Visit local farms, enjoy activities for all ages, & more! Participation is free and no registration is required.

1. MBS Family Farms
   Fifth-generation large modern day family farming operation with an emphasis on legacy. A “party” bus tour will provide the opportunity to learn about their farm and sustainable practices. Tours will begin on the hour and last approximately 45 minutes. Enjoy the corn maze with “U-pick” squirrel corn. Shop at The Nut House gift shop.

2. Apples on the Avenue
   The orchard was originally planted in 1975 (formerly Cedar View Orchard) and still has 150 of the original trees and 20 varieties of apples. Explore the orchard with Darin at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. You can pick your own delicious apples or purchase pre-picked apples from the farm store where you will find other Iowa goodies. Enjoy tasting apples, a horse & wagon ride, mini-golf, and a small playground while visiting the orchard!

3. Beck Orchards
   Walking tours of the farmstead will be available at the beginning of each hour and will include information about the apples trees (25 varieties), vegetables, perennial flower beds, meat goats, and their bee hives. Learn how and why they started an apiary. Fresh apple cider will be available and you can purchase apples in the repurposed red barn.

4. Big Rock Bison
   Visit the Yuska family farm to learn more about our national mammal, the American bison! A short presentation about the bison will be given each hour by Jeremiah. Enjoy educational hands-on activities and see these great animals in person. When visiting the farm, please keep your hands out of the enclosed bison area for your safety and the safety of the bison.

5. Timeless Prairie Orchard LLC
   Visit this 10 acre high density dwarf apple tree orchard with Honeycrisp and 20 other varieties. This family-owned orchard has been awarded the Iowa State Fair “Premier Exhibitor” Award and numerous Blue Ribbons. Tours will begin on the ½ hour and include the orchard, ISU research project, processing building, and cold storage. Tasting of unique apple varieties and apple cider will be available. You can purchase apples in the Orchard Market.

6. Garden Oasis Farm LLC
   Visit this 10 acre diversified vegetable, poultry, and egg farm established in 2013 using organic principles and is certified in food safety through the GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) program. The products are sold through 100 CSA members, farmers markets, and wholesale buyers including New Pioneer Food Co-op. Tours will begin on the hour and include the high tunnel, production fields, and vegetable processing area. Produce and chickens will be available for purchase.

7. Fitkin Popcorn
   Learn all about one of America’s favorite snacks, popcorn! FITKIN Popcorn, the producers of FIT-POP, is part of a fourth generation family farm located in northeast Iowa. Jim Fitkin will answer all your questions about growing and storing popcorn while touring his new facility. Tours will be given every ½ hour. Try some delicious popcorn samples and buy some to bring home for snacking.