Centre County Farm Routes

Sponsored by the Centre County Farmland Trust

A self-guided driving tour of the hands and lands that feed us along scenic Route 45.

Round Barn Route 1 2 3

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Farm Routes celebrates our farmers, vibrant local food system, and farmland preservation.

Welcome to Centre County Farm Routes!

How it works.

Centre County Farm Routes are a whole new way to get to know the hands and lands that feed us!

Use this map to guide you on a fun, flavorful exploration of the farm-fresh delicious food, drink and views found along Centre County's country roads.

While we won't be able to offer on-farm tours in 2020 for what would have been the 15th Centre County Farm Tour, we invite you to safely explore the county's farm corridors – Farm Routes!

You can create your own self-guided driving tour at your own pace, any time this summer and fall. Take a half-day, a full day, or visit several times! We've provided some suggested itineraries, but hope you create your own tour.

Featured locations are working farms, preserved farmland, eateries that feature local foods, farmers' markets, agricultural heritage sites - and a few extras for your comfort and convenience.

Most importantly: Please be safe. Observe a six-foot social distance. Wear a mask as you visit the stops. Please observe all public health guidelines to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

What's a "preserved" farm?

That means a legal restriction is in place to maintain the property as farmland forever.

That's where the Centre County Farmland Trust comes in.

The mission of the Centre County Farmland Trust is to save valuable farmland and preserve the county's agricultural roots. The trust, a non-profit organization, works with owners of farmland on preservation easements.

One way CCFT works to fulfill its presevation mission is to promote farms, farmers and the local food system.

Images courtesy Farmland Preservation Artists

Clockwise from top left:
Magenta Sunset, Susan Nicholas Gephart
Boalsburg Farmers Market, Cinda Kostyak
Whitehall Barns, Denise Wagner
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Plan your route!

Flip this sheet over and use the map to choose where you want to go. Each listing includes the locations offerings as of late July, and ways to find the most current information. Things change quickly!

Look for the symbols at each listing, indicating whether the spot has a farm store or offers tours by appointment. Enjoy "drive-by" locations from the comfort of your car.

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www.CentreCountyFarmlandTrust.org

Watch for two more Farm Routes map-guides and updates on promotions. To easily access Farm Routes on your phone AND to win cool prizes Aug. through Oct. 31, download TASSL from the App Store, sign-up and select Centre County Farmland Trust as your network.

Let's Hit the Road!

Get out the map. Bring an (empty) cooler. Cue your favorite tunes. Make it your own.

Or try one of these:

Plan #1: The Taproot (or Tap-Route!)

In 1874, Leonard Rhone's "pic-nik" drew about 3,000, becoming the First Centre County Grangers' Pic-nic. This route swings by the fair-gates and Rhoneymeade, Rhone's home and estate.

Breakfast/Lunch Pick: Earlystown Diner. Then head south on Rt. 45, pass the Grange Fair grounds, and the iconic Calvin Neff Round Barn, then travel a beautiful corridor of several preserved farms.
Wander: Stop at Rhoneymeade Arboretum & Sculpture Garden for a gentle hike. Pass the preserved Schempf Farm en route to your next destination.
Shop & Gather: Explore the Tait Farm, Harvest Shop & Greenhouse and Bear Meadows Farm. On Tuesdays, you can check out the Boalsburg Farmers Market.
Sip & Savor: Next stop, Mt. Nittany Vineyard & Winery. A picnic?! Show this map for a free travel corkscrew!
Dinner: Enjoy The View at Mountain View Country Club, or backtrack on Rt. 45 through Centre Hall to the Mt. Nittany Overlook by Harrison's. From atop the ridge, see all the stunning farmland below – and all the places you visited!

Plan #2: Modern Reinventions

Explore how a new generation of farmers are building upon their farm-rich heritage with recent re-inventions blossoming on this scenic stretch of Rt. 45 between Boalsburg and Pine Grove Mills.

Breakfast/Lunch Pick: The Naked Egg Café. Linger with a bottomless cup of coffee, colorful conversation and fine flavor at The Egg. Always.
Shop & Gather: If it's Thursday 3-7 p.m., visit the Pine Grove Mills Farmers Market. The cooler is essential gear for this stop! Make sure to stop at the Wasson Farm Market to shop the seasons. Homemade ice cream is Wasson's newest adventure, a re-invention of its milk-bottling past!
Wander: Stay on Route 45 through Boalsburg for a classic country drive and pass the lovely Schempf Farm, a private residence and Centre County Farmland Trust preserved farm. Once back on Earlystown Road, view a corridor of preserved farms, and the Neff Round Barn. From there visit the Rhoneymeade Arboretum and Sculpture Garden.
Dinner & Dancing: Back in Pine Grove Mills, make sure to stop at 814 Cider Works at J.L. Farm and Cidery to check out weekend tasting events among its orchard and fields, often with live music and food. Bring a lawn chair and comfortably enjoy this reinvention of a longtime family farm. Another great choice is Pine Grove Hall, where chefs are working serious menu magic with locally grown ingredients. Enjoy & tell us about it!

