

The Garden

Tiptoe through the tomatoes . . . and beans, squash, peppers . . . Some of our vegetables are heirloom varieties that date back to the 1800's. No synthetic fertilizers or pesticides are used in our garden which is tended by adult volunteers and children who attend the Farmin' Fun Day Camp each summer. All garden produce is sold at our farmer's market held each summer and fall in the Old Barn.



Farmer's Market

Our farmer's market features locally grown, organic produce including vegetables grown in our garden. You'll find fruits and vegetables, herbs, plants, flowers, maple syrup, honey and more every Wednesday, 4:00-7:00 p.m. from mid-June through September in the Old Barn. Proceeds from the sale of our farm produce help support Salomon Farm Park and the Farmin' Fun Day Camp.



The Animals

What's a farm without animals? Donkeys, sheep, goats, chickens and more make their home at Salomon Farm during the spring, summer and fall. The wetlands and woods ensure an abundance of wildlife as well, including ducks, geese, deer, raccoons and more.



Farmin' Fun Day Camp

Boys and girls ages 4 and older enjoy arts and crafts, vegetable gardening, tending the animals, splashing in the creek, playing games and learning about nature in our summer farm camp. Six weekly sessions are offered beginning in June. Registration begins in mid-March. Brochures are distributed through local schools and libraries or can be found on-line at www.fortwayneparks.org.



Fiber Arts Celebration

Held each May, this two-day festival is filled with educational and entertaining events designed to promote and preserve our heritage of natural fiber production and traditional textile art.

Hands-on activities and interactive demonstrations are suitable for school groups, families, fiber arts enthusiasts or anyone interested in learning more about contemporary fiber arts and textiles. Sheep shearing, wool dyeing, spinning and weaving, quilting, basket weaving, knitting and hay wagon rides are all part of the education and fun. Natural fibers, fiber art equipment, materials and finished products, as well as food and beverages are available from a variety of vendors.



Fall Harvest Festival

The Fall Harvest Festival, held on a Friday and Saturday in late September, celebrates the history and culture of the American farm with activities and entertainment for people of all ages. Visitors enjoy musical entertainment, hay rides, farm animals, an antique tractor display and parade, and demonstrations of cow milking, butter making, corn husking/shredding and oat/wheat threshing. It's a great school field trip and family outing.



A Perfect Setting . . .

The Old Barn at Salomon Farm is the perfect setting for weddings, receptions, reunions and other special events. This magnificent old building sits majestically along Dupont Road. The peaceful, bucolic setting includes a pond, wetlands, livestock pens, vegetable gardens, prairie grasses and crop fields.

The barn, originally built in the late 1800's, housed livestock and stored farm equipment and served the farm for over 100 years. The newly renovated structure features a large seating area for up to 170 persons and a separate room for the catering operation. A separate but adjacent building houses the restrooms.

Call 427-6008 or visit www.fortwayneparks.org/salomon for more information.

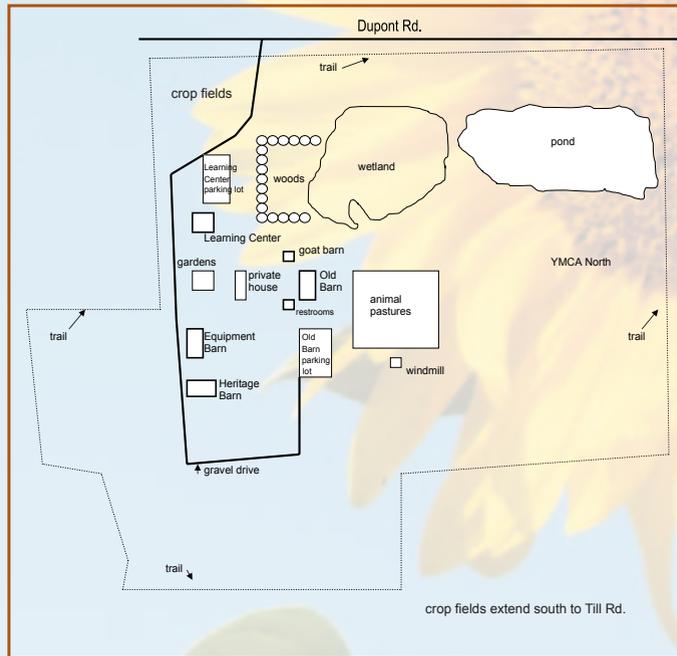


The Trail

Many walkers, joggers and bikers frequent the 1.8 mile paved path that winds through the farm and the adjacent YMCA property. Some use the trail for exercise, while others just want to enjoy a scenic walk through the park. Trail users may park at Salomon Farm or at the Dupont YMCA to access the trail.

Rules of the Park

- Park hours are 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Park in designated parking areas ONLY.
- Avoid the private drive and farmhouse.
- NO swimming.
- Fishing permitted in Pond (closest to YMCA) with state fishing license.
- NO hunting.
- NO ATV's or snowmobiles.
- NO collecting plants or animals.
- NO pets during public events.
- Pets, when permitted, must remain on a leash and be kept away from barnyard area and any livestock/farm animals.



How to Get Here



Salomon Farm is located just north of Fort Wayne on Dupont Road between State Road 3 and Coldwater Road. From I-69, take the Dupont Road exit and go west on Dupont Road approximately 3 miles.

Salomon Farm Park

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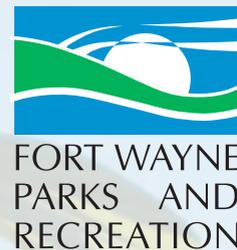


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History of the Park

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department entered the "farming business" in 1995 when Chris Salomon and his daughter, Lynn, presented the Department with a very generous gift -- the family farm. Located on the north side of Fort Wayne in an area of rapid development, the 170-acre park provides not only much needed green space, but a glimpse of life on the farm, as well.

In keeping with the Salomons' wishes, the park remains a working farm featuring demonstration plots utilizing farming methods popular in the 1930s. This era is somewhat unique to the "museum" genre as an era with great personal interest to older Americans as well as great opportunities for appeal, education, entertainment, and recreation for younger visitors. Period equipment is being obtained for authenticity and will be displayed in the "Heritage Barn." Small animals such as goats, chickens and sheep live on the farm during the summer months and heirloom vegetables and herbs are grown in a garden that is managed by community volunteers.

Special events and programs such as the Fall Harvest Festival, the Fiber Arts Celebration, the Farmin' Fun summer day camp, and numerous workshops and classes provide opportunities for education as well as recreation and entertainment throughout the year. You are invited to visit the Farm Park any time, in accordance with the park rules in this brochure.

