

Walking across the Farm,
past the grazing livestock
and the fields under cultivation,
you can catch a glimpse of a
world far removed from the
present.

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run demonstrates a small-scale, low income homestead in northern Virginia during the late colonial period. Agricultural and household activities seen on the farm today were of vital importance to a poor tenant farmer two centuries ago.

The farmer's property includes approximately 100 acres of land, twelve of which are farmed with corn, tobacco, wheat, kitchen gardens and an orchard. The fields are tilled, planted and cultivated by hand, applying basic principles of hoe agriculture. The farmer allows his livestock to roam freely, protecting valuable crops with split-rail and pale fencing. The small log house is used as the family dwelling, where meals are prepared over the hearth from food raised on the farm. Clothing, furniture, tools and equipment used by the farm family are reproductions of 18th century artifacts.

Although they do not actually live here, the family works the farm as if it were their own. Successive visits will allow you to compare seasonal changes in the landscape and the activities. We hope that observing the family at work will add to your knowledge and understanding of the world of the poor farmer of the 1770's. Please ask questions and, in keeping with the spirit of re-creating the past, the family will answer you as if you were visiting them in the 18th century.



FARM PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EVENTS: Market Fairs and other Seasonal Celebrations are held on the third full weekend of each month from May through December.

FARM FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: Members receive the Farm News Letter, discounts on workshops and classes, free admission to the farm, Market Fairs and Seasonal Celebrations, and use of the farm's reference library.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: The farm has a volunteer program for individuals 10 years of age and older which involves working as members of the "farm family". Students may also work as volunteers during the school year in conjunction with their classroom study. Other volunteer opportunities include research projects, office work, maintenance, and demonstration of specific crafts and skills of the 18th century.

THE COLONIAL EXPERIENCE: This 18th century crafts program is available only to scheduled groups. Possible activities include: candlemaking, mapmaking, spinning, sewing and toy-making.

ENVIRONMENTAL LIVING PROGRAM: Groups of up to 45 persons may spend three days in an 18th century encampment. This program takes place in an area equipped with all the materials necessary for the creation of a temporary colonial community. Completion of the 18th Century Skills Course is required by the leaders of the group before participation in the program is approved.

18th CENTURY SKILLS COURSE: Three evening meetings and a weekend encampment are necessary to complete this course in colonial living. Some of the subjects covered are open-hearth cooking, clothing construction, candlemaking, soapmaking, woodworking, blacksmithing and textile preparation

For more information about these programs or to obtain an annual calendar of events, please call the farm office at 442-7557.

ABOUT YOUR VISIT: The need to preserve the 18th century atmosphere of the farm precludes the use of guided tours by the farm family. Using this self-guiding brochure, you are invited to observe their activities and ask questions.

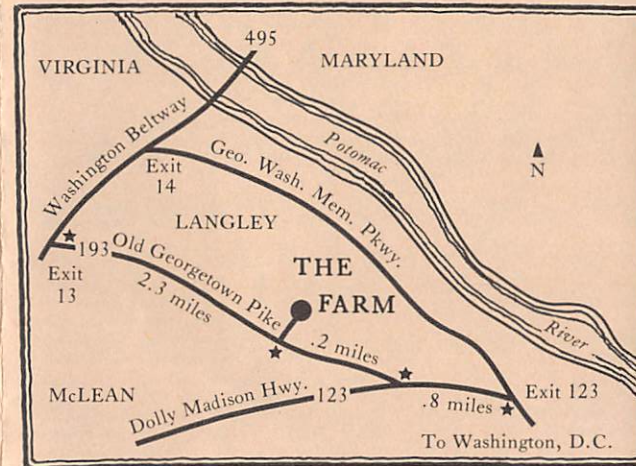
For your safety, please walk only on the pathways, do not pick any plants, and be very careful around the farm's livestock. Alcoholic beverages, pets, bicycles, motorbikes and horseback riding are prohibited in the park. Picnic tables and toilet facilities are located near the visitor parking lot for your convenience.