Thanks to our partners!

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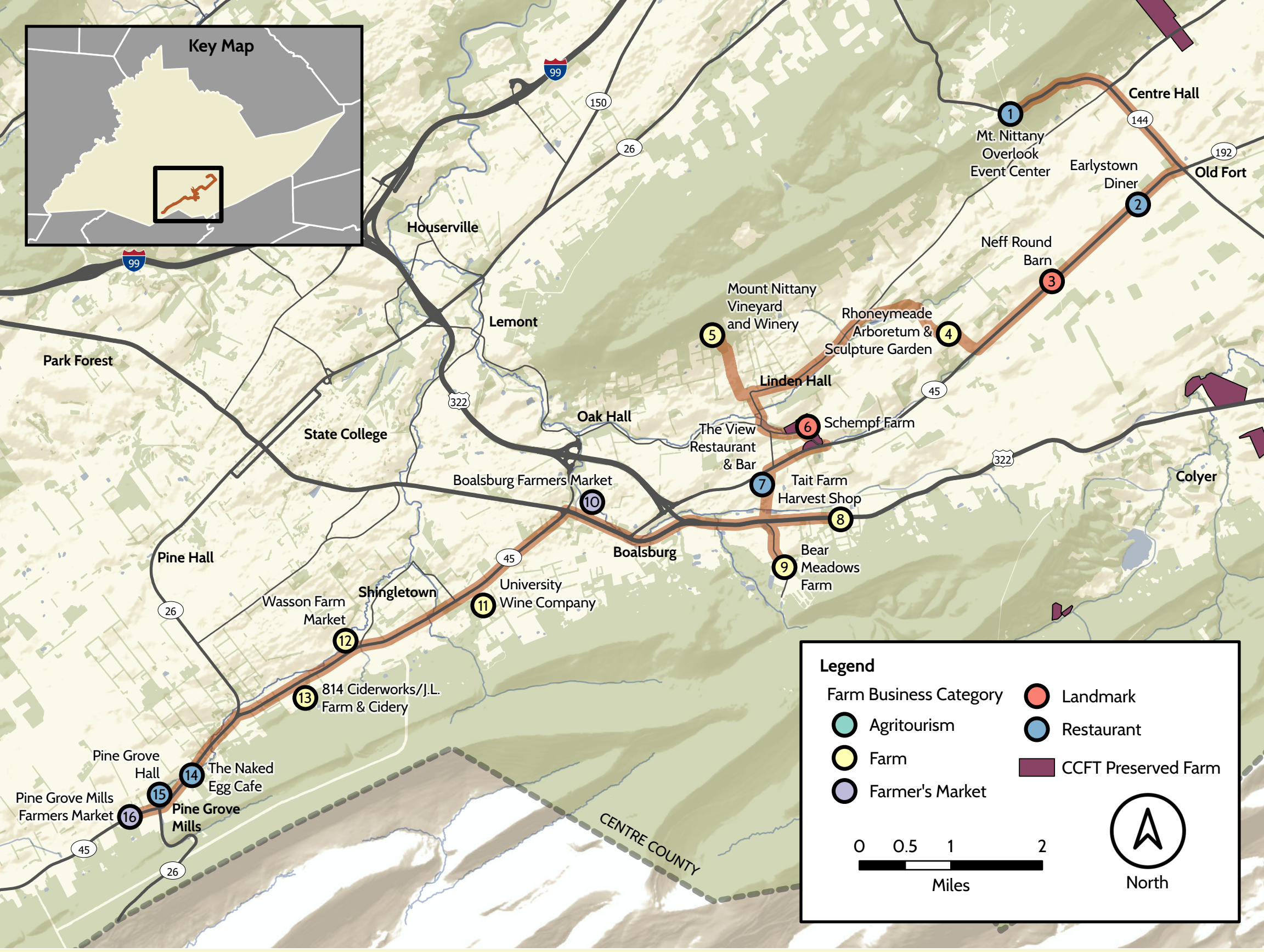

1. Mount Nittany Overlook by Harrison's
559 N. Pennsylvania Ave, Centre Hall
814-364-9363
@The OverlookGrill
www.TheOverlookGrill.com
Perched atop the Mt. Nittany Ridge with stunning views of picturesque farmlands and rolling mountains, this historic location is home to three locally owned, culinary-centered businesses–a restaurant, catering business, and event center–all featuring Chef Harrison Schailey's award-winning food.

2. Earlystown Diner
2770 Earlystown Road, Centre Hall
814-354-5099
@EarlystownDiner
Fuel up for the road! Home-cooking, dine in or takeout. Check for daily specials on Facebook.

