



"Fragrant fields & historic barns in a timeless setting"

Farm Visit and "Lavender Lunch and Learn Tour"

Welcome to Lavender Oaks Farm! We are so pleased you are interested in visiting our lavender farm set on 60 acres of majestic forest in Chapel Hill, NC. Our "Lavender Lunch and Learn Tour" is scheduled year-round, but blooming lavender may be seen from mid-May through summer (peak is June)! Our farm has incredible four seasons of beautiful nature including our regal purple



lavender blooming in late spring and summer, an amazing array of fall foliage colors, wonderful winter sights in our forest, and spectacular spring awakening of nature everywhere you look. Lavender is an evergreen and a beautiful sight year-round! Our "Lavender Lunch and Learn Tour" is a wonderful culinary lavender experience and designed for everyone looking to learn more about this diverse plant with so many benefits from relaxation to skincare, and culinary fun through our lavender inspired buffet lunch! Please see our Frequently Asked Questions and Old Macdonald Farm Rules at the end of this document, and please contact Karen Macdonald at info@lavenderoaks.farm, or call 919-909-7417 to book your tour!



“Lavender Lunch and Learn Tour” at Lavender Oaks Farm

Cost: \$ 30.00 per person, approximate time on farm is 2 hours

1. Tour must have a minimum of 10 guests to schedule
2. Cost per person: \$30.00 (U-Pick bundles of lavender additional fee)
3. 30-minute talk/Q&A on growing lavender in NC, the story of building our 60 acre farm, and restoring our 3 historic timber frame barns.
4. A delicious culinary Lavender Inspired Lunch served buffet style
5. A visit to our Lavender Fields
6. A visit to our Lavender Oaks Farm Shoppe to see our many lavender products.
7. Our 9 varieties bloom from mid- May through summer
8. June is considered the peak time to see the most blooms
9. **Not included:** U-Pick Bundles of Lavender: \$10.00 per bunch (Seasonally)



Details of Tour: We are pleased to offer a “Lavender Lunch & Learn,” featuring a 30-minute talk on Lavender 101, building Lavender Oaks Farm, planting 4,000 lavender plants, restoring 3 historic timber frame barns, plus the addition of a lavender inspired buffet lunch for your group of 10 or more guests. Our menu is seasonal and prepared on our farm. Our menu does accommodate a vegetarian or gluten-free diet, but we are not able to accommodate severe food allergies. Pregnant/nursing mothers should consult their doctor regarding lavender in their diet. Lunch is served buffet style either in our main Lavender Barn, on our outdoor patio, or under our Pavilion Barn. Our main Lavender Barn is temperature controlled, so you are very comfortable year-round. Please plan to enjoy additional time on our farm for walking among our lavender fields, enjoying our majestic forest, and

experiencing our Lavender Oaks Farm Shoppe featuring our lavender products, and local artisan wares.

Sample Menu for our Lavender Lunch and Learn Tour:

Organic Field Green Salad: Organic field greens with strawberries, blueberries, slivered almonds with our homemade lavender ginger peach dressing. The chicken is served on the side.

Cheese Tortellini Pasta Salad with Lavender Balsamic Dressing: Cheese tortellini pasta, grape tomatoes, fresh mozzarella cheese, broccoli, and our homemade lavender balsamic dressing.

Roasted Chicken: Boneless breast of chicken roasted with olive oil and seasoned with our Herbs de Provence lavender seasoning. The chicken is sliced and a delicious addition to our two salads.

Lavender Crostini: Our homemade lavender butter baked on individual crostini slices and sprinkled with our Herbs de Provence lavender seasoning.

Desserts:

1. **Lavender Oaks Farm Signature Dessert** - “Welcome Neighbor Cake” - A vanilla cinnamon bundt cake with lavender vanilla glaze.
2. **Lavender Toffee Cookies:** Our homemade toffee cookies with our lavender vanilla glaze and sprinkled with our Herbs de Provence lavender seasoning.

Beverages: Water, and our Lavender Lemonade. No alcohol is served, but you are welcome to bring your own alcoholic beverages to enjoy with your lunch. Our staff is not able to serve your alcohol, so please bring appropriate glassware for your BYOB.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **How do we reserve our group tour?** We request a minimum of 10 guests to reserve our “Lavender Lunch and Learn Tour.” Please email Karen Macdonald at info@lavenderoaks.farm (it is “dot farm”, not “dot com”) to arrange your tour. We need full payment for a minimum of 10 guests to book your date. Your balance and head count are due 7 days prior to your tour.
2. **When is the best time to schedule a Tour:** Our tour may be scheduled year-round. If you would like to see our lavender in bloom, then mid-May through early July is best.
3. **Does your Tour include the cost to cut lavender?** No, cutting fresh lavender (seasonally) is not included in the price of our Tour. We charge \$10 per bundle of fresh cut lavender that you pick and that is about 25 stems of lavender. We do have bundles of fresh lavender (seasonally) and dried lavender (year-round) for sale in our Farm Shoppe. We do ask guests to bring their own scissors and bag to

cut and carry their lavender home in. We do have a small quantity of scissors available to use in our Farm Shoppe on a first come first serve basis.