Special access arrangements for handicapped persons can be made by calling the farm office at 442-7557.

HOURS: The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run is open to the public from 10:00 am until 4:30 pm, Wednesday through Sunday, from April through December. The farm is closed during inclement weather and on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

ADMISSION: ADULTS — \$1.00 CHILDREN — \$.50
MEMBERS FREE

GROUP VISITS: Group visits to the Farm must be scheduled. Reservation information and forms can be obtained by calling the farm office at 442-7557.



LOCATION: From the Washington Beltway (Interstate 495), take Virginia Route 193 (Old Georgetown Pike) east towards Langley; drive 2.3 miles and turn left at the Claude Moore Colonial Farm sign just prior to junction with Route 123, follow signs to visitor parking lot.

From Washington, D.C., take the George Washington Memorial Parkway north to the exit for Route 123 toward McLean (Note: Do not take exit for Turkey Run Picnic Area located nearby); drive almost 1 mile and bear right on Route 123; make the first right at the Claude Moore Colonial Farm sign and follow signs to visitor parking lot.

THE PAVILIONS OF TURKEY RUN: A new outdoor facility available for rental to companies, groups and individuals who wish to have picnics, parties and receptions. Contact the farm office at 442-7557 for a reservation form.

ADMINISTRATION: The Claude Moore Colonial Farm and The Pavilions of Turkey Run are operated, in cooperation with the National Park Service, by the non-profit, publicly supported corporation:

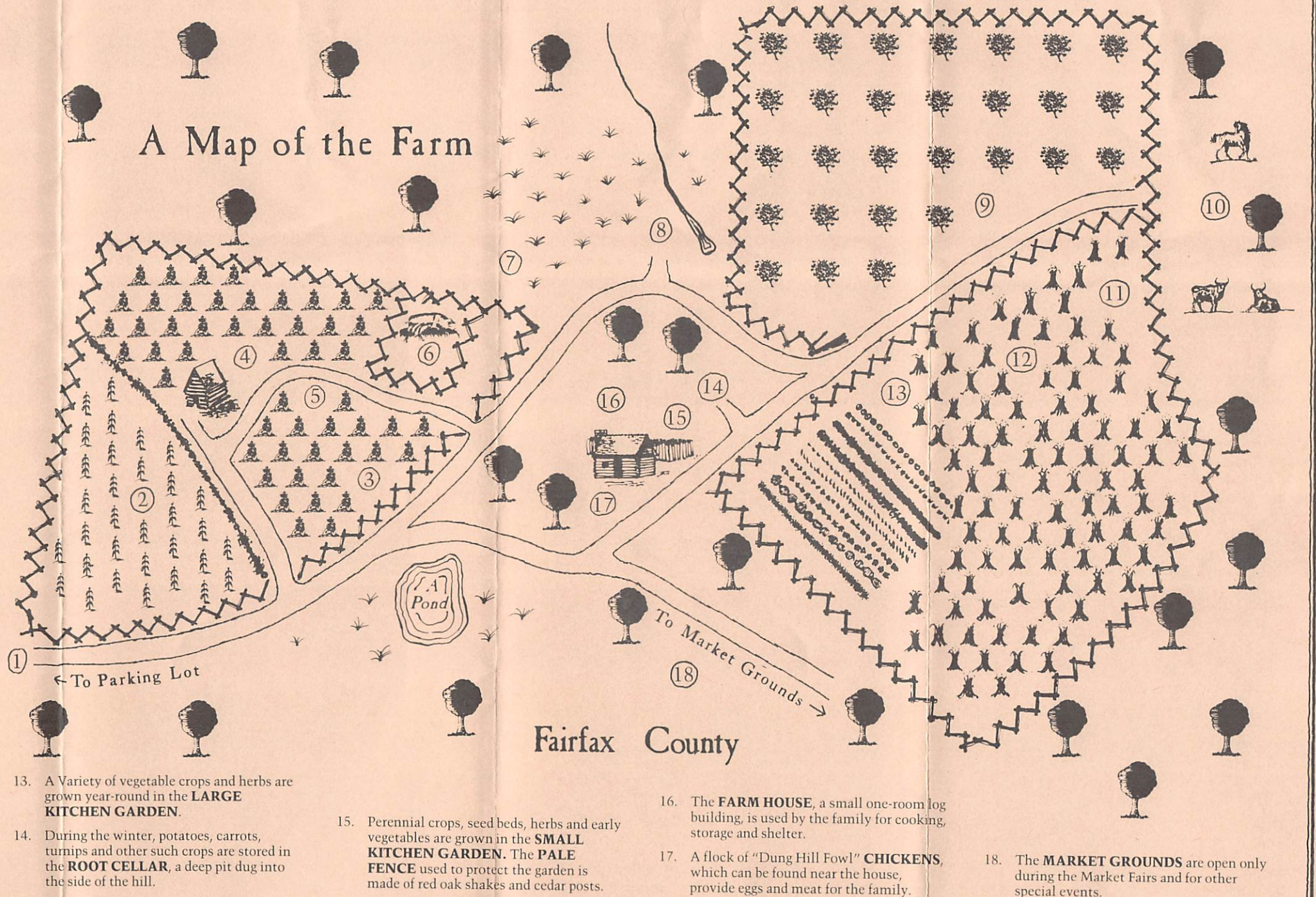
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The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run



