



Frying Pan Farm Park

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Pre-Visit Activities for Self-Guided Groups

- 1) Read books: about farm life and farm animals.
- 2) Discuss: the farm environment; including the sights, sounds and smells the students may encounter on the farm.
- 3) Storytelling: have the students make up stories about their favorite farm animal or farm equipment. Let them share their stories with the rest of the class.
- 4) Farm games: have the students play games similar to those which the children of Kidwell Farm would have played during the 1920's-1950's; such as sack races, "hot potato," three legged races, tag.
- 5) Sample Packet Activities: play identification games, such as "Where would you find this on the farm?" or "Who would eat this?"





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Post-Visit Activities for Self-Guided Groups

- 1) Discuss: something the students learned or was of interest to them.
- 2) Letters, poems or drawings: have the students write or draw about the farm. Letters and drawings could be sent to the Frying Pan Farm Park staff to let us know what the children enjoyed.
- 3) Coloring sheet: teacher or students may download the Kidwell Farm coloring sheet, which they can use at home or at school.
- 4) Games: have children do “Compare and Contrast” activities or matching games related to Kidwell Farm.





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From I-495: go west on I-66 to Exit 55, FFX County Parkway, Route 7100. Go north on FFX County Parkway approximately 6 miles, to West Ox Road. Turn left on West Ox Road, and proceed 1.4 miles to park entrance on the right.

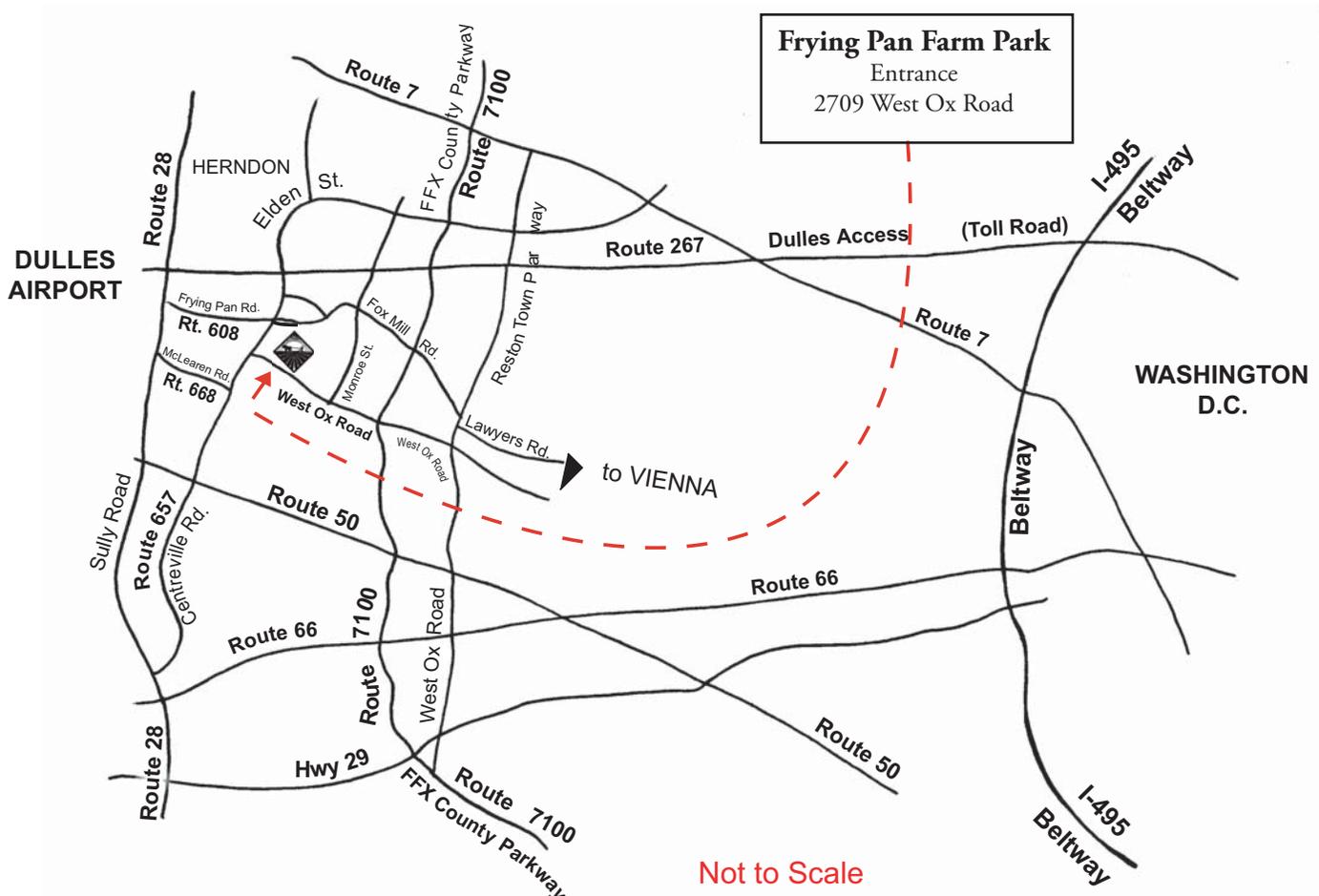
From I-66: take exit 55, FFX County Parkway, Route 7100, north 6 miles. Turn left on West Ox Road. Go 1.4 miles to park entrance on the right.

