



# Preparing For Your Visit to the Farm

## Clothing, Picnicking, Weather, Shopping and Viewing

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### What to Expect When Visiting

Solaris is a beautiful old farmstead that is now a nursery. The nursery has no paved walks, has lots of soil, lawns, fields and some rough spots. Plants are grown in the ground, thus to see them, one must walk the fields and gardens. We recommend wearing old shoes, a hat, jeans and weather appropriate clothing. The use of sun block and insect repellent are optional, but recommended. Water and seating in shaded areas is available for your use. A no-flush toilet is available for your use (outhouse). During Open House events the farm is busy and you may have to wait for your plants to be dug, but with many thousands of cultivars and varieties to look at in many gardens around the farm, most people find the unhurried time welcome. One should plan at least one hour for a visit, as it takes quite some time to shop the sales field, without even looking elsewhere.

Children are welcome, but parents are asked to supervise their kids while at farm. There are animals around the farm and large areas for kids to play, but supervision is needed for the safety of the kids and well-being of the farm. Many visitors picnic at the farm and we welcome you to do so with your family (we've got many picnic tables).

Please park in the field off Taus Road, this serves as the entrance to the farm; the exit is Pinesva Road. For the disabled or visitors with problems walking, we encourage parking near the silo (marked with a special parking sign). Once parked in the field please walk up our grass farm lane past the machine shed and then to the sales area on the left. There is a paved walkway to the sales area.

During summer daylily bloom season we provide visitors with a field catalog, dig order, clipboard and pencil to use for shopping purposes. These materials can be found by our sales area, which is behind the machine shed near our silo. Use these materials to find more information, location, price and write down the plants you'd like to order. Once you've made your list, drop it off at our cashier's shack. We'll make labels and get your plants dug as quickly as we can. The diggers will select the best available plants in the sales field for you. While your order is being dug we recommend relaxing under our shaded sales area, under the cedars or under the silo pergola. You need not bring containers to take plants home in, we'll supply bags (if you'd like to protect your car's trunk or interior from soil leakage, etc., please bring an old blanket or tarp. Once your plants have been dug, we'll find you to let you know your plants are ready to be paid for and taken home.

Weekends can be very busy at Solaris Farms during peak Hemerocallis/Lilium bloom, so to avoid large crowds we recommend visiting on Thursday or Friday if at all possible. All visits must be arranged by appointment, which allows us to better serve you. Please visit our [APPOINTMENTS](#) page to schedule a visit. If you are coming to the farm with a large group, we'd appreciate an email ahead of time so we can have ample help on hand to make your visit more enjoyable. We welcome bus groups, but do ask that they schedule their visits ahead of time and spend a minimum of 1 ½ hours if shopping.

Weather can be quite variable with a business that functions solely outside. With this in mind, it may be helpful to check with us or the weather service for conditions before your visit. We do dig (more slowly) when it is raining and will not dig during lightning storms/thunderstorms. The farm does not have rainproof shelters other than a machine shed at this time, so packing rain gear may be useful as well.

With all that said, the farm is a beautiful place to visit and shop and we'd very much like to see you and help in any way possible. Much of the staff has an extensive background in practical gardening/growing of plants and enjoys problem solving your gardening needs.