

## Warning to Visitors\*

La Basse Cour is a working farm. We raise chickens for their eggs, sheep and goats for their fiber, and vegetables which we offer for sale in our farm store and stand and our milk house. In addition, we have ducks, geese, horses and cows in our fields, and dogs and cats in our home.

A visit to our farm will be most enjoyable for everyone when we all understand the inherent risks on a working farm, and when we act responsibly and respectfully toward one another, the land, the animals, the crops, the equipment, and nature.

We offer only pre-scheduled guided tours of our farm and farm stays. No one is permitted anywhere on our farm without Larry or Diane as an escort. The exceptions are: (1) purchasing eggs from our milk house which is self-serve; and (2) purchasing eggs, vegetables and yarn at our farm stand and farm store in our carriage house.

When on a guided tour or part of a farm stay at La Basse Cour we ask that you stay together, and that parents take active responsibility for their children. Children are not permitted anywhere on the farm without their parents and without either Larry or Diane.

When at La Basse Cour we ask that you dress appropriately. We may be walking on farm lanes or in fields where the ground may be wet or uneven and where there may be animal manure, or near a stream or pond. As is true anywhere in the outdoors, we may encounter insects and plants that could be allergens, hot sun, or inclement weather. We may come close to and interact with some of our farm animals. Long sleeve shirts, long pants, shoes or boots, gloves and a cap are highly recommended. No open-toed shoes are allowed.

We use fencing to keep our farm animals – and our visitors – safe. Much of our fencing and some of our gates are electrified, some of the fencing is old fashioned barbed wire. Never touch or open a fence or a gate. Be sure your children do not ever touch or open a fence or a gate.

Farm animals can behave unexpectedly. Many are large and can push unintentionally. Some might peck or take flight suddenly. It is important that you realize the risks of interacting with farm animals and with dogs and cats who are unfamiliar with you and your family and friends. Please do not approach any of our farm animals without permission and without one of us as an escort. Please be sure your children do not chase any of our farm animals.

As a working farm we use large farm equipment such as tractors which can be loud and are dangerous. Please do not go near our farm equipment without prior permission and one of us as an escort.

After the tour, please wash your hands and hose off your boots.

This **Warning to Visitors** is for your safety as well as your enjoyment. We ask that you honor our requirements to ensure a safe and enjoyable visit to our farm.

Thank you,  
Diane and Larry  
La Basse Cour

## Visitor Responsibility\*

A visit to our farm will be most enjoyable for everyone when we all understand the inherent risks on a working farm, and when we act responsibly and respectfully toward one another, the land, the animals, the crops, the equipment, and nature.

As a visitor to La Basse Cour you have the responsibility to:

- Wear your mask at all times and practice social distancing of at least 6 feet when in groups of unrelated people, and with us.
- Exercise reasonable care regarding the risks and requests disclosed in our **Warning to Visitors**;
- Reasonably comply with posted directional signs;
- Reasonably remain in areas designated for our farm tours and farm stays;
- Reasonably follow all conspicuously posted rules of conduct as well as our verbal or other communication;
- Remain with your children and supervise your children at all times; and
- Not to willfully remove, deface, alter or otherwise damage signage, warning devices or implements or other safety devices.

Before we schedule your farm tour or farm stay, please go to our website [www.la-basse-cour.com/contact-us](http://www.la-basse-cour.com/contact-us) and complete the **Send us a Message** section toward the bottom of the page with your name and contact information. In the **Questions/Comment** section please indicate that you have read and are prepared and willing to accept the inherent risks of participating in a tour of or a farm stay at La Basse Cour as described in **Warning to Visitors**, and to assume the duty of reasonable care as described in **Visitor Responsibility**. Once we receive this information from you, we will gladly work with you to select a date for your visit to La Basse Cour. If you have questions, please ask!

If you are unprepared or unwilling to accept the inherent risks of participating in a tour of or a farm stay at La Basse Cour as described in **Warning to Visitors**, or to assume the duty of reasonable care as described in **Visitor Responsibility** we will not be able to offer a tour or a farm stay to you. We hope that you understand.

Thank you,  
Diane and Larry  
La Basse Cour

## Notice of the Right to a Refund\*

We offer only pre-scheduled guided tours of our farm and farm stays. Before we schedule your tour of La Basse Cour or your farm stay at La Basse Cour you are required to read **Warning to Visitors** which describes the risks inherent at our farm, and **Visitor Responsibility** which describes your responsibility to act with reasonable care when on our working farm.

If you are interested in scheduling a farm tour or a farm stay at La Basse Cour please go to our website [www.la-basse-cour.com/contact-us](http://www.la-basse-cour.com/contact-us) and complete the **Send us a Message** section toward the bottom of the page with your name and contact information. In the **Questions/Comment** section please indicate that you have read and are prepared and willing to accept the inherent risks of participating in a tour of or farm stay at La Basse Cour as described in **Warning to Visitors**, and to assume the duty of reasonable care as described in **Visitor Responsibility**. Once we receive this information from you, we will gladly work with you to select a date for your visit. If you have questions, please ask!

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\*To read an overview of the **Safety in Agricultural Tourism in New York Act** describing the responsibilities of farm operators and farm visitors during agricultural tourism activities, please use the following link:

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/10/inherentriskguidanceforagritourismandpublic.pdf>

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Diane and Larry  
La Basse Cour