

## Circle Farm Tours

Do you ever feel like ditching the big city life of Metro Vancouver for an afternoon, or even overnight, and exploring one of the wonderful farm countries in our area? But maybe you just don't know where to go? Circle Farm Self-Guided Tours could be just thing for you!

To sum it up, Circle Farm Tours are a collection of road maps in five farming communities around Metro Vancouver. There is Abbotsford, Langley, Chilliwack, Agassiz/ Harrison Mills and Maple Ridge/ Pitt Meadows. There are brochures available for each of these places, included in the brochure is a road map and a list of places to visit. There are farms, with farm-gate vendors, open air markets, delicious local restaurants and cafes, heritage sites, fairs and special events. Check out the list below to see a more detailed report of what you can expect in each place.



### Abbotsford

The Abbotsford Circle Farm Tour has thirteen year round stops, and three seasonal ones. There are restaurants (*Restaurant 62* designs their menu to be in sync with the season), an Antique store (*Granny & Grumpa's Antiques* has possibly the largest personal collection of antiques in BC), farms and dairy's (*Goat's Pride Dairy* produces organic goats milk, yogurt and cheeses), a winery (*Mt. Lehman Winery* produces delicious organic wines) and more! Special events coming up for the Abbotsford Circle Tour are Grandparents Day at Maan Farms (July 23<sup>rd</sup>), Abbotsford Agrifair and Might Fraser Rodeo (July 28 – Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>) and the Annual Free Family Fun Day at Campbell's Gold Honey Farm and Meadery (Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>).

### Langley

Langley's Circle Farm Tour has fourteen year round stops. Places include four wineries (*Township 7 Winery* opens their winery for art shows, live music, wine seminars and more!), farms and dairy's (*Driediger Farms* specializes in all of the different berries BC has to offer!), the weekly Langley Farmers Market (every Wednesday, 2 – 4pm), and more (don't forget to visit Fort Langley!). Events coming up in Langley are the Farmers Feat at Krause Berry Farms (July 17<sup>th</sup>), Driediger Farm's Langley Eats Local (Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>) and Art in the Vines at Township 7 Winery (Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>).

### Chilliwack

The Chilliwack Circle Farm Tour features ten year round stops and three seasonal ones. There are plenty of place to buy souvenirs here (*Rustic Soap Co.* specializes in natural, herbal soap), farms and gardens (*Minter Country Garden* is an 18 acre plot that has plants from all over the world), restaurants (*Hofstede's Country Barn* can fill you up with a homemade lunch or dinner), and come fall don't forget to check out the Chilliwack Corn Maze! Upcoming events in Chilliwack are the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car Show at Minter Gardens (July 17<sup>th</sup>), the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Slow Food Cycle Tour (July

24<sup>th</sup>) and the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Greendale Country Sampler Tour (Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>).

### **Agassiz/ Harrison Mills**

There are eight year round stop and two seasonal stops on the Agassiz/ Harrison Mills Circle Farm Tour. Their stops include farms and a dairy (*Canadian Hazelnut* produces a variety of different kinds of hazelnuts), a historical site and museum, a pottery studio (*as well as being a pottery studio The Back Porch* also roasts their own coffee!), and the *Sparkes Corn Barn*(enjoy some tasty handpicked corn and strawberries!). Don't miss these events coming up soon in Agassiz/ Harrison Mills: the Harrison Festival of the Arts (July 9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>), the Agassiz Slow Food Cycle Tour (July 23<sup>rd</sup>) and the Sts'ailes Art in the Garden (Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>).

### **Maple Ridge/ Pitt Meadows**

There are twelve stops on the Maple Ridge/ Pitt Meadows Circle Farm Tour. This Circle Tour features markets (*Bruce's County Market* specializes in fresh and smoked salmon, produce, grocery items and even dinners!), farms (*Heather Hills Farm Society* has plenty of fresh cut heather, hazelnuts and vegetables), a winery (*Blue Heron Fruit Winery* has a variety of table and dessert wines for you to pick from!), and a few fun stops good for the whole family (*Honeyland Canada* will introduce you to the world of bees!). Events upcoming in the Maple Ridge/ Pitt Meadows area are: Country Fest at Memorial Peace Park (July 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>) and Golfing in the Dark at Heather Hill's Farm (Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>).

There are lists of all of the activities for each for the tours available on the Circle Farm Tours website: <http://circlefarmtour.com/>

The brochures (which include a map and list of stops) are available by pdf.

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