Overview

In this program designed for our youngest farmers, students will experience a total feast for the senses as they explore our working living history farm museum. Using maps for way-finding, kids will meet our chicken, sheep, and pigs, as well as search for wildlife. At each stop, kids will use their five senses to identify the things animals need to survive. Hands on experiences at each stop will show students how and why a farmer would use this animal.

The guided portion is approximately one hour in length. Afterwards, have a picnic lunch in our Children’s Garden, play with historic games and toys, and enjoy the great outdoors.

Essential Questions

1. What do our five senses tell us about the world we live in?
2. How people use landmarks and maps to understand their physical place in the world?
3. What essential needs do all creatures have to survive and thrive?

“When I was older, Papa and I plowed the fields. “Where else is the soil so sweet? He said. Once Papa and I lay down in the field, holding hands, and the birds surrounded us: Raucous black grackles, redwings, crows in the dirt....When we left, Papa put a handful of dirt in his pocket. I did too.” --Patricia MacLachlan, All the Places to Love
On the day of...

An educator will meet your group at the buses and check you in. After exiting the bus, students will be led to our central meeting spot to go over rules and expectations for the farm and its animals. From there, students will break into groups (number of groups determined by total number of students) and visit different stations around the farm that will get them hands-on with farming and the great outdoors. Each group is led by one of our expert educators. After the activities, schools have the option of staying for lunch and self-guided play. At the end of the trip, an educator will lead you safely back to the bus and see you off!

Station 1: Chicken Out!

Students will visit our chicken coop and get up close and personal with our heritage Dominique Hens. Learn about what chickens need to survive, search for eggs, and play a game that demonstrates a prey animal’s need for safe shelter!

Station 2: Pig Out

Meet our Guinea Hogs! The preferred breed of George Washington, kids will get a chance to feed our hungry pigs and learn about their muddy habits. Then, look for evidence of their unique rooting and digging skills at the top of our nature trail.

Station 3: Trail Blazers

Our farm is home to more than just our domestic breeds. Explore the woods on this short 0.25 mile nature trail that takes you past both the man-made and animal-made shelters that exist all over New England forests. Quiet observers in the past have spotted turkeys, deer, rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, snakes, minks, and once, a snapping turtle laying her eggs!

Please note the trail has some uneven and rocky bits, as well as a slope. If any of your participants have mobility concerns, please contact coggeshallEd@osv.org upon booking to set up an alternative activity.

Station 4: Feeling Sheepish

The most important animal on early New England farms was often the sheep! Students will get a chance to meet and greet our fluffy friends, as well as try their hand at cleaning and carding the wool we shear annually.
**Teacher Quote:** “It was the perfect day for exploring the farm, meeting all the farm animals, and using all five senses to discover the farmyard.”

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**Grade Level Standards**

**Early Learning Standards**

Ph.1a, Ph. 2b.
Ld. 1a, Ld. 2a , Ld. 3a
Cd 3.a, Cd 4.a
M1.a, SS2.a

**Rhode Island GSE K-1**

**Social Studies**

C&G 5 (K-2) -1, C&G 5 (K-2)-3
HP 2 (K-2) – 3 , HP 5 (K-2) – 2
G 1 (K-2) –1, G 1 (K-2) –2
G 2 (K-2) –1

**Science NGSS**

K-ESS3-1.

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**Looking for a longer trip?**

Ask about adding a “My Five Senses” program. Perfect for schools looking for a longer field trip, this add-on includes an additional hour of content:

- Meet the Worms
- Texture Game
- Cooking Activity (DIY Lemonade)
- Garden Smells exploration
- Optional Storytime

Additional $2 a student for add-on.

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**Ready to Book?**

**Book directly by submitting a request through our website.**

Website:
https://www.cogghesshallfarm.org/education/

**Have more questions? Send us an email!**

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