

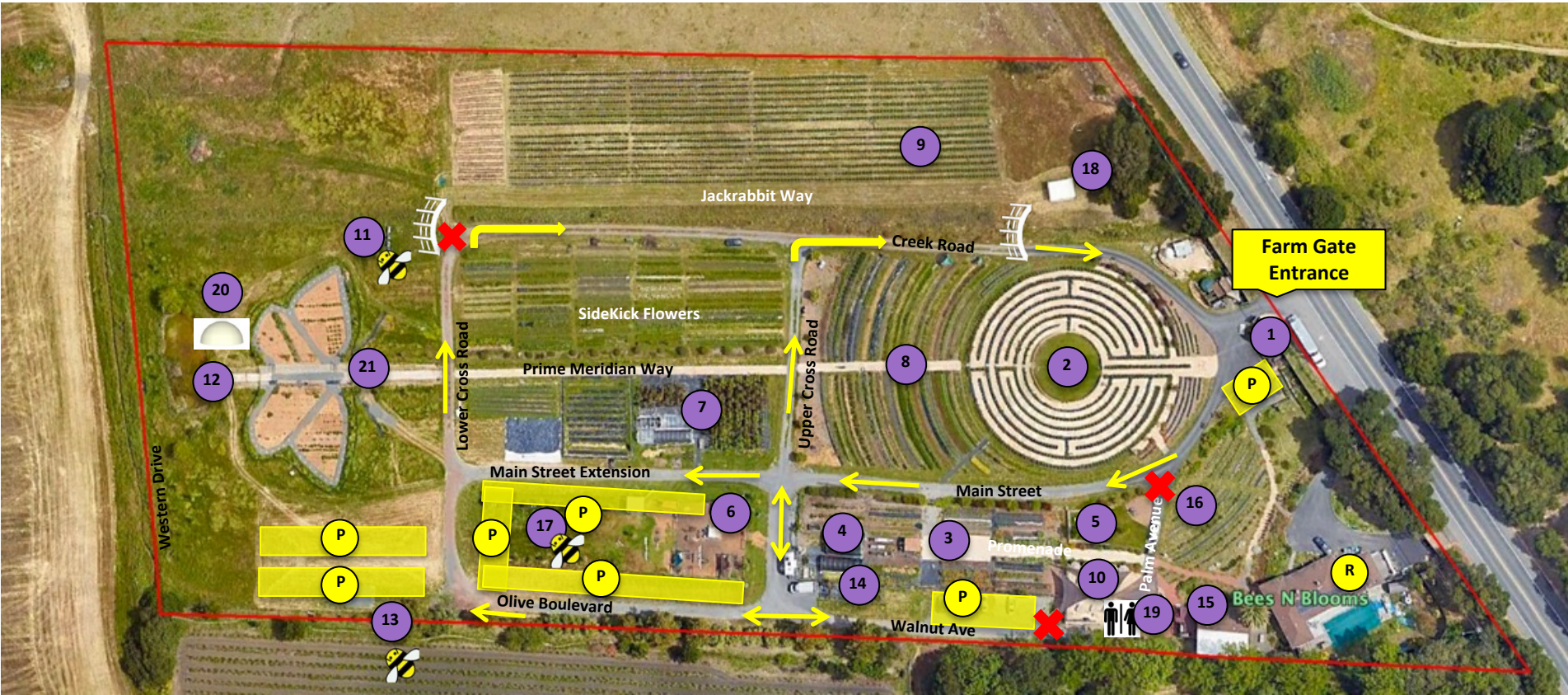


Farm Map



Legend

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| P = Parking | 5. North Pavilion | 13. Bee Tree |
| R = Residence (private) | 6. Poultry Palace | 14. Tree Nursery South |
| 1. Farm Stand | 7. Tree Nursery West | 15. Event Center |
| 2. Lavender Labyrinth | 8. Flower Arcs | 16. The Skirt |
| 3. Vegetable Garden | 9. Grosso Lavender | 17. Goose Pen Apiary |
| 4. Greenhouse | 10. Pavilion | 18. Porch Swing View |
| | 11. Creek Apiary | 19. Toilet |
| | 12. Swale/Pond | 20. Willow Dome |
| | | 21. Butterfly Haven |
- = closed to cars
 = direction of travel
 = Beehives – Caution!
 Don't walk in front of the hive entrances.



CAUTION: You may encounter rough terrain, ticks, and sharp objects. To stay safe, please wear close-toed shoes and stay on roads, paths, or mowed areas. Steer clear of areas marked with flagging tape. Keep children in sight and out of trouble. Please keep dogs on leash **at all times** and clean up after them. To avoid accidental encounters with bees, don't walk through lavender plants or flowers with bees on them, don't try to catch the bees or pick them up, and stay outside the perimeter posted around the beehive entrances. If you need help, call us at (707) 293-8293. Most of all, HAVE FUN and enjoy the farm!



FAQs About Visiting Bees N Blooms

We're delighted you've decided to visit Bees N Blooms! We want your visit to be an enjoyable one, so please be sure to read these Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to learn how to avoid hazards and stay safe.

Q: I'm highly allergic to bee stings and need to use an epi-pen if I get stung. Is it OK to visit Bees N Blooms?