Being an endeavor to recapture
the spirit of an earlier era
When small farms were dispersed
throughout the countryside
And the majority of Americans
were engaged in activities of an
agricultural nature

1. The **WORM FENCING** found throughout the farm protects planting areas from roaming domestic and wild animals. It is not necessary to use nails or pegs in constructing the fence because the rails are laid in a crisscross fashion.
2. White Dent **CORN** is ground into cornmeal and used as the farm's basic food grain.
3. **TOBACCO** is the main cash crop of the farm. After being cultivated, harvested, and cured it would be sold for tobacco notes, a legal form of currency. These notes could then be used to purchase goods and services not produced by the farm.
4. The **BARN** is used for curing the tobacco and storing farm equipment and other crops. The steeply pitched roof provides maximum strength and space for hanging the leaves to dry in the open airy structure.
5. Bronzeback **TURKEYS** roam freely about the tobacco field. These domesticated wild birds eat the horn worms which, if left to attack the tobacco leaves, would result in the loss of an entire crop.
6. Razorback and Ossabaw Island **HOGS** are kept penned to fatten for slaughter, after which the meat is salt-cured and stored in the house.
7. This **FIELD** is lying fallow after years of cultivation which have exhausted the soil's fertility.
8. A **SPRING** is the primary water source for the farm.
9. The **ORCHARD** provides apples for fresh and dried fruit, as well as the farm's principal beverage, cider.
10. The **QUARTER HORSE** is kept for transportation while the Red Devon **CATTLE** provide the family with dairy products — milk, butter and cheese.
11. **BEEES** are kept in an old barrel at the edge of the wheat field. In addition to pollinating the apple trees, they also provide the family with beeswax and honey
12. Winter **WHEAT** is planted in October and harvested in late June. Most of the grain is sold as the farm's second cash crop while the rest is ground and used for flour.



13. A Variety of vegetable crops and herbs are grown year-round in the **LARGE KITCHEN GARDEN**.
14. During the winter, potatoes, carrots, turnips and other such crops are stored in the **ROOT CELLAR**, a deep pit dug into the side of the hill.

15. Perennial crops, seed beds, herbs and early vegetables are grown in the **SMALL KITCHEN GARDEN**. The **PALE FENCE** used to protect the garden is made of red oak shakes and cedar posts.

16. The **FARM HOUSE**, a small one-room log building, is used by the family for cooking, storage and shelter.
17. A flock of "Dung Hill Fowl" **CHICKENS**, which can be found near the house, provide eggs and meat for the family.

18. The **MARKET GROUNDS** are open only during the Market Fairs and for other special events.