



Dear Teacher,

Thank you for interest in bringing your class to Sky Top Orchard for a fall tour, fun educational lesson and a visit to the great outdoors. Please register online.

Our tours are designed for children ages 3 through 10 but we are certain that you and the other chaperones will have a great time too. In addition to the tour, you and your group are invited to experience all our mountain has to offer - a play area, a barnyard, pond, bamboo forest, acres of open space and a picnic area too.

Please fill out the online registration form as soon as you settle on a date. We've included a sheet you can use as your guide to your visit as well as our standard rules plus a map of Sky Top Orchard. The biggest thing to note is that GPS directions usually will not get you here. Take note of the approximate address of the turn-off to our road if you need to use your GPS as a guide and call us if you run into any problems.

We look forward to your visit!

Sincerely,

David and Lindsey Butler
Sky Top Orchard
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Fall Field Trips & Tours

Share the wonders of autumn and marvels of agriculture with your class this fall. At Sky Top, we offer fun, informative hands-on learning experiences. Tours are designed for children ages 3 through 10 years old and we can accommodate groups as large as 300 with advance planning. Please note: Our most popular dates are Fridays in September. If you wish to avoid particularly large crowds and you are flexible, you may wish to choose an alternate date for your visit. Please note: Groups smaller than 20 people will be combined with other groups and will not receive private tours.

TOUR OPTIONS

Apple Picking Tour* 🍏

\$6.00 per person

Tour includes wagon ride through the orchard, a short talk on growing and picking apples plus picking 1/4 peck bag of apples. Time is allotted for a visit to the barnyard and time on the playground and at the picnic area.

Pumpkin Picking Tour* 🎃 (in season)

\$7.00 per person

Tour includes wagon ride through the orchard, short talk on how to pick pumpkins, selecting a small pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, use of the barnyard, playground, and picnic area.

Fall Harvest Tour* 🍏🎃

\$9.00 per person

Get the full experience of the fall harvest. This tour includes all features of the Apple Picking Tour as well as picking a small sugar pumpkin.

Donut Snack

\$1.00 per person

A donut snack can be added to any trip but donuts must be ordered 48 hours in advance. Ingredients: www.skytoporchard.com/donuts

Picnic facilities are available on a first-come, first-served basis and you and your students are free to visit the farm stand for pre-picked apples and Sky Top Treats for snacks and drinks as well as pies, crisps and donuts to take home.

Payment *

All members of your group will be charged including all chaperones, students, and siblings. Special needs teacher's aides are admitted free, but will not pick fruit. We accept school, PTO, personal, or bank checks or cash. We request that you pay with one check for your entire group (including chaperones and siblings) at the time of check-in **if you are able**.

Planning Your Visit

Plan to be at the orchard for about 1 1/2 to 2 hours and be sure to allot ample driving time so that you are not rushed during your visit. Trips are available weekdays Aug. 12th through Nov. 15th. Tours are offered from 9 am until 1 :30 pm.



Phone: (828) 692-7930

Packing List

To make the most of your visit, here's a handy list of items you may want to pack:

- Sunscreen**
- Hand Sanitizer**
- Quarters** if you want to feed the ducks at the pond.
- Water** - It gets hot out there!
- Print out of Directions** to Sky Top - Don't put our physical address into your GPS!
- Cooler** for taking home tasty treats like frozen apple cider
- Comfortable shoes and clothing** - mountain hillsides offer uneven terrain so practical shoes make the day much more enjoyable. Dress in layers for changing fall temperatures.

Directions:

Sky Top Orchard is located above Flat Rock, NC on Pinnacle Mountain Road. Pinnacle Mountain Road is easily accessible from U.S. 225. Just watch for our big yellow Sky Top Orchard signs.

*Please note:

If you put our physical address into your *GPS*, the directions are not accurate. Please follow the directions below and, if you must use your *GPS* as a guide, please enter the address of 3403 Greenville Highway, Flat Rock, NC 28731. There is no such address but this is the approximate address of the intersection of Greenville Hwy. (U.S. 225) with Pinnacle Mountain Rd. You should see signs at this intersection directing you up the mountain to our entrance.

Directions from Asheville (via I-26E)

Take I-26E to exit 54 (Flat Rock). You can only go one direction at this exit. Go 3.2 miles to Exit 5. At the bottom of the exit, turn right. Go 1 1/2 mile to the Sky Top signs. Turn left onto Pinnacle Mountain Rd and proceed up the mountain. Follow signs 1 mile to the orchard.

