

Master Vegetarian Program Field Trip #2
October 24, 2009: 10 am at the farm
Ayres Creek Farm: Anthony Boutard
15219 Springhill Road, Gaston, Oregon
Farm Tel: 503 985 0177

Driving Directions: Take 26 West out of Portland toward Beaverton. Exit onto 217 (69A) toward Beaverton/Tigard. Follow 217 to the second exit (Beaverton, Routes 8 and 10, exit 2A). Take this exit and go straight across Route 8 to the second traffic light. Turn right onto Route 10, which is also called the Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway.

Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway eventually turns into Farmington Road as it enters the countryside. In about 12 miles, it T's onto 219. Turn left onto 219, go over the bridge and take the first possible right turn, Bald Peak Road, in about 200 feet.

Bald Peak Road soon splits into a "Y". Bear to the right (straight) staying on Bald Peak Road. You will follow Bald Peak Road for 3+ miles up a long hill. Follow the road up the hill. The road peaks at the very top of the hill and curves sharply to the left, at the stop sign turn right onto Laurelwood Road, marked with a sign indicating "Scenic loop".

Go down this curvy road and through the settlement of Laurelwood (about 3 miles) until this road T's onto Springhill Road. Turn left onto Springhill. In 1/2 mile, pass Gibson Road, which comes in from the left. Turn right onto the next driveway. There are 2 mailboxes as we share this driveway with the nursery next-door. Our number is on the front of our mailbox (#15219).

Take the road going left before the grey covered arena, and park in front of the arena. Allow a little over 50 minutes from downtown Portland.

On the next page is a full map, and below is detail on the destination.



Anthony Boutard, the owner of the farm, will meet us there at 10 am. Here is a quote about Anthony followed by a link to a great interview article where the quote came from:

"These days the Boutards run a 100-acre farm in Gaston, about 30 minutes west of Portland, where they grow a quarter-million pounds of blackberries annually, as well as more than 75 varieties of vegetables that they sell to restaurants and at a weekly farmers' market. Boutard is a staunch proponent of biodiversity and an outspoken advocate for small farms.

http://www.culinate.com/articles/the_culinate_interview/anthony_boutard

Be prepared for with appropriate clothing and footwear for farm conditions.

