



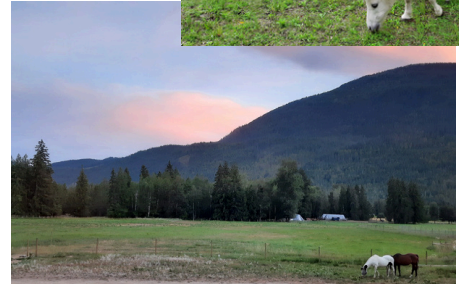
Your Upcoming Tour Information

# OLICH CREEK FARM, CANADA

## TOUR DETAILS

Join us for a live-stream journey through our 27-acre sanctuary in beautiful British Columbia. You'll meet some gentle horses grazing in green pastures, curious cows, woolly sheep, playful goats, and a delightful array of feathered friends including chickens, ducks, and one characterful goose with a personality all their own. Don't miss the resident gentle giant - a remarkable pig who's sure to steal your heart!

Whether you're yearning to reconnect with rural life or discovering farm living for the first time, this live-streamed experience offers a window into the simple joys and natural rhythms of an animal sanctuary. Witness firsthand how this diverse family of rescued animals live in harmony with nature, each with their own story and special place in our farm community.



## ★ MEET YOUR TOUR GUIDE: HEATHER



Heather and her family proudly own and operate Olich Creek Farm, nestled in Ashton Creek, east of Enderby in British Columbia, Canada. Heather loves showcasing this incredible 27-acre property through both live-stream and in-person tours. The farm is home to a variety of old and rescued animals, including sheep, goats, miniature horses, and a giant pig. Join us as Heather shares the joys and challenges of life on the farm, offering a unique glimpse into the daily experiences and heartwarming stories of their beloved animals.

**PRIVATE TOURS:** Your guide is available for private tours, virtually or in person. It's a special way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, holiday, or special occasion - or to add to an upcoming trip. Please reach out to us and we will be happy to connect you.

## 📍 WHAT TO EXPECT

Get ready for something special. We're traveling with no passport, no plane ticket and no luggage. And yet you'll experience all the sights, sounds and stories with just your laptop, favorite snack and amazing guide.

**The tour will be live streamed** by your guide directly. While on the tour you'll be able to see a full screen video of your guide and their surroundings, interact with them and other travelers.

## 🎵 MUSIC SELECTION

1. **"Summer of '69" by Bryan Adams** - Connection to BC: Bryan Adams was born in Kingston, Ontario, but grew up in North Vancouver, BC. His ties to the province are reflected in his music and career.
2. **"Goodbye Horses" by Q Lazzarus (Written by William Garvey)** - Connection to BC: William Garvey, the songwriter, lived part of his life in Vancouver and drew inspiration from BC's serene and majestic landscapes for his creative works.
3. **"Vancouver Lights" by Bif Naked** - Connection to BC: Bif Naked, a renowned artist, has strong roots in Vancouver and has been a significant figure in the Canadian music scene, often referencing her home province in her work.