3. Neff Round Barn
2519 Earlystown Road, Centre Hall
Inspired by the space-saving round barns he had seen in the Midwest, Calvin Neff built the round barn in c. 1910 of white pine on a limestone foundation. The round barn is an iconic symbol of the county's agricultural heritage and farmland preservation. Its image is part of the Centre County Farmland Trust logo!

4. Rhoneymeade Arboretum & Sculpture Garden
177 Rimmey Road, Centre Hall
814-571-2401
@Rhoneymeade
The 1853 home of Leonard Rhone (Grange Leader & Founder, Grange Fair) and the surrounding arboretum & sculpture garden. Rhoneymeade offers breathtaking views of the agricultural countryside. Explore the two-mile trail, but call ahead for a guided tour.

5. Mount Nittany Vineyard and Winery
300 Houser Road, Centre Hall
@mtnittanywinery
Enjoy the mountain setting outside while tasting exceptional wine made on this family farm winery. Outdoors wine flight tasting 11-5 Tues-Fri, 10-5 Sat, and 12-5 Sun. Show this map for a free, picnic corkscrew!

6. Schempf Farm
156 Cedar Run Road
This 42-acre private property's rich historic, agricultural and natural resources will continue into perpetuity – thanks to the generosity of Pete and Carol Schempf, who protected their farm through CCFT in 2009.

7. The View Restaurant and Bar at Mountain View Country Club
310 Club Road, Boalsburg
@mtviewcountryclub
Dine in or out on the deck for lunch or dinner at this country club restaurant– among stunning views of the valley and surrounding mountains.

8. Tait Farm Harvest Shop & Greenhouse
179 Tait Road, Centre Hall
@taitfarmfoods
For your kitchen, home and garden. For over 30 years the farm has also been making artisan foods and offers a line of more than 50 products. The Harvest Shop & Greenhouse showcase the farm's produce, plants and products – as well as local artisan crafts and other specialty foods, nature-inspired and seasonal gifts.

9. Bear Meadows Farm
265 Bear Meadows Road
@bearmeadowsfarmpa
Shop for raw milk, cheese and eggs at the farm store (Mon-Sat, 4-6) and you might even get to see one of "the girls"! This 190-acre, family farm at the base of Tussey Mountain is grass-based and certified animal welfare-approved.

10. Boalsburg Farmers Market
51 Boal Avenue, Boalsburg
@BoalsburgFarmersMarket
Tuesdays, 2-6 p.m., May-Oct.; Indoors Nov.-May at St. John's UCC, 218 N Church St. Everything for sale here was grown or crafted by each vendor. Vegetables, fruits, herbs, free-range, local meats, sauces, flowers – a full range of farm flavors!

11. University Wine Company
540 Misty Hill Drive
@universitywineco
www.universitywineco.com
Wine tastings and vineyard tours at this family-owned winery are scheduled to begin this fall. 'Til then, shop its online store or taste at its wine bar inside The Greek restaurant in town.

12. Wasson Farm Market
2545 Shingletown Road, State College
Facebook: Wasson Farm Market
Swing by for farm-fresh veggies and produce at this family-owned and operated seasonal market. Summer veggies PLUS homemade ice cream. Fall apples, squash, pumpkins.

13. 814 Cider Works/ J.L. Farm & Cidery
3392 Shingletown Road, State College
@JLFarmandCidery
Taste what happens when a family pours its farming passion, history and sense of adventure into a cider-tasting experience. Watch Facebook for weekend evening tasting with food and music offerings. Open Fri 3-9, Sat 12-9, and Sun 12-7 through Labor Day weekend, then the 1st, 3rd and 5th weekend of the month.

14. The Naked Egg Cafe
320 Pine Grove Road, State College
814-954-7341
Facebook: The Naked Egg Café
Cozy, delicious and vibrant breakfast and lunch spot. (And convenient!)

Legend
- Restaurant that purchases from the AFW distribution hub
- Agricultural heritage landmark
- Drive by only
- Call ahead to schedule
- Delivery or curbside pickup
- Farm store

15. Pine Grove Hall
101 E. Pine Grove Road
@pinegrovehall
Chefs Tory Glossner & Shane Orndorf turn locally sourced ingredients into menu offerings that dazzle and delight us! About 90 percent of their ingredients come from within a 50-mile radius. Enjoy beer, wine, cocktails & live music. Dine-in, dine outside, OR order online with curbside pickup. Heaven. You had us at the stone fruit panzanella with Way Fruit Farm peaches and cherries! Show your map to get a 10% discount on food.

16. Pine Grove Mills Farmers Market
277 West Pine Grove Road
@PGMFarmersMarket
Thursdays 3-7 until September 24.
Shop for a full range of fresh, healthy and farm-delicious offerings at this producers' only market: coffee, beef, mushrooms, flowers, beer, produce, veggies, maple syrup – and much more! PGM is also a pickup site for Centre Markets' new online ordering service.

Get to know the hands and lands that feed us...

...in so many delicious ways!

Enjoy your tour!