Directions from Greenville, SC

Take Hwy 25 N to Exit 5. At the bottom of the exit, turn left. You will be on 225N. Go 1 1/2 mile and be on the lookout for bright yellow Sky Top signs. Turn left onto Pinnacle Mountain Rd and proceed up the mountain. Follow signs 1 mile to the orchard.

Directions from Charlotte

Take I-85 S to Hwy 74 W (At King Mtn.) Go to I-26 W then take Exit 54 (Flat Rock). You can only go one direction at this exit. Go 3.2 miles to Exit 5. At the bottom of the exit, turn right. You will be on 225N. Go 1 1/2 mile and be on the lookout for yellow Sky Top signs. Turn left onto Pinnacle Mountain Rd and proceed up the mountain. Follow signs 1 mile to the orchard.

From Spartanburg

Take I-26 W to Exit 54 (Flat Rock). You can only go one direction at this exit. Go 3.2 miles to Exit 5. At the bottom of the exit, turn right. Go 1 1/2 mile and be on the lookout for yellow Sky Top signs. Turn left onto Pinnacle Mountain Rd and proceed up the mountain. Follow signs 1 mile to the orchard

Welcome to Sky Top Orchard. We're glad you're here!

We offer u-pick, prebagged apples and fruit as well as other fall goodies in the fruit stand. Here's how to make the most of your visit with us.

U-Pick (Priced per pound)

Picking apples is as easy as 1-2-3

- 1) Visit our sampling table if you need help deciding what apples you want
- 2) Pick up a map, locate your varieties and head out into the orchard for a day of bonding and picking.
- 3) Once your basket is full, return your basket to the fruit stand, remove the bag from your basket and proceed to check out or shop for other items before checking out

Prebagged Fruit (Priced by Volume)

For your convenience, we offer prebagged apples in the fruit stand. Tables are in center of stand. Signs describe varieties.

- If you aren't sure what you like or need, visit the sampling table at the front of the fruit stand
- Select size you need – ½ peck, peck or ½ bushel
- Continue shopping the fruit stand for fall goodies then bring your items to cashier for checkout

Doughnuts, Jams, Jellies, Pies, Cider...

It wouldn't be fall without apple cider doughnuts, apple cider, pies and other fall goodies.

- Hot doughnuts are located at the front of the fruit stand & can be purchased separately or you can buy fresh, pre-boxed doughnuts at the main registers.
- Jams, Jellies and fall favorites are located to the right of cash registers in the rear of the stand.
- Apple cider and pies can be purchased at the main cash registers. Kettle corn is available at popping station or register.

By entering Sky Top Orchard, visitor assumes all risk and agrees that Sky Top Orchard shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury occurring on the premises. You further agree by visiting, to allow your image to appear in photographs or video used for advertising or commercial purposes without compensation or attribution.

Please be kind to bees you encounter & be aware in their presence. Bees are a natural & necessary part of an orchard.

Rules & Policies

To ensure that everyone has a great time, we ask that you follow the rules below. Thank you and have a wonderful visit!

- 🍎 **Dogs** are welcome in the orchard provided they remain on leash at all times. We ask that you clean up after them and be conscientious around other guests and our farm animals. Dogs are not allowed in the fruit stand/store area.
- 🍎 **Be Picky with Your Picking.** Before you pluck that apple from the tree, make sure it's the one you want. We ask that you keep and pay for any apple that you pick. *Picking Tip: Lift apple gently toward the stem. Twist then pluck to avoid damaging the tree or fruit.*
- 🍎 **Sample in the Store, Not in the Orchard.** Visit our Sampling Table and try before you buy. We'll show you where to find your favorites on the map.
- 🍎 **Wagon Use:** Wagons are for transporting baskets and not for riding. **Please return wagons to stand when finished so others may use them.**
- 🍎 **Baskets:** Baskets are fun and add to the nostalgia of the visit & photos. We just ask that parents select baskets, keep track of them and return them to fruit stand when finished. **No baskets in parking lot.**
- 🍎 **Stay Together.** Make the most of today's experience by staying together. Please do not allow children to venture into the orchard unattended. This is a great time to make FAMILY memories.
- 🍎 **Be Kind to the Orchard.** The orchard is here for everyone's enjoyment so we ask that you:
 - Do not throw, smash or play with apples.
 - Do not climb, swing on, pull leaves off, break branches or damage trees

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