



## Self Guided Tour

*Welcome to Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center! We're so glad you're here, and hope you'll enjoy exploring the farm using the reference points below and map on the other side of this page as a guide. As you wander, please use the roads and pathways between fields, and watch out for tractors and vehicles. Happy touring!*

### A BRIEF HISTORY

From approximately 1978 to 2000, Cedar Circle Farm was owned and operated by Robert and Marilyn Stone. During their tenure the farm's main focus was growing annuals and perennials as bedding plants and offering pick your own strawberries, blueberries, and pumpkins. The Stones sold the development rights on the farm to the Vermont Land Trust in 1990. When Will Allen and Kate Duesterberg became the proprietors in 2000, they kept the essence of the Stone's business while transitioning the farm to organic growing practices. Their goal was to become a farm and education center. They envisioned the farm as a place raise public awareness about the benefits of local organic agriculture and to research and experiment with new organic growing practices. Their vision and ideas formed the roots of Cedar Circle Farm & Education Center as it is known today.

### 1 FARMSTAND & CAFÉ

This is the main hub for welcoming our community to the farm. It's a great spot to ask our staff any questions you may have! In the farmstand you'll find our certified organic produce, baked goods, pottery and plants, and many other local and organic products. In the café we serve fair trade organic espresso drinks and coffee, local teas, as well as farm-made baked goods and pastries.

*To the Greenhouses — Stand outside the Hello Café, facing the farmstand with your back to the fields. The greenhouses are on your left.*

### 2 GREENHOUSES

Our three retail greenhouses are full of annuals, perennials, and veggie and herb starts! To manage pests, we use biological controls, such as parasitic wasps, lacewings, and cucumber mites. While every greenhouse is managed organically, due to seed and planting stock limitations for our flowering plants, only the vegetable and herb plants are certified organic.

*To the Education Garden — Return to the Hello Café, farmstand, and Greenhouse 1. This time, face toward the fields with your back to the farmstand. Walk straight ahead, down the hill and slightly off to the right. Make sure to look both ways and watch out for farm vehicles as you cross the dirt road!*

### 3 EDUCATION GARDEN

This little garden is tended by our educators and used as a teaching tool for summer camps, Little Farmers preschool classes, homeschool programs, and workshops.

*To the PYO Flower Field — You should be able to see it from here! Sometimes it can be hard to identify depending on the time of year that you're visiting. If you're not quite sure where it is, turn so that the barn, farmstand, café, and greenhouses are on your left and walk straight ahead.*

## **4 PYO FLOWER FIELD**

Here in this beautiful one-acre field, you can cut flowers for your own bouquets! They're also available in larger quantities for events (by appointment) or you can join our PYO Bouquet CSA. Our blooms are certified organic, and the biological diversity created by each of the different varieties helps us keep the ecosystem balanced. The complex root systems of these plants create habitat for microorganisms in the soil, and the bright flowers attract all sorts of pollinators.

*To the Production Fields — From the flower field and with the barn on your left, walk away from the Education Garden, toward the dirt road. When you get to the road, turn right and walk down towards the river. The production fields will be on either side of you.*

## **5 PRODUCTION FIELDS**

On this side of the “home farm,” as we call it, we manage 7 fields where we grow yummy fruits and veggies! All of our produce is certified organic, and we are continually experimenting with regenerative growing techniques to improve the health of our soil and, in turn, the quality of our veggies too!

*To the River and Riparian Zone — Keep walking all the way to the end of the road. Just ahead, you'll see a cabin and the Connecticut River.*

## **6 RIVER AND RIPARIAN ZONE**

The Connecticut River is the central defining feature of this valley, contributing to the fertility and the prevalence of agriculture here historically and today. The well established tree buffer along the river contains a diverse array of native plants that provide benefits for wildlife, soil protection and water quality.

*To the Circle of Cedars — Turn around and head back to the farm. Keep the river behind you as you walk back up the road. Be careful going up the first little hill from the river—please walk on the grass, off to the side. Farm vehicles should be driving slowly, but it's a blind spot and can be difficult to see pedestrians.*

*Continue walking up the road until it bends to the left towards the barn (you'll see apple trees in front of you). Here, turn right and walk past the wooden stage on your left. There will be a clearing on the left just after the stage. Turn left into the “forest,” where you'll find the Cedar Circle.*

## **7 CIRCLE OF CEDARS**

Behind the farmhouse is the eponym of our farm, the circle of cedars! In 1979, previous owners Robert and Marilyn Stone named the farm after this stand of trees.