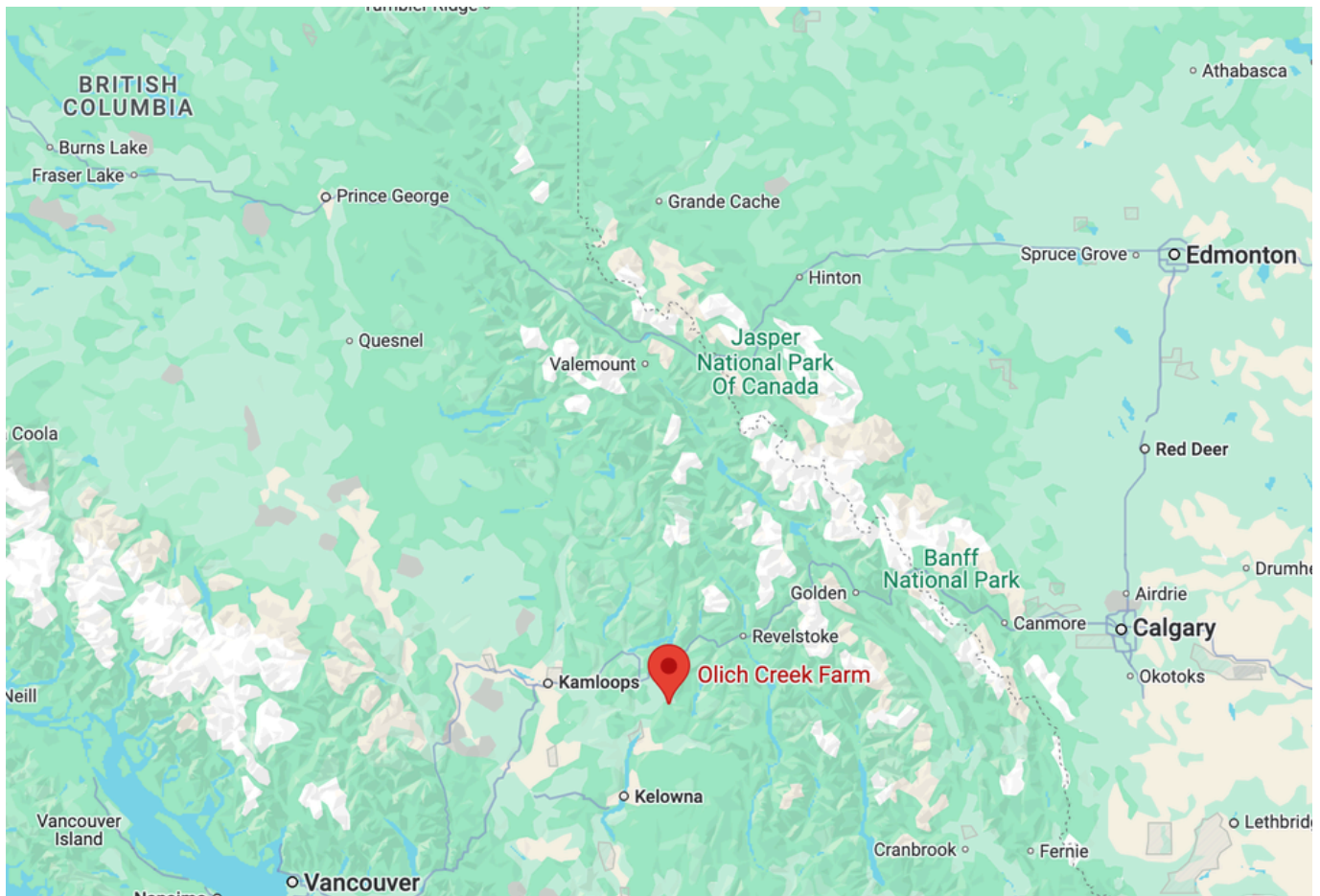
## OLICH CREEK FARM, CANADA – FUN FACTS

### FUN FACTS

Electrify your events with tantalizing fun facts! Perfect for trivia, scavenger hunts, bingo, and captivating conversation starters on your live-stream tour. Ignite curiosity!

- **Animal Sanctuary:** Olich Creek Farm serves as a sanctuary for over 40 rescued animals, including sheep, goats, mini horses, and a giant pig, providing them with a peaceful environment to live out their days.
- **Unique Camping Experience:** The farm offers a distinctive camping experience, allowing guests to interact with the resident animals while enjoying the serene 27-acre property.
- **Limited Capacity for Tranquility:** To maintain a peaceful atmosphere, Olich Creek Farm accommodates only two families or groups at a time, ensuring an intimate and relaxing stay for visitors.
- **Proximity to Outdoor Activities:** Located just 20 minutes from local beaches and with easy access to biking and hiking trails, the farm serves as an excellent base for various outdoor adventures.
- **Educational Opportunities:** The farm hosts live walking tours, offering participants the chance to learn about farm life, interact with the animals, and gain insights into the benefits of harmonious living with nature.

## OLICH CREEK FARM, CANADA – MAP





## BC-Style Caesar

### Ingredients:

- 1.5 oz vodka (try a local BC vodka like Victoria Distillers' Victoria Gin Vodka)
- 4 oz Clamato juice (a mix of clam and tomato juices)
- 2 dashes hot sauce (Tabasco or similar)
- 4 dashes Worcestershire sauce
- 1 lime wedge (for rimming and garnish)
- Celery salt (for rimming)
- Ice cubes

### Garnishes:

- A stick of fresh celery
- A skewer with BC-inspired garnishes such as smoked salmon, a prawn, or pickled asparagus

### Directions:

#### Prepare the glass:

- Rub the rim of a tall glass with the lime wedge.
- Dip the rim into celery salt to coat.

