

# YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS HERE ON THE FIELDS OF GOLD FARM TRAIL



## DISCOVER SHENANDOAH VALLEY'S FARM TRAIL

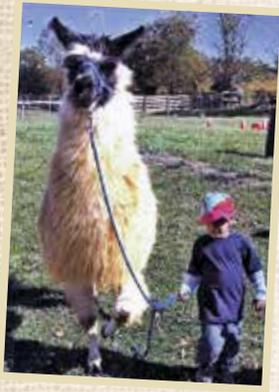
### FARMERS MARKETS

Get fresh with the locals at one of our many Farmers Markets in the Fields of Gold region. Fresh produce in season year-round. Herbs, plants, meats, eggs, jams and jellies, baked goods and even local handmade items. **Check out our website for a list of the Farmers Markets in the area.**



### FARM TOURS AND EXPERIENCES

Find the inner farmer in you! Get lost in a corn maze, hitch a ride on a wagon, feed a goat, pet a sheep, root for your favorite pig, milk a cow and talk with a farmer. Fun for all ages and perfect for fields trips, too. **Don't forget your camera to capture that special family moment!**



### PICK-YOUR-OWN-FARMS

Whether you call it Pick-Your-Own, PYO, or U-Pick, you'll find a Fields of Gold farm near you. Pumpkins, apples, berries, peaches, vegetables, flowers and more. Mother Nature calls the shots, so always call ahead to confirm field conditions, dates and times. **Start Picking Your Own fun now!**



### WINERIES AND BREWERIES

You don't need to travel to the Napa Valley for great wine; we've got award-winning wines and craft beers right here in the Shenandoah Valley. In fact, *Wine Enthusiast* Magazine ranks Virginia in the top 10 in the world for wine travel destinations. Over 20 wineries, breweries and cideries are in the Fields of Gold region. Learn how wine, cider, and craft beers are made, stroll through a vineyard, and see a hop farm. **Cheers!**



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### CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS AND NURSERIES

Start a family tradition this year! Choose and cut your own Christmas tree at one of our local Christmas tree farms. Our local nurseries offer fresh seasonal plants, flowers, wreaths and garlands or learn to make your own masterpiece at one of our workshops. **Isn't it time you brought the outside in?**



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### AG VENUES/ FESTIVALS/EVENTS

Celebrate the heritage of agriculture in the Shenandoah Valley. From the Maple Festival in the spring to the many Harvest Festivals in the fall, you're sure to find a festival that speaks to you! If you're looking for a unique setting to have a wedding, celebrate a birthday or special occasion, our Ag Venues offer a variety of authentic settings for your special occasion. **Check out our calendar for a list of festivals, county fairs and agricultural events coming up.**



### FARM/PRODUCE STANDS

It doesn't get any fresher than this! Straight from our farms to your table. You'll find dozens of farm stands dotting our region. **Just follow the Fields of Gold Farm Trail to find your next roadside attraction!**



### FARM LODGING

Get up with the chickens and go to bed when the cows come home. Whether you're looking for a real farm experience or a relaxing getaway, you'll find a unique experience at one of our farm B&Bs, country inns, rural retreats and farm cottages. Expect a warm welcome and hearty home-cooked meal. **Make your reservations now!**



### FARM-TO-TABLE RESTAURANTS

Reap what we sow! Do you know where your food comes from? You will when you dine at one of our local farm-to-table restaurants. Savor the freshest ingredients and true local cuisine. For a list of farm-to-table restaurants and menus, go to our website. **Bon Appétit!**



### TROUT FARMS/ FISHING

Catch your imagination at one of our fee-to-fish farms. Take home a trophy fish or a fish fillet for dinner. **No license required, all ages welcome.**

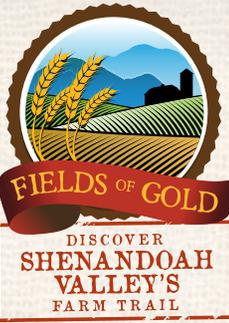


### FARM RETAIL AND GROCERY

Take home a slice of the Shenandoah Valley when you visit a Fields of Gold retail store or grocery that specializes in local products. Honey, cheese, maple syrup, baked goods, jams, jellies, pickles, lavender, wool and alpaca fiber, and much more. **All home-grown and made in the Shenandoah Valley!**



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## YOU'RE ALMOST THERE...

On the Fields of Gold Farm Trail, you'll discover the home-grown side of Virginia in the Shenandoah Valley. After all, it's where agriculture got its roots.