From Dulles Toll Road, Route 267: use Exit 10, Route 657. Go south on Centreville Road approximately 1.5 miles to left on West Ox Road. Continue to park entrance on the left.

Also from Dulles Toll Road, Route 267: use Exit 11, south on FFX County Parkway. Continue south on FFX County Parkway approximately 1.5 miles to West Ox Road. Turn right, and continue about 1.4 miles to park entrance on the right.

From Route 28: go east on McLearen Road, Route 668; left (north) on Centreville Rd., Rt. 657; right on West Ox Road to park on left.

Also from Route 28: go east on Frying Pan Road, Route 608; right (south) on Centreville Rd., left on West Ox Road to park on left.



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Permit
Parking

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Kiosk

Kidwell
Farm

Walkway

Visitor Center &
Main Offices

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Entrance



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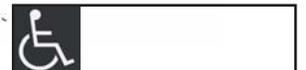
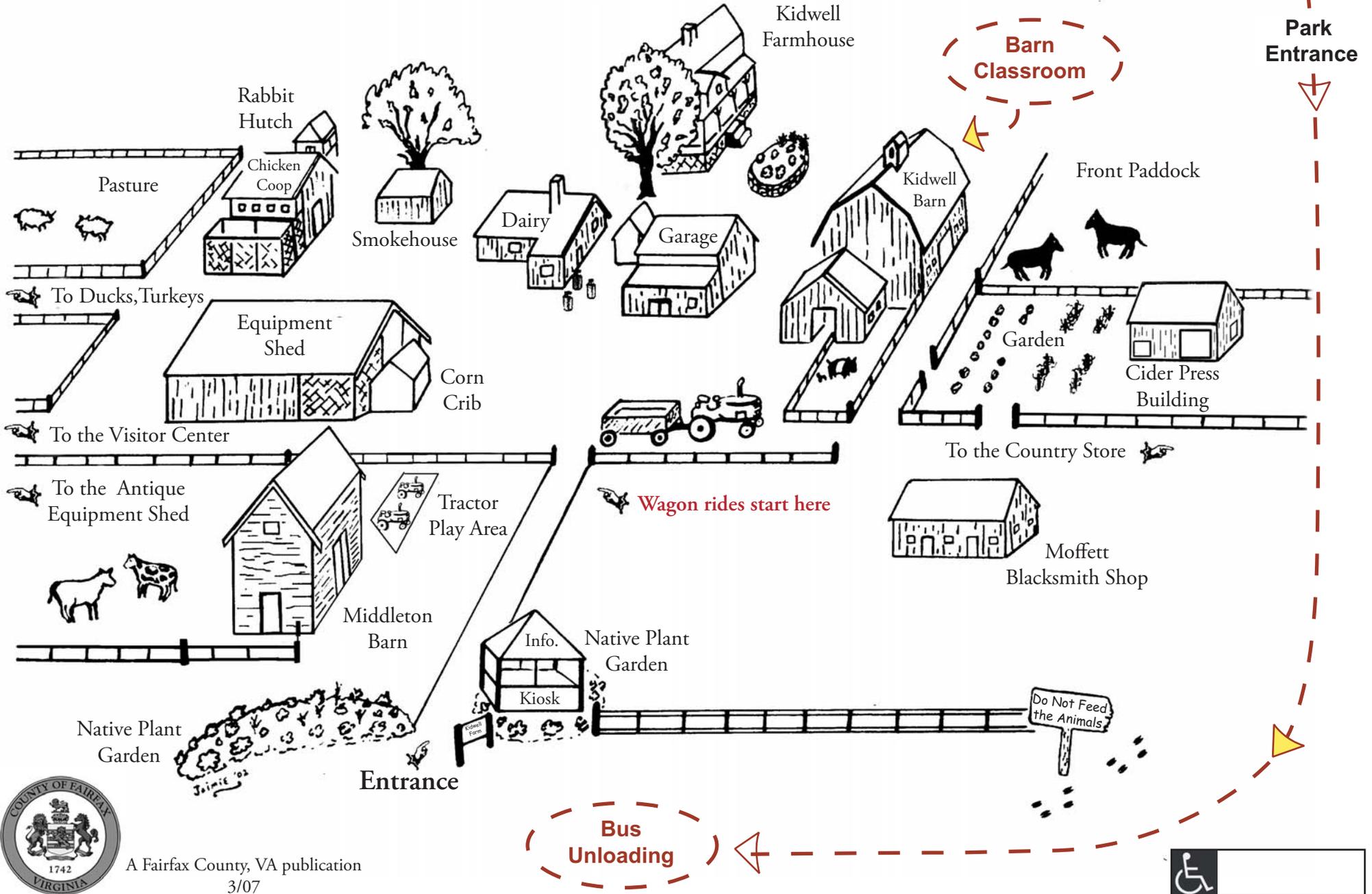
Kidwell Farm at Frying Pan Farm Park