#### Mix the cocktail:

- Fill the glass with ice cubes.
- Add vodka, Clamato juice, Worcestershire sauce, and hot sauce.
- Stir gently to combine.

#### Add the garnish:

- Place the celery stick in the glass.
- Add a skewer loaded with your choice of BC-inspired garnishes like smoked salmon or a prawn.



## Maple-Glazed Salmon Recipe

### Ingredients:

- 4 salmon fillets (6 oz each)
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1 tbsp olive oil (optional, for greasing grill or baking sheet)
- Lemon wedges (for serving)
- Fresh herbs (like dill or parsley, for garnish, optional)

### Directions:

#### Prepare the Marinade:

- In a small bowl, whisk together the maple syrup, soy sauce, Dijon mustard, garlic, and black pepper.
- Marinate the Salmon:
- Place the salmon fillets in a shallow dish or a resealable plastic bag.
- Pour the marinade over the salmon, ensuring each piece is well coated.
- Let it marinate in the fridge for at least 15–30 minutes (or up to 2 hours for stronger flavor).

#### Cook the Salmon:

- Grill Method: Preheat the grill to medium-high heat. Grease the grill grates lightly with olive oil. Place the salmon on the grill, skin-side down. Cook for about 4–5 minutes per side, basting with the remaining marinade.
- Oven Method: Preheat the oven to 400°F (200°C). Place the salmon on a lined baking sheet. Bake for 12–15 minutes, basting halfway through, until the salmon flakes easily with a fork.

#### Serve:

- Garnish with fresh herbs and serve with lemon wedges for an extra burst of flavor. Pair it with roasted vegetables or wild rice for a complete meal.



## OLICH CREEK FARM, CANADA - SNACKS



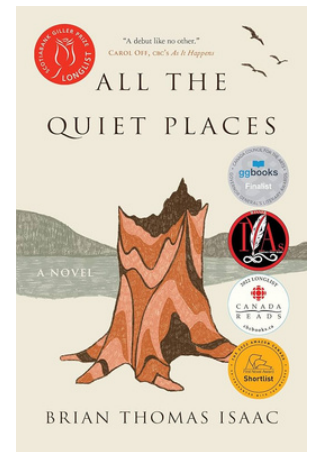
- **Raincoast Crisps by Lesley Stowe:** These artisan crackers are a signature snack from Vancouver. Known for their unique flavors like Fig & Olive or Cranberry & Hazelnut, they pair perfectly with cheeses and dips.
- **Purdy's Chocolates:** A famous Vancouver-based chocolate maker, Purdy's offers delectable treats like Hedgehogs (milk chocolate with hazelnut gianduja filling) or their Himalayan Pink Salt Caramels.
- **Hardbite Chips:** Handcrafted and kettle-cooked in British Columbia, these chips come in unique flavors like Wild Onion & Yogurt or Spicy Dill Pickle. They're made from locally sourced potatoes for a true Canadian taste.

## OLICH CREEK FARM, CANADA - BOOKS



### BOOK SELECTION

- **"The Curve of Time" by M. Wylie Blanchet:** This memoir recounts the adventures of M. Wylie Blanchet and her children as they explore the remote waterways of British Columbia's coast in a small boat. While it doesn't directly focus on farm life, it vividly portrays life connected to nature and the rugged Canadian wilderness. This book offers insight into the simplicity and challenges of living close to the land in British Columbia, echoing themes of rural life.
- **"Small Beneath the Sky: A Prairie Memoir" by Lorna Crozier:** Although set in both the prairies and British Columbia, this memoir by renowned Canadian poet Lorna Crozier recounts her childhood on a farm. It reflects on rural family life, the hardships of farm work, and the beauty of the land. Crozier's poetic language and reflections offer a poignant glimpse into farming life in Canada, including connections to British Columbia.
- **"All the Quiet Places" by Brian Thomas Isaac:** Set in British Columbia in the 1950s, this novel follows the story of Eddie Toma, a young Indigenous boy growing up on a farm. It explores themes of family, identity, and resilience in a rural setting. The book is deeply tied to the land and provides a vivid portrait of farm life in British Columbia while addressing the cultural and social realities of the region.