Pick your own fruit in one of our orchards, stroll through a farmers market, savor a wine tasting, tour a working farm, celebrate at a farm festival, or feast on a locally-grown meal at one of our farm-to-table restaurants. Whether you are planning a day-trip with your family, a week-long excursion with friends or just a spur of the moment getaway, adventure awaits you on the Fields of Gold Farm Trail.

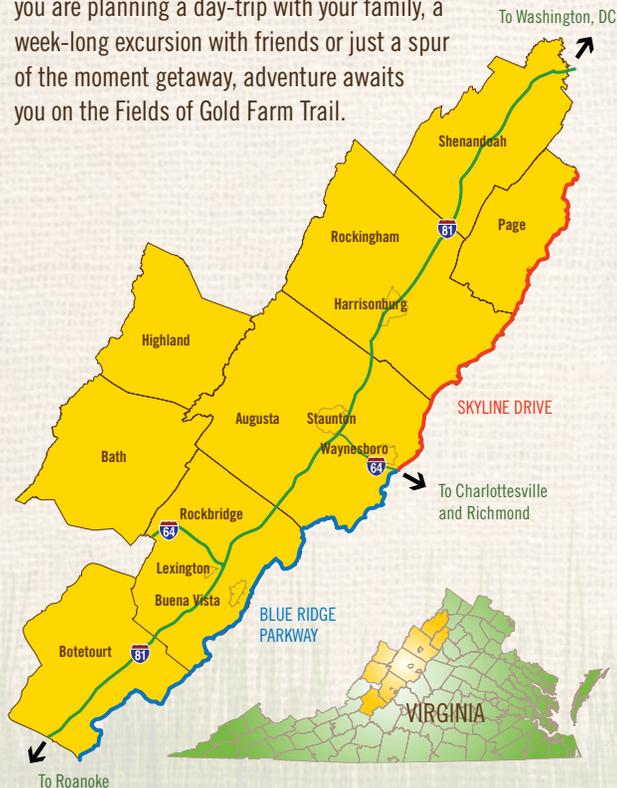
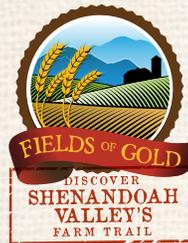


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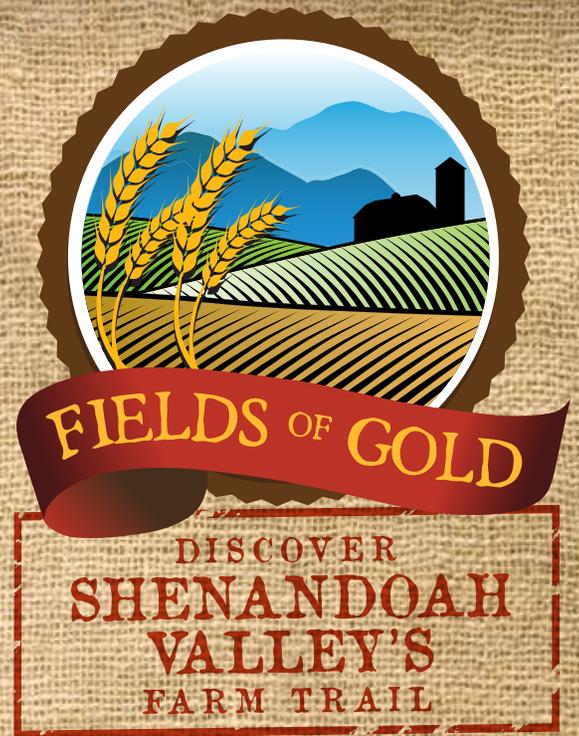
## THE FIELDS OF GOLD STORY



Since the early 1700s, farming has been central to the spirit and success of the Shenandoah Valley. It has sustained the citizens of the Valley by providing vital economic, agricultural, environmental, aesthetic and social benefits.

Today farming still plays an important role in the Shenandoah Valley and now you can be part of that story when you travel the Fields of Gold Farm Trail. Here you'll discover natural beauty, history, outdoor recreation, cultural attractions and lots and lots of agricultural. The Fields of Gold Farm Trail represents over 170 open farms, wineries and breweries, roadside stands, farm B&Bs, farm-to-table restaurants, farmers markets, festivals and so much more that's agriculture. Plan a day, a weekend, or even a longer trip to get your hands dirty (or not) as you travel along the Fields of Gold Farm Trail. Write your farm story now!

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