

Farm and Garden Ride

Rick Churchill, Associate Editor *People Places and Plants* magazine is your host for this garden and farm ride designed by Marge Huemmler.

This ride goes through the Saco Intervale with some of the best farmland in the state of Maine. The chief crops grown here are potatoes, corn and beans. There are some sod farms and Christmas tree farms. Views to the west are of the White Mountains. Mt. Washington can be seen at certain spots. Pleasant Mountain is the long rangy mountain that stands alone in the southeast.

This ride will cross the Saco River twice - at Weston's Bridge on the way out of town and at Canal Bridge on the return trip. When you cross Weston's Bridge look to the left and you will see the foundations of one of the 7 Covered Bridges of Fryeburg. Canal Bridge is where a canal was dug in 1813 across the oxbow in the Saco. This shortened the river trip by 30 miles.

At	Go	Onto	For	Travel Information
0.0	R	Bradley St.	0.2	
0.2	L	Main St.	0.5	Rachel's Library Garden at end of this leg.
0.7	R	Route 113/River Rd.	1.2	Weston's Farm Stand on left is oldest farm stand in town. Western Maine Nursey Christmas tree farm.
1.9	R	Route 113	0.9	Sherman's Farm Stand on left at this turn. Huge selection of flowers to cut.
2.8	S	Green Hill Rd.	8.7	Green Hill is where orginal spring for Fryeburg was located. You will pass Upper and Lower Kimball Ponds and the dam connecting. Mile 8.5, Bob and Sue Crowley have a great terraced garden and large fish pool.
11.5	R	Route 113	0.8	Marge's garden on right just beyond this turn. Old country store. Gardens behind the house. Lunch and rest stop. Mc Grath's across street, built in 1800, was once an inn with 2nd floor dance floor.
12.3	L	Fish St.	3.0	Chapel at turn open for bicycling visitors. Mile 13.3, Doug Albert's house is on National Historic Register. Dooryard garden typical of an earlier era. Kitchen was built in 1772 and is oldest building still in use in Fryeburg. Federal addition from 1790. We will continue from here to see turf farm.
15.3	R	Route 5	4.1	Mile 16.3 Canal Bridge. Mile 17.3 Near marker for Joseph Frye homestead, Gena Spencer grows perennials and unusual annuals. She only sells wholesale.
19.4	S	Main St.	0.5	
19.9	L	Fryeburg Academy		

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