4. **What if one of our guests needs to cancel?** We request full payment for your group at least 7 days in advance, and we will refund a guest's fees up to 7 days prior to the tour. We do not offer refunds within 7 days of your event as we do purchase the necessary food and items for your group in advance.
5. **Do you sell lavender plants?** No, we do not sell lavender plants, but we sell our lavender products and dried bundles of lavender in our Farm Shoppe located inside our Main Barn. We sell fresh lavender bundles when our lavender is in bloom from mid May to late July.
6. **Is your farm handicap accessible?** Yes, for those in a wheelchair, walker, or others needing assistance we do have handicap parking next to our Main Barn, but passengers needing assistance may be dropped off in front of our entrance to our Main Barn and there is a concrete path for them to get out onto that leads directly into our Main Barn. Everything is one level, and our restrooms each have handicap facilities. Our outdoor patio that overlooks our lavender fields is on the same level as our Main Barn. There are no steps/stairs to navigate on our farm. The path from our Main Barn to the lavender fields does include a small 25' section of gravel road, but the lavender fields may be viewed from our outdoor patio.
7. **Do you have a restaurant on the farm?** No, we only prepare the sample menu above for our tour groups.
8. **Do you sell drinks, or snacks on your farm?** No, please plan to bring your own drinks, snacks, or picnic to enjoy on our farm, unless you have pre-booked our "Lavender Lunch and Learn Tour" for a group of 10 or more.
9. **Do you have restrooms on your farm?** Yes, we have restrooms located inside our main barn and they are handicap accessible. You may enter/exit the restrooms from either inside our main barn, or from outside on our patio.
10. **What forms of payment do you except in your Farm Shoppe?** We accept all credit cards, checks, and cash on our farm.
11. **Do you provide bags in your Farm Shoppe?** We kindly ask that you bring your own bag to carry your lavender, but we do have paper bags in our Farm Shoppe for your lavender product purchases.
12. **How do I visit again after my Tour?** Please visit our website www.lavenderoaks.farm (it is "dot farm" not "dot com") and click on our "Visit" tab to see our farm hours and a list of dates we are closed for special events and weddings.



Lavender Oaks Farm

“Old Macdonald’s Farm Rules”

We are so excited to have you visit our farm, and hope you’ll please note the following rules so your visit is both educational and enjoyable! Please contact us for any questions, 919-909-7417

1. **Lavender Fields:** Our lavender is the highlight of our farm and we want you to get up close and really experience the beauty and sweet aroma of our 9 varieties. Please stay on the pathways between the lavender rows and refrain from stepping on top of the lavender rows/white weed fabric.
2. **Bees and Butterflies:** Lavender Oaks Farm has a variety of wildlife, but our lavender attracts the most beautiful butterflies, dragonflies, and honey bees. Lavender is very relaxing, so the bees are very sleepy as they buzz around the flowers. Please enjoy watching the bees at work to pollinate our lavender, but please do not swat, or bat at our precious bees. Our farm is a wonderful place to view these vital friends at work!
3. **Your Furry Friends:** We LOVE our furry friends, but our lavender does not, so please leave your dogs, cats, and other pets at home!
4. **Private Farmhouse:** Lavender Oaks Farm owners, Robert and Karen Macdonald, aka “Mr. and Mrs. Lavender, aka, “Mr. and Mrs. Old Macdonald” reside in the private farmhouse adjacent to the barn and field areas. Access to the house and surrounding forest area adjacent to the house are prohibited and entrance gates to the home will remain closed during open farm days, events, and all tours.
5. **Farm Signs:** Please be respectful of all signs throughout Lavender Oaks Farm! These will assist you in staying safely in the public areas and enjoying your visit.
6. **Agritourism:** Lavender Oaks Farm is part of NC Agritourism and strives to educate, enhance, and enlighten all visitors to our farm. Please see the posted signs on our farm with information on the Agritourism safety policy while visiting a NC farm.
7. **Photography/Video Release:** Lavender Oaks Farm uses live video and still photography to assist with promotion of our farm for Agritourism. All photography and video taken at Lavender Oaks Farm may be used for promotional and Agritourism marketing. We NEVER use photos of children without written permission from their parents.
8. **Pond Area:** Lavender Oaks Farm has a large pond on the grounds, and all children must be accompanied by an adult when entering the area

surrounding and near our pond. There are fish in our pond, so please do not throw anything into the pond, or enter the pond for any reason.

9. **Sustainable Farming/Keep Our Farm Green:** Lavender Oaks Farm practices sustainable farming techniques and does not use any chemicals, insecticides, or pesticides on any area of our land. Please help us be good stewards of our land by using the designated containers throughout our farm for all garbage, and recyclables. We do not keep a dumpster on our farm, so please help us by taking your garbage with you!
10. **Parking:** Please use our large parking area for all vehicles and keep our circle drive area near our barns clear. You may drop off your passengers near the barn, and then proceed to the parking area. There is handicap parking available near the barn, but all cars must have the designated sign or insignia visible on their car. Our farm is able to easily accommodate large shuttle buses and commercial buses.
11. **No Smoking Policy:** Lavender Oaks Farm is a no-smoking farm and that includes all outdoor areas of our 60 acres.
12. **Wildlife:** Our forest is full of many wildlife friends, so please respect their homes, and habitats, and gently watch in wonder if you are lucky to see some of our furry friends wandering around our farm.

Thank you for visiting and creating timeless memories on our historic farm

Come back soon!

Robert and Karen Macdonald

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