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Add to your field trip: A Tractor Drawn Wagon Ride



To inquire about available times and reservations, call 703-437-9101.

Frying Pan Farm Park offers tractor drawn wagon rides to our visitors. Enjoy riding through and learning about the equestrian areas of the park, the woods along the stream, the crop fields, and Kidwell Farm. It's a journey back to the simpler life of Fairfax County's rural heritage.

- ★ Each wagon ride will last approximately 20 minutes.
- ★ Cost is \$3 per rider.
- ★ One teacher per wagon rides free.
- ★ Reservations require a minimum of 10 riders.
- ★ All reservations need to be made well in advance...rides book up early.
- ★ Otherwise, rides are on a "first come, first serve" basis.
- ★ Maximum: 30 people per wagon ride.
- ★ Make checks payable to FCPA (Fairfax County Park Authority).
- ★ Credit cards accepted (Visa & MC).



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SAMPLE PACKETS



CORN: Field Corn is harvested for livestock when the corn on the ear becomes hard and dry, usually in October. (People prefer their corn more moist, so they harvest their corn in mid-summer.) Feed corn for farm animals is shelled (corn stripped off the cob) with a hand powered shelling machine. Practically every animal on the farm eats corn, but the farmer usually grinds it first. Whole corn (as you see in the packet) is hard for animals to digest, because of a thick “skin” around the kernel. It has to be ground, cracked, rolled or flaked, so the livestock can digest and utilize the nutrients.



HAY: Hay is made from a combination of several nutritious grass plants, such as rye, timothy, or orchard grass; and clover or alfalfa (leguminous plants which are like the livestock’s “vegetables”). The plants are allowed to grow very tall, and then they are cut at the base of the plants. The hay is left in the field to dry for 2-3 days, and then it is baled and stored in a dry place until needed to feed the animals. Grasses grown for hay, clover and first cuttings of alfalfa have very fine stems, leaves and seed heads which have lots of nutrients and are easy for livestock to digest.

STRAW: Straw is usually made from the dried stems of oats, wheat, barley or other grass plants which have highly nutritious seeds that are harvested especially for the seed or grain. The grains are harvested first, and then the left over stems, which are dry and more coarse, are baled and stored in a dry place until needed for livestock bedding. Straw spread on the floor of a stall helps keep the animals clean, dry and warm. Straw is cheaper to buy than hay.

OATS: Oats are seeds of oat grass which is harvested for it’s grain. People eat cooked oats like oatmeal, in bread or in oatmeal cookies. Cattle, sheep, goats and horses eat oats raw, as you see them in the sample packet. Oat grain is nutritious and easy for livestock to digest.



SWEET FEED: Sweet feed is a mixture of corn, oats, a protein supplement pellet and molasses, to make it taste good. It is fed to cows, sheep and goats. This type of feed adds variety to the animals’ diet and gives them extra calories and protein which is especially important during the cold winter months.



