

Hallockville Museum Farm

Educational Programs

The Immigrant Farmer Experience at Hallockville

- Learn about the important contributions that Polish immigrants made to agriculture on Eastern Long Island.
- Prepare a “Passport” based on an authentic Polish document. Student passports will be checked and stamped after completing the tour.
- Tour a home built by a Polish immigrant farm family. See how it differed or is similar to homes today.
- Examine archival material, including a federal census manuscript. Find out what life on Long Island was like for immigrants in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
- Plant or harvest potatoes (depending on season).
- Learn games and pastimes that immigrant farm children played. Try a few dance steps to the polka or other traditional Polish music.
- Meet our Jersey cows, Stella and Hallie! Learn how to care for them and how important they were to local farmers.
- Participate in other hand-on projects like making applesauce with old-fashioned peelers and utensils.

Step back further in time with the Hallock Homestead Tour

- Learn how to churn fresh butter or bake on our original wood burning stove. Students help prepare, cook, clean up and sample a delicious treat in our historic kitchen while interacting with the cook.
- Enjoy the outdoors by exploring our 28 acre farm and nature trails.
- Perform historic chores like washing laundry in our outside laundry area or grinding corn to feed to our resident chickens.
- Explore historic life through in-depth field expeditions to our homestead house, barn, decoy carving shop, shoemakers shop, chicken coop, gardens, and even the outhouse!
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- Learn how to play 18th and 19th century games such as marbles, croquet and more. Learn about the concepts of folklore and traditions through discussion of present playground games.

Custom Programs at the Museum Farm

The Hallockville Museum Farm is a non-profit organization whose mission is to re-connect the community with its agricultural roots. The 28-acre farm preserves eighteen historic houses, barns and outbuildings ranging from the mid-18th century Hallock homestead to the Depression-era Cichanowicz farmhouse. School children can tour the museum’s buildings, gardens and collections; experience real farming in the museum’s fields; and meet Hallockville’s friendly cows, sheep and chickens. Hallockville serves as an educational resource for all age groups to raise awareness of Eastern Long Island’s agricultural heritage.

The museum farm is a cultural and historic resource that is unique in all of Suffolk County. The historic backdrop combined with our working farmscape provides numerous opportunities to engage curricular needs related to history, social studies, and science. The Hallockville staff can work with instructors to design and implement programs that are tailored to your needs.

Hallockville is located at 6038 Sound Avenue in Riverhead, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a Riverhead Town landmark. More information is available at www.hallockville.com or 631-298-5292. Partial support is provided by

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