



Hello HipCamper(s), and welcome to Red Gate Farm, LLC! We hope you enjoy your stay, and find it peaceful and relaxing, as you enjoy our little Central IL Paradise.

In order to ensure the your health and safety, as well as that of the farm family and all animals (both wild and domestic) on the farm, we ask that you please heed the following rules:

1. Please remember this farm is surrounded by neighboring homes and properties, and we ask that you be respectful of those neighbors at ALL times!
2. Please do not play loud music, allow consistent barking of your dogs (if applicable), or create unreasonable noise between the hours of 10pm and 7am.
3. Please do not cross the white horse track fence boundary, as much of this borders on neighbor's properties. Another (unmarked) property boundary is just past the east end of the horse track and pond area.
4. Although we don't mind you reaching over the fence to pet our horses, be aware the fence is electrified, and horses are large animals. Please do not enter their track, grab any part of their body, or hand feed them at any time. Also, be aware that horses can be unpredictable in their behavior. The state of Illinois cautions anyone exposed to horses with their Equine Liability Act Warning:

Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who engages in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities."

5. Please do not feed horses or other animals at any time! We are a natural, organic farm, and our animals are on special, forage-based diets. In addition, our horses are often used in public settings, so for the safety of the public, we never hand-feed them.
6. Our pastures are patrolled by Livestock Guardian Dogs. They can be suspicious of visitors entering their pens without us present. Please don't enter our fences without a farm family member with you.
7. Please respect the privacy of our family, home, barn, and other farm structures. If you need anything, however, please feel free to call/text us at 217-501-4234, or ring the giant bell near the front door of the house.
8. Cell phone reception is very limited near the pond and campsite areas. If you need better service, you may find it on one of the levee or up near the main house.
9. Be aware that most lines and fences seen around the farm may be electrified to ensure our animals respect their fences. While the shock is generally safe and quick, it is never pleasant, so we recommend not touching!
10. Feel free to swim in our pond. The east end may have a depth around 6 feet, while the larger west end is closer to 15 feet. Use the pond or swim at your own risk! Be aware that it does have a natural clay and silt base, so sides may be slippery in some areas. You should be an experienced swimmer, and we recommend never swimming alone!

11. The fire pit is also available for campers' use. Feel free to gather any sticks or wood laying around the campsite or in the woods to burn. Please do not cut any live wood, and always be cautious when gathering firewood as there may be snakes, mice, or other wildlife living underneath.
12. The bucket toilet is open air, but is located in a fairly private, woodland-screened location. There is no direct line of site during the growing season. If you are still uncomfortable, we are happy to provide you with some sheets to create an additional curtain. Although we do check prior to your arrival, please use caution and always check for insects or critters on the seat before using it.
13. Our Hipcamp area, Horse Track, and Pond area are full of wildlife seeking refuge and fresh water on our property. Please be respectful. **Do not feed or harass** the animals, and do not leave your trash laying around. On a typical day, you may see squirrels, deer, turkey, fox, groundhogs, an array of predatory or song birds, turtles, frogs, fish, and more. You may even spot one of our friendly farm cats if they come down to visit! On rare occasion, you may hear or even see animals such as skunk, coyote, bobcat, snakes, or snapping turtles. Always use caution, and carry a "noisemaker" such as a bell to scare them off if necessary. We have never had a problem with them, though. Central IL does not have many poisonous snakes to be concerned about. We primarily have harmless water snakes, king snakes, and garter snakes. We ask that you leave these in peace, as they help control our rodent population.
14. The v-boat is available for camper use! We request that children use a life-vest, and we have 2 youth sized vests available by request. We always recommend you supply your own for best fit. We also recommend that any boaters possess at least basic swimming skills.

In addition to camping, we offer other products and experiences, as available. Although pre-reservations for experiences is preferred, feel free to ask, and we'll see if we have availability!

**Option 1:** 2-hour guided farm tour for \$40 (up to 10 people), which is a very popular, educational opportunity to learn about sustainable, natural farming, and symbiotic relationships between crops and animals.

**Option 2:** If you desire healthy, fresh foods, we offer a variety of farm-raised, all-natural meats, eggs, and produce, on a seasonal basis. Prices vary.

**Option 3:** Make an extra memory with a horse-back riding lesson or an educational "Horse Experience" (\$25/half hour or \$40/hour).

**Option 4:** Request a horse-drawn carriage or wagon ride through country roads. Discounted farm rate is \$50/hour.

We are happy to help make your stay as unique and memorable as possible, so feel free to ask!

Finally, when you check out, if we are not personally available for some reason, you can leave your bag of trash at the front door. If you let us know what time you are planning to leave, we are happy to bring the golf cart down to help haul your gear back up the hill! If you do not desire to keep this info packet and/or the flyers, you can leave it by the door as well so we can re-use.

That's about it! We welcome you to explore the farm, and hike on our short woodland trails or down our driveway. Please note the map you received on arrival, and the locations of HipCamp trails. We ask that you avoid entering any fence without a host, and be aware of our many steep slopes and natural obstacles.

Thanks, and enjoy your stay!!

*Sean and Danielle Londrigan, Farm Hosts*