

RED WIGGLER

COMMUNITY FARM

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Prepare for Your Visit

What to Wear

Red Wiggler is a working farm so **it's important to wear farm clothing**. The following is required for volunteers and strongly recommended for tour/education visitors:

- Weather-appropriate clothing that can get dirty. It's often **colder and windier** at the farm, so layers are great! (We recommend a warm layer plus a wind breaker and/or rain jacket).
- Long, sturdy pants that hold up to thorns and kneeling. No shorts, leggings, yoga pants, or sweat pants.
- Sturdy, closed-toe shoes (**required for ALL visitors**).
- A shirt that protects from sun exposure and active working conditions (avoid tank tops).
- A hat to shield face, neck, and shoulders from the sun.

What to Bring

We offer a water fountain, indoor restrooms, and outdoor seating for lunch and group activities. However, each member of your group should bring the following:

- Refillable water bottle
- A snack if needed
- Sunscreen if needed
- Lunch, if your group is staying for lunch

What to Think About

During your visit to the farm, your group will interact with individuals with and without developmental disabilities. As in your daily life, it is important to treat everyone you meet with dignity, to recognize those in your presence, and to speak with everyone at an age-appropriate level. It is also important to understand that our Growers (employees with disabilities) have been paid farmers at Red Wiggler for many years and that they know their jobs. The Grower staff are often happy to demonstrate a skill or share an experience. We welcome you to assist our growing team and to learn from everyone on the farm!

How to Find the Farm

- **Physical Address:** Ovid Hazen Well Park, 23400 Ridge Road, Germantown, MD 20876
- **Telephone:** 301-916-2216
- **Directions from 270:** take exit 16 (Father Hurley Blvd), toward Damascus. Take Route 27 (Ridge Rd) about 5 miles. Turn left down our driveway directly across from Davis Mill Rd. and Grey Goose Farm/Garden Center. Our gravel driveway is a little hard to see but it

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has a large, brown sign for Ovid Hazen Well Park. If you pass Cedar Grove Elementary School on the right, you have gone too far.

- **Directions from 70:** take exit 68 (MD 27 South / Ridge Rd.) toward Damascus. Go approximately 9 miles. Turn right down our driveway directly across from Davis Mill Rd. and Grey Goose Farm Garden Center. Our gravel driveway is a little hard to see but it has a large, brown sign for Ovid Hazen Wells Park.

Where to Park

Group cars, buses, and vans should park on the gravel area parallel to the large red and white barn, on your left as you drive up the gravel driveway. Paved accessible parking is available outside the upper and lower entrance to the Murray Building, a two-story red and white building that acts as our main program space. Please contact us in advance if we can help you with any specific needs.

Accessibility

Buildings

- The Murray Building houses our offices, restrooms, greenhouse, and program space. The entrance to the lower level is handicapped-accessible. The building does not contain an elevator.
- The barn has a wheelchair ramp for all visitors to use.

Restrooms

- Two accessible restrooms are located in the Murray Building, one on each floor. We also have a Port-a-Potty located in between the barn and Murray Building.

Lower Pick-Your-Own (PYO) Gardens

- The most accessible garden areas are the “Red PYO,” adjacent to the barn, and the “Green PYO,” adjacent to the Murray Building. Both PYO gardens are outside the deer fence.

Navigating the Fields

- The main fields are located within a fenced 7-acre area. In order to see the breadth of the farm, visitors have to travel up a short hill. After that, the ground is more level. However, there are no paved paths and the ground can be uneven.

Discovery Garden

- This area is specifically designed for educational groups. It is inside the fenced area and has a wood-chip surface. The garden has several raised beds and picnic tables, with a small amount of shade.