## OLICH CREEK FARM, CANADA – MOVIES



### MOVIE SELECTION

- **"The Grey Fox" (1982):** This Canadian classic follows the story of Bill Miner, a stagecoach robber who transitions into train robbery after being released from prison. The film is set in the early 20th century and showcases the rural landscapes of British Columbia, including depictions of small-town and farming life.
- **"Sweet Hereafter" (1997):** Directed by Atom Egoyan, this haunting drama is set in a small rural town in British Columbia and revolves around the aftermath of a school bus accident. It explores themes of loss, grief, and community resilience.
- **"The New Frontier" (1935):** This film is a historical drama about settlers in the rugged landscapes of British Columbia during the late 19th century. It portrays the challenges of farming, logging, and survival in the wilderness.



## **OLICH CREEK FARM, CANADA – DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**



### **General Impressions:**

- What part of the tour stood out to you the most and why?
- Did anything surprise you about the farm or its practices?
- How did the setting and scenery of the farm make you feel?

### **Sustainability and Environmental Impact:**

- How do you think Olich Creek Farm contributes to sustainable farming practices?
- Did the farm's efforts to protect the local ecosystem resonate with you? How so?
- What ideas from the farm's practices could be implemented in other places to promote sustainability?

### **Farming Practices and Techniques:**

- What did you think about the types of crops and livestock the farm produces?
- Were there any farming techniques or tools that seemed innovative or particularly effective?
- How do you think traditional methods compare to modern farming technologies like those used at Olich Creek Farm?

### **Connection to Food and Community:**

- Did seeing where food is grown change the way you think about your own meals?
- How do you think farms like Olich Creek strengthen the connection between communities and local food sources?
- What role do farms like this play in promoting healthy eating habits?

### **Biodiversity and Wildlife:**

- What did you notice about the wildlife or natural environment around the farm?
- How do you think the farm balances agriculture with protecting biodiversity?
- Did the emphasis on water conservation, like the role of Olich Creek, make you think differently about resource management?

### **Cultural and Historical Context:**

- Did you learn anything about the history of the area or the farm itself?
- How might local traditions or Indigenous knowledge influence the farm's operations?
- What role do farms like this play in preserving cultural heritage?

### **Personal Reflection and Action:**

- What was your biggest takeaway from the tour?
- Has this tour inspired you to make any changes in your own lifestyle, like supporting local farms or reducing waste?
- Would you be interested in visiting a farm like Olich Creek in person? Why or why not?

## **OLICH CREEK FARM, CANADA – SUSTAINABILITY**



### **Environmental Stewardship:**

- Olich Creek Farm places a strong emphasis on preserving the natural environment:
  - Organic Farming Practices:
    - Grows crops without synthetic pesticides, herbicides, or fertilizers.
    - Promotes soil health through crop rotation, composting, and natural amendments.
  - Biodiversity Conservation:
    - Protects native plant species and wildlife habitats.
    - Integrates pollinator-friendly gardens to support bees and butterflies.
  - Water Conservation:
    - Employs drip irrigation systems to minimize water waste.
    - Uses rainwater harvesting techniques to supplement farm needs.
  - Renewable Energy Usage:
    - Powers operations with solar panels and energy-efficient equipment.

### **Community Engagement:**

- Olich Creek Farm connects with the local community to create a sense of shared purpose:
  - Local Employment Opportunities:
    - Provides jobs to local residents with fair wages and safe working conditions.
  - Educational Workshops:
    - Hosts workshops on sustainable farming, permaculture, and eco-friendly practices.
    - Offers guided tours to teach visitors about the importance of sustainable agriculture.
  - Farm-to-Table Initiatives:
    - Supplies fresh, organic produce to local restaurants and markets.
    - Runs a community-supported agriculture (CSA) program to engage local consumers.

