

Queens County Farm Museum Map & Self-Guiding Tour

1. The Farmhouse

The western half of the farmhouse was built by the Adrianses in 1772. The original entrance, on the north facade, led into the parlor. The eastern half of the house was added sometime between 1833 and 1840; additional changes were made in the late 19th and the early 20th century.

2. The Herb Garden

Herbs were used throughout the 18th and the 19th century for flavoring food, dyeing yarn, brewing teas, and making home remedies.

3. The Orchard

Covering about two acres of farmland, the orchard existed as early as 1890. Of the trees identified as having been planted at that time, only one Keiser Pear tree and a few Winesap Apple trees remain. The other trees were added during the site's occupancy by the Creedmoor Psychiatric Hospital (1927-1960) and the Museum (1975-).

4. The Chicken Coop

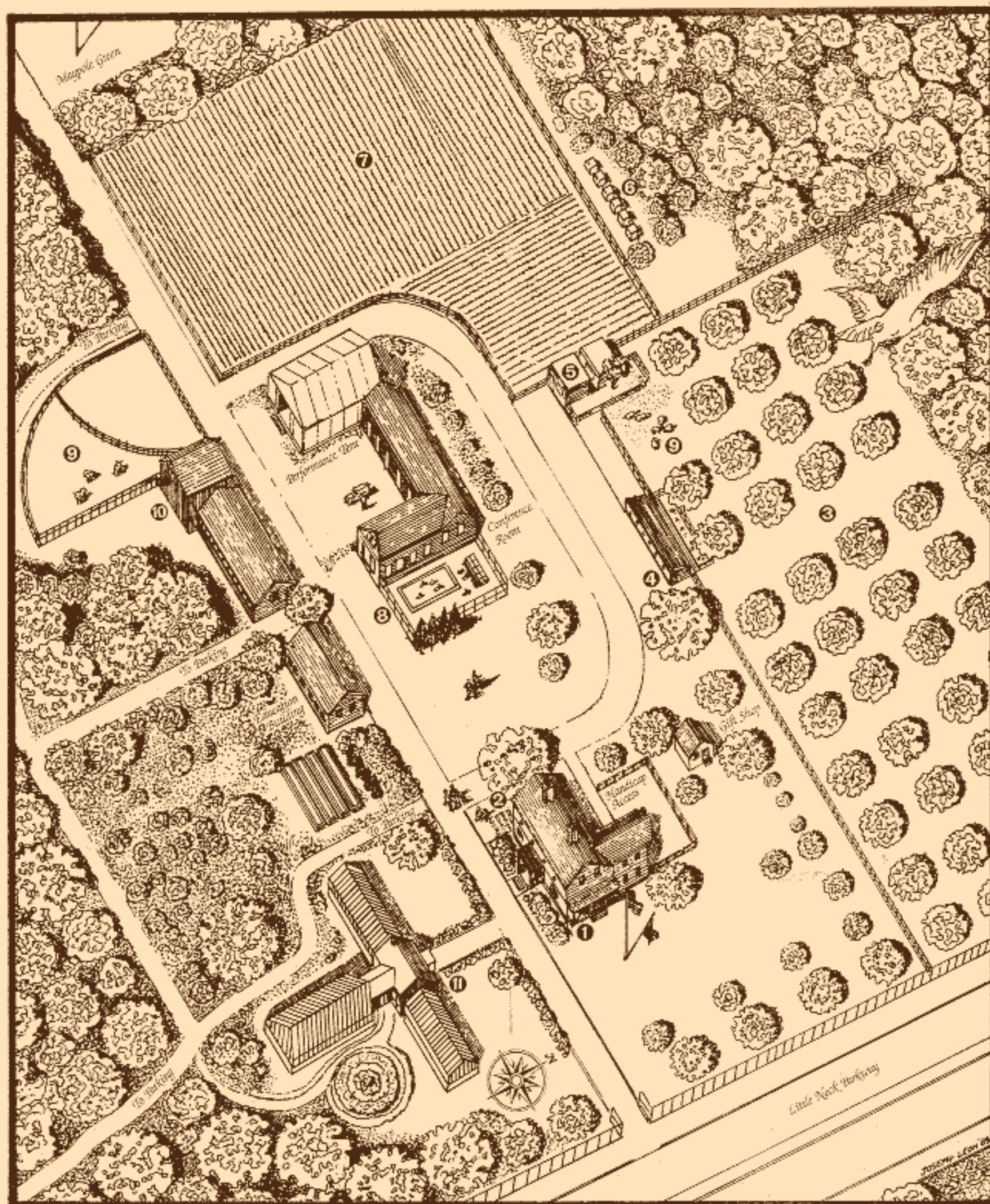
Built in 1927, the coop houses 100 free-range laying hens. Our "Sal Link" hybrids each produce 260-290 large, brown eggs per yearly laying cycle. The eggs are collected daily to be washed and boxed for sale.

5. The Cow Shed

Our cow, Daisy, is an Ayresshire. This breed was brought to this country in the mid-19th century and valued for both its mild disposition and the large volume of milk it could produce.

6. The Bee Hives

In the 18th century, sugar was expensive because it was imported from the West Indies. Honey might have been gathered as an alternative sweetener. The beeswax was useful for candlemaking.



7. The Planting Fields

We grow corn, pumpkins, tomatoes, and other vegetables. In the late 19th century, the Stattel family worked the property as a truck farm, raising "truck," or vegetable produce to sell in New York City's public markets.

8. The Duck Pond

Ducks and geese provided 18th and 19th century farmers with meat for food, fat for cooking, and feathers for bedding.

9. The Sheep Pastures

Our sheep graze either in the orchard behind the chicken coop or in the meadow behind the cowbarn. Sheep can be raised for their wool or for their meat. Our sheep are Suffolk, an improved breed dating from the early 20th century that is raised chiefly for its meat.

10. The Cowbarn

Constructed in 1927, the cowbarn is used for seasonal crop storage and animal care.

11. The Greenhouse

The Greenhouse is operated by the Martin Van Buren High School Vocational Horticulture Program. It is not open to visitors.

Enjoy your stay, but . . .

**PLEASE DO NOT LITTER, PICK FRUIT,
CLIMB TREES, OR FEED THE ANIMALS.**
Thank you for your cooperation.