*To the Mobile Hoop Houses — From the Cedar Circle, face the farmhouse and walk to the right of it, towards Pavillion Road. As you walk along the road back to the farmstand, notice the mobile hoop houses on your right.*

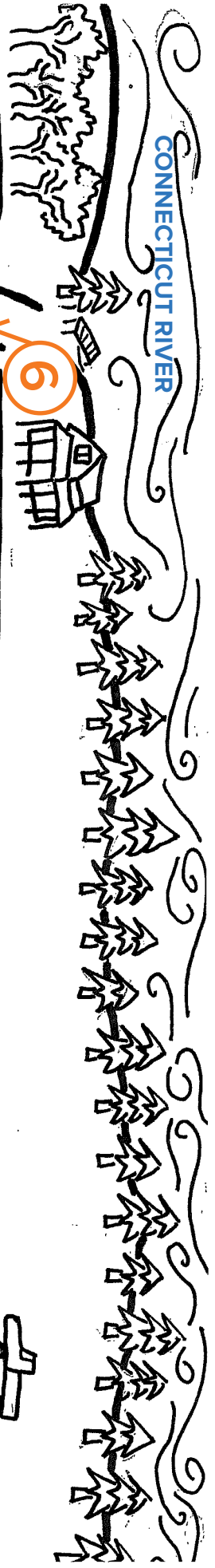
## **8 MOBILE HOOP HOUSES**

These structures create drier, warmer conditions that allow us to plant before the fields are ready. A few of them are on skids, to allow for more planting space and to give soil time to rest between crop rotations.

*Back to the Farmstand — Walking on Pavillion Road with the mobile hoop houses on your right will take you back to the farmstand, where you started the tour!*

***Thank you for visiting!***

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PRODUCTION FIELDS



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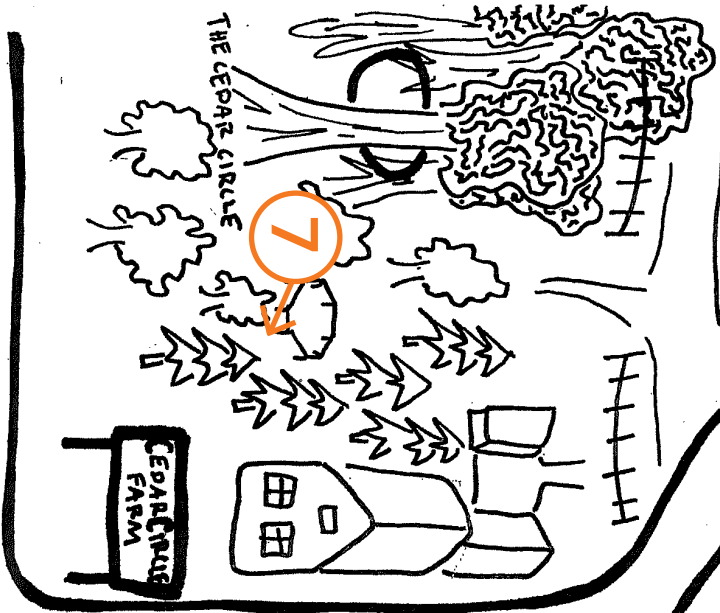
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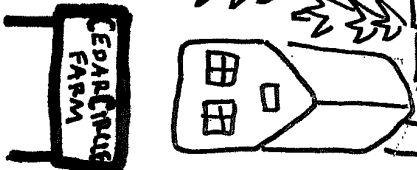
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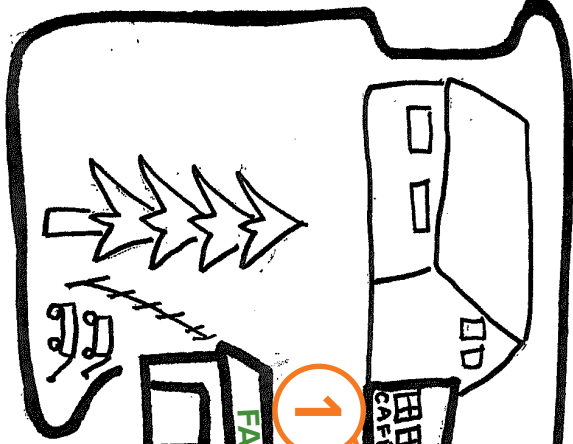


THE CEDAR CIRCLE

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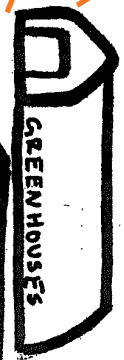
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