### **Visitor Experience and Responsible Tourism:**

- Olich Creek Farm is committed to offering a responsible tourism experience:
  - Eco-Friendly Accommodation:
    - Provides visitors with cozy, sustainably built cabins or yurts using reclaimed materials.
    - Offers waste-reduction amenities, such as composting toilets and refillable water stations.
  - Farm-to-Plate Dining Experiences:
    - Serves meals prepared from farm-grown organic ingredients.
    - Encourages visitors to participate in harvesting produce for their meals.
  - Low-Impact Activities:
    - Offers hiking trails, bird-watching, and nature photography opportunities.
    - Limits group sizes to minimize environmental disruption.

### **Supporting the Local Economy:**

- Olich Creek Farm actively contributes to BC's local economy:
  - Partnerships with Local Businesses:
    - Collaborates with artisans, brewers, and other farms to create joint tourism experiences.
    - Sells handcrafted products, such as organic jams, honey, and skincare, made on-site.
  - Promoting Agritourism:
    - Helps raise awareness of BC's agricultural heritage and sustainability goals.
    - Participates in local farmer's markets and tourism initiatives.

## **OLICH CREEK FARM, CANADA – ACCESSIBILITY**



### **Physical Accessibility**

- Olich Creek Farm provides accommodations and facilities designed to meet the needs of visitors with mobility challenges:
  - Wheelchair-Friendly Infrastructure:
    - Paths and walkways are well-maintained, wide, and free of significant obstacles to ensure ease of movement.
    - Key areas, such as animal enclosures, gardens, and seating areas, are wheelchair-accessible.
  - Accessible Restrooms:
    - Equipped with grab bars, spacious interiors, and low sinks to accommodate individuals with limited mobility.
  - Accessible Parking and Transport:
    - Designated parking spaces close to main farm attractions for visitors with disabilities.
    - Assistance with transportation from the parking lot to key areas on the farm is available upon request.

### **Sensory Accessibility**

- Olich Creek Farm is mindful of visitors with sensory sensitivities or impairments:
  - Quiet and Calm Environment:
    - Offers peaceful surroundings and noise-reduced areas for visitors who may find busy environments overwhelming.
    - Limits tour group sizes to maintain a tranquil atmosphere.
  - Signage with Visual Clarity:
    - Provides large, high-contrast signs with clear fonts to assist visitors with visual impairments.
  - Tactile Experiences:
    - Opportunities to interact with farm animals and plants, providing a hands-on way to engage with the environment.

### **Assistance for Visitors with Hearing and Visual Impairments**

- Olich Creek Farm enhances the experience for those with hearing or visual disabilities:
  - Audio Assistance:
    - Provides audio guides or written transcripts for tours to ensure accessibility for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.
  - Visual Aids:
    - Offers guided tours with descriptive commentary to enhance the experience for those with visual impairments.
    - Visitors are welcome to bring service animals to accompany them throughout the farm.

### **Inclusive Experiences**

- The farm designs its activities to be as inclusive as possible:
  - Accessible Animal Interactions:
    - Animal pens and enclosures are built to allow all visitors, regardless of mobility, to interact with and observe animals up close.
  - Customizable Tour Options:
    - Offers private or small-group tours tailored to the specific needs and preferences of visitors.
  - Adaptive Equipment:
    - Provides lightweight portable seating for those who need to rest during the tour.