WOOL: Domestic sheep are bred with a genetic variation that causes their wool to continue growing, like human hair. The wool, or fleece, is cut in early spring, giving the sheep all summer and autumn to grow a warm coat before the cold winter. After shearing, the wool is cleaned, carded and can be used as batting to make warm comforters for people’s beds; or it is spun into yarn to make sweaters, coats, blankets or rugs. Wool is one of the most durable textiles available.



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Add to your field trip:

Shopping at the

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Let your students take the learning home!

Educational Books

Toy Farm Animals

Toy Farm Tractors

Old Fashioned Games

Old Fashioned Candy Sticks

Ice Cream, Snacks & Drinks



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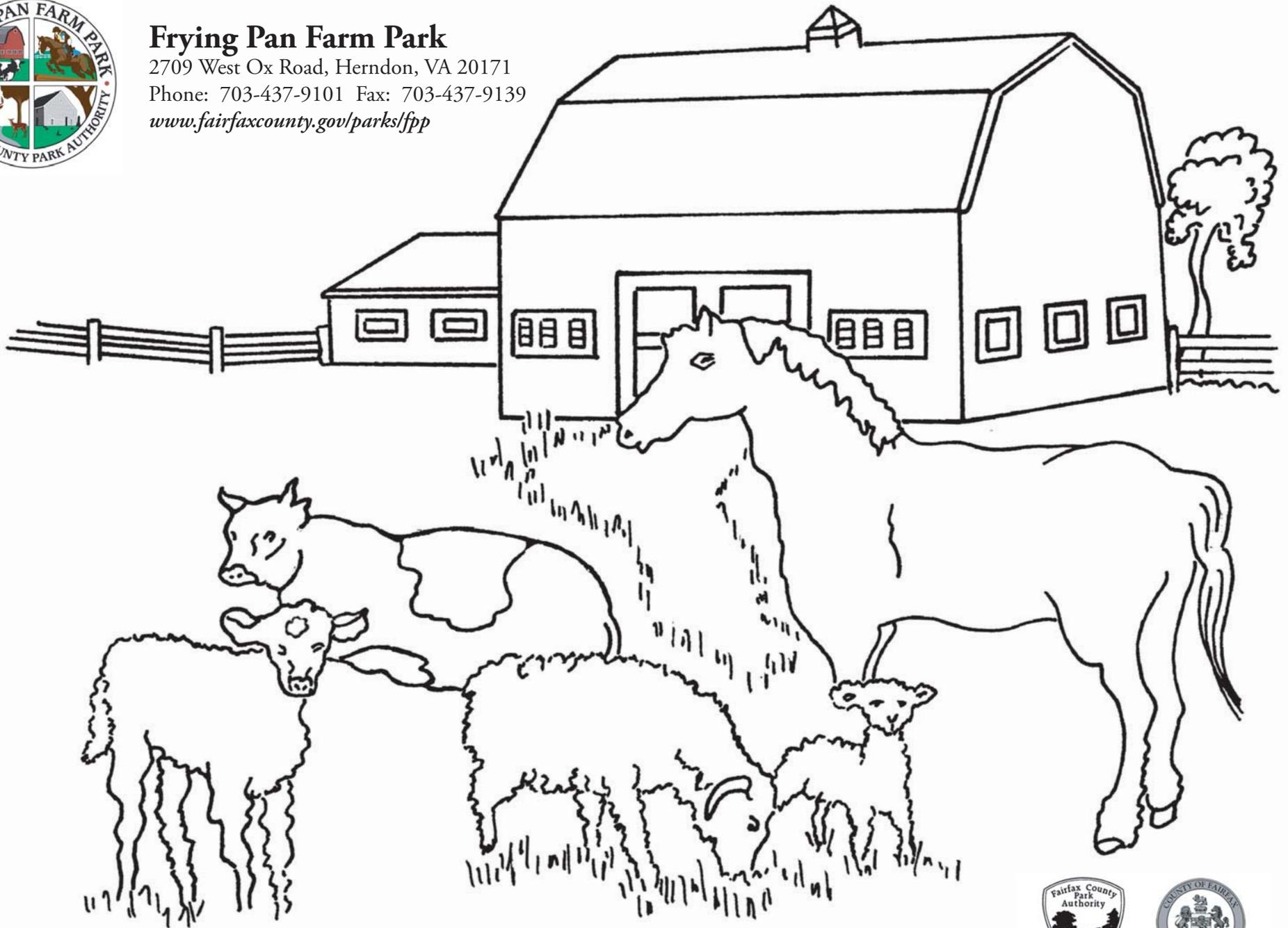


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