A: If you have a life-threatening allergy to bee stings, we generally recommend that you plan to visit at a time other than peak lavender bloom, which occurs mid-May to mid-July. There are bees on the property and they visit the lavender. A sting is unlikely, but possible. If you choose to visit during this time period, please be sure to bring your epi-pen and avoid the lavender and beehive areas. The Pavilion has a good vantage point of the property, with less chance of a sting. **If you do get stung, call 911 immediately.** The Bees N Blooms business number is (707) 293-8293. Please call us too so we can help.

Q: Will the bees on the flowers bother me or my child?

A: We have bees on the property, both native bees and managed honey bee colonies. You will see them foraging on the lavender and in the flower arcs. Forager bees are not normally aggressive—they are only out looking for food. However, if you try to touch them or if you try to walk through a lavender bush with bees on it, there is a chance you will be stung. Parents should be sure to keep children on the pathways and not allow them to run through the lavender or across the flower beds. Avoid wearing scented products or flower crowns that might attract bees, and wear close-toed shoes. Stay on the paths and avoid brushing up against flowers with bees on them. Give the beehives a wide berth and stay outside the flagged areas near the hives.

Q: Where do I park?

A: Please pull inside the farm gate near the farm stand and follow the signs to areas reserved for parking. There is a space reserved for wheelchair access just inside the gate near the farm stand and another space behind the Pavilion. Be careful of the traffic on Petaluma Hill Road when entering or exiting the property.

Q: Can I bring my dog to Bees N Blooms?

A: Well-behaved dogs are welcome on open-farm days, but not at private events. If you do bring a dog, we ask that you keep them on leash *at all times*—we have cats, chickens, geese, and ducks that may be out and about, and we want them to stay safe. Please bring supplies to clean up after your dog. And please don't allow your pet to use the turf areas in the Labyrinth or North Pavilion as a bathroom. People love to sit on the grass and we want to keep it free of waste. To prevent food crop contamination, dogs are not permitted in the vegetable garden at all.

Q: Can I allow my children to play unsupervised on the farm while I walk the Labyrinth or shop?

A: No. Children must be supervised at all times. Bees N Blooms is a working farm, and farming involves the use of sharp tools, garden hoses, building materials, tractors, lawn mowers, and rodent traps. We do our best to keep these objects out of the way of visitors, but curious children (or adults!) exploring off the beaten path may encounter them. Parents should be sure their children are under control at all times. Please do not let children play on the tractor.

Q: Can I fly my drone on the property?

A: Not during open-farm days. To ensure the safety of all of our guests, drones may not be used when we are open to the public. See our Photography web page at https://beesnblooms.com/?page_id=3261 for more information on private photography appointments.

Q: Do I have to wear a mask while at the farm?

A: We follow the mask requirements set by Sonoma County. Currently, Sonoma County requires masks to be worn indoors by those who are not vaccinated. Masks are not required for those who are vaccinated. Indoors at private events, our staff (all are fully vaccinated and boosted) will wear masks if you request it, but we leave it to your judgment for private party guests unless the Sonoma County Health Department mandates otherwise. In the outdoor areas, it is not necessary to wear a mask.

Q: Are the farm grounds accessible to those with limited mobility?

A: Yes, reasonably so. The upper part of the farm is paved from the bridge on the north to the Pavilion on the south, and one of our parking spots near the farm stand is reserved for handicapped access. The rest of the farm has gravel roads or pathways, so it can be a bit bumpy. We recommend that you wear close-toed, comfortable shoes suitable for walking on uneven ground. The farm is on a gentle slope and most of the destinations are connected by gently sloping or flat gravel roads or pathways. People using walkers are able to negotiate the property, staying mostly on the roads and gravel pathways.

Q: Are the farm grounds wheelchair accessible?

A: Mostly. Having an assistant is recommended. The gravel roads work well with all types of wheelchairs and will allow you to explore much of the farm. The gravel pathways are accessible to wheelchairs with wide tires, but thin wheelchair wheels may sink into the gravel on some of the pathways and be difficult to propel forward.

Q: Do you have restroom facilities?

A: Yes, we have portable toilets, including one that is ADA accessible, on-site during the peak season from mid-April through mid-October.

Q: Are there ticks?

A: Yes, there are a few ticks in this part of the county. We find mostly dog ticks (which do not carry Lyme disease). Infrequently, we see the smaller deer ticks (the Lyme disease carriers), and we have not seen these ticks for the last four years, as the deer are not frequenting our property as much as they used to. Peak months for ticks are May and June. We mostly find them (or they find us!) in areas with tall grass, so it's fairly easy to avoid them by staying on the gravel pathways or mowed areas and avoiding brushing up against tall vegetation. We have never seen a tick in the Labyrinth turf area.

Q: Are there snakes?

A: Yes. We have gopher snakes, garter snakes, and occasionally we have the good fortune to see a king snake (very beautiful!). There may also be rattlesnakes, but we haven't seen one yet. We love our snakes! Please steer clear of them and don't hurt them. They are one of our best allies in limiting the population of gophers, mice, moles, and voles.

Q: Are there other hazards I should be aware of?

A: Yes. There are several areas on the farm that have very rough terrain or stored construction materials. We have flagged these areas to ensure you are aware of the hazard. Your mission is to stay out of these flagged areas and keep children out as well.

Most important! Have fun and enjoy the farm!