## OLICH CREEK FARM, CANADA – MYTHS & FACTS



- **Myth 1:** Farm life in British Columbia is outdated and relies solely on traditional methods.
  - **Fact:** Modern farming in British Columbia integrates traditional practices with advanced technology. Many farms use precision agriculture, drones, and data-driven techniques to enhance productivity while maintaining sustainability. For example, organic and regenerative farming practices are widespread in BC, blending the old with the new.
- **Myth 2:** Farming is a solitary and isolated lifestyle.
  - **Fact:** While farms are often located in rural areas, farming in BC is highly community-oriented. Farmers frequently collaborate through co-operatives, local markets, and agritourism initiatives. Programs like the BC Farmers' Markets Association connect farms with urban consumers, fostering vibrant community ties.
- **Myth 3:** Farms in BC focus primarily on large-scale commercial crops.
  - **Fact:** British Columbia has a diverse range of farms, from large-scale operations to small family-run and niche farms. BC is known for its specialty crops, such as berries, wine grapes, and organic produce, and for unique products like hazelnuts, honey, and mushrooms.
- **Myth 4:** Farm animals in BC are raised in harsh, industrial conditions.
  - **Fact:** Many BC farms, including those practicing sustainable and organic farming, prioritize animal welfare. Facilities are designed to provide humane and comfortable living conditions, and certifications like the SPCA Certified label ensure high standards for animal care.
- **Myth 5:** Farm life is only about hard physical labor.
  - **Fact:** While farming requires effort, it also offers a fulfilling connection to nature and a sense of accomplishment. Modern equipment and technology reduce the physical demands, allowing farmers to focus on innovation, community engagement, and ecological stewardship.
- **Myth 6:** Farms in BC are primarily rural and inaccessible for visitors.
  - **Fact:** Agritourism is thriving in British Columbia, making farm life accessible to the public. Many farms welcome visitors for tours, hands-on activities, and farm-to-table dining experiences. Olich Creek Farm, for example, offers live tours showcasing sustainable practices and animal care.
- **Myth 7:** Farmers in BC are resistant to sustainability practices.
  - **Fact:** BC is a leader in sustainable farming initiatives. Many farms adopt environmentally friendly practices, such as water conservation, organic farming, and renewable energy. Programs like BC's Environmental Farm Plan support farmers in implementing green practices.
- **Myth 8:** Farming in BC is a declining industry.
  - **Fact:** Farming in BC is evolving rather than declining. With a growing interest in local food, organic produce, and agritourism, BC farms are finding innovative ways to thrive. Young farmers and urban farming initiatives are also contributing to the industry's future.

## 24 HOURS AT Olich Creek Farm, Canada



### Morning (8:00 AM - 12:00 PM):

- **8:00 AM: Arrival at Olich Creek Farm:** Begin your day by immersing yourself in the serene beauty of the farm's 27 acres. Meet the friendly staff and enjoy a brief introduction to the farm's history, sustainable practices, and its role as an animal sanctuary.
- **8:30 AM: Guided Farm Tour:** Take a peaceful walk around the farm, guided by a knowledgeable host.
- Meet over 40 animals, including horses, cows, sheep, goats, chickens, ducks, and the farm's beloved giant pig and special goose. Learn about sustainable farming techniques and the importance of biodiversity on the farm.
- **10:00 AM: Hands-On Farming Activity:** Participate in an interactive farming activity, such as collecting fresh eggs, feeding the animals, or planting seasonal crops. Gain insights into the daily life of farmers and the challenges and rewards of sustainable agriculture.
- **11:00 AM: Morning Tea and Snacks:** Enjoy a farm-to-table snack featuring fresh, locally sourced produce. Options may include homemade baked goods, seasonal fruit, and herbal teas grown on-site.

### Afternoon (12:00 PM - 5:00 PM)

- **12:00 PM: Farm-to-Table Lunch:** Relish a hearty meal prepared with fresh ingredients harvested directly from the farm. Sample dishes like farm-fresh salads, seasonal soups, or sandwiches featuring homemade spreads and cheese.
- **1:30 PM: Explore the Surrounding Nature:** Take a self-guided stroll along the creek or relax by its tranquil waters. For the more adventurous, enjoy hiking trails around the farm that showcase British Columbia's lush landscapes. Keep an eye out for native wildlife like birds and small mammals.
- **3:00 PM: Workshop on Sustainable Living:** Join a workshop focusing on sustainability, such as composting, organic gardening, or the importance of pollinators. Take home tips and ideas to incorporate sustainable practices into your daily life.
- **4:30 PM: Animal Interaction Time:** Spend some extra time with the farm's animals. Brush the horses, feed the goats, or cuddle with the friendly sheep.

### Evening (5:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

- **5:00 PM: Sunset Farm Walk:** As the day winds down, enjoy a peaceful sunset walk through the fields and along Olich Creek. Capture stunning photographs of the golden light bathing the farm's rolling pastures.
- **6:00 PM: Dinner Picnic (Optional):** Arrange for a picnic dinner with locally sourced food, set up in a scenic spot on the farm. Savor fresh bread, artisanal cheese, and farm-grown veggies as you soak in the serene atmosphere.
- **7:30 PM: Bonfire and Stargazing:** End your day with a cozy bonfire experience. Roast marshmallows and share stories about the day. Marvel at the night sky, free from urban light pollution, and enjoy a moment of tranquility.