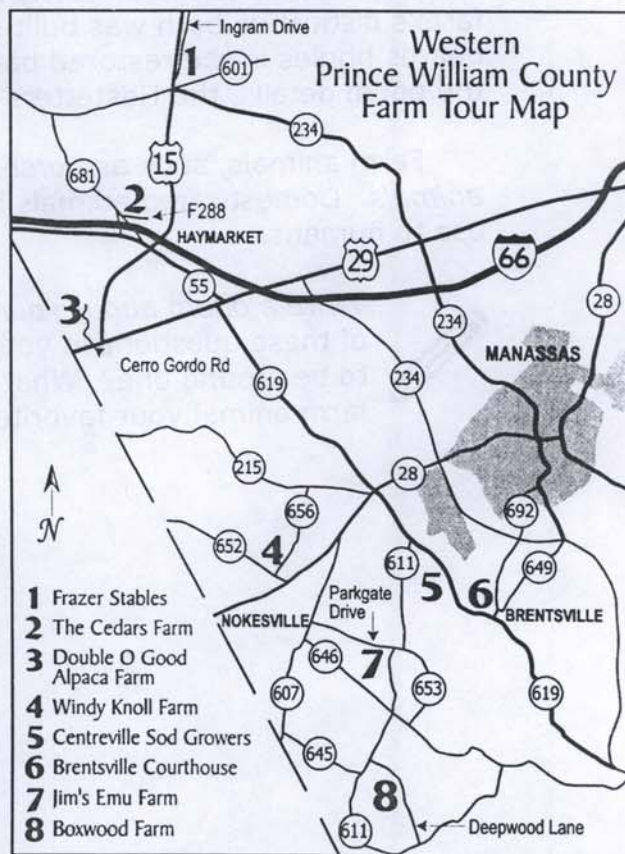
These big, curious birds are waiting to see you at the farm tour. Hear the female's drumming sound and learn their unique habits. Check out the historic dairy barn turned emu hatchery and a tractor display courtesy of Byrd Tractor. A complete line of emu products will be available for sale during the tour.

### Stop #8 Boxwood Farm – The Hostetter Family

15004 Deepwood Lane, Nokesville

This horse farm is a piece of Prince William County history. Picnic, play or just stroll on the lawn of this late 1800's farmhouse. The barn is almost completely restored and awaiting your inspection. Learn more about horses and meet the family herd of emus.

*Restroom facilities available.*



**Bring the whole family and the camera.**

**Sorry, absolutely no pets allowed.**

**More information:**

<http://www.pwcfarmtour.com>

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