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Farms are open from 10 am to 5 pm. This is a self-guided tour. Use this guidebook or the interactive online map to plan your visits and maximize your time at the farms. We suggest visiting 3-5 farms throughout the day.

Thank you for supporting local growers! Proceeds from the 2019 Pittsburgh Urban Farm Tour support each site featured on the tour and fund the Urban Growers Professional Development Scholarship.

Scan to launch an interactive map of the farm tour.



1 AFRICAN HEALING GARDEN



160 Meadow St., Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Street parking on Meadow St. Bike parking along the exterior garden fence.

The African Healing Garden in Larimer began as an herbal garden for community interest and youth mentoring. Its mission is to be a peaceful space where the community can experience serenity, engage in social interaction, learn and evolve. The 8,200 square-foot plot immerses visitors in African culture with décor, symbols, plants, a water feature, music, art, and programming. Enjoy a variety of fruit trees, herbs, and a small tent for shelter. The garden is currently working to widen pathways and enhance handicap accessibility.

Guided tours on the hour.

2 BALLFIELD FARM



Crispen St. & Danbury St., Pittsburgh, PA 15214

Car parking in driveway and on the front lawn. Bike parking along the exterior garden fence.

Ballfield Farm (BFF) is a community project in the Perry South neighborhood of Pittsburgh's North Shore run by member-volunteers in cooperation with The Pittsburgh Project. Members are food enthusiasts, community advocates, friends, family, and neighbors from all walks of life with varying levels of gardening know-how, from experts to novices. Together, they maintain a former baseball field converted into a collective growing space. In exchange for a small monetary investment and a few hours of work per month, members are able to provide food for their families and neighbors in need. Ballfield Farm creates a community space that teaches members how to feed their families in an economic and sustainable manner.

Guided tours at 11 am and 1 pm. Tour-goers are invited to join in the normal Open Work Day tasks with BFF members between 10-11 am.

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3 BRADDOCK FARMS



 **Braddock Ave. & 10th St., Braddock, PA 15104**
Street parking on Braddock Avenue. Bike parking on Woodlawn St.

Set against the backdrop of the borough's last remaining steel mill, Braddock Farms features two hoophouses, a small greenhouse, and a shipping-container for a storage unit and office. Grow Pittsburgh broke ground for the site in 2007 and expanded into a neighboring lot in 2010, doubling the farm's size to slightly more than an acre. Braddock Farms uses organic techniques to grow produce for a weekly farm stand on the main business corridor of Braddock Avenue. Braddock Farms also serves as a site for demonstration and education.

Guided tours on the hour. Farm stand open from 10 am to 2 pm on the corner of Braddock Ave. and 6th Street (by Bell's Market). Cash, credit (no American Express), and EBT accepted.

4 BUGS HOMEWOOD HISTORICAL COMMUNITY FARM



 **7013 Monticello St., Pittsburgh, PA 15208**
Street parking on Monticello St.

Established in 2016 by members of the Black Urban Gardeners and Farmers of Pittsburgh Co-op, the Homewood Historical Community Farm is transforming 15 vacant lots into a $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre urban farm, including a 30x40 foot hoop house that allows for year-round growing and the installation of pollinator gardens with the help of Allegheny County Conservation District. Future plans include the development of indigenous beds inside the hoop house, building a second large hoop house, two smaller hoop houses and a pavilion, chicken coops, a fruit orchard, community beds and a healing garden along with composting and rainwater catchment systems.

Guided tours at 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 2:30 pm, and 4:30 pm.

 **Cash Only**

5 BURGH BEES COMMUNITY APIARY

 6933 Susquehanna St., Pittsburgh, PA 15208
Street parking on Susquehanna St. Bike parking along the exterior garden fence in the grass.

Burgh Bees is a non-profit organization with a mission to educate beekeepers and promote beekeeping as a vital part of sustainable agriculture in Pittsburgh. Their apiary (the first of its kind in the country) features a fenced bee yard, where members can rent a spot to keep a hive, and offers a space for hands-on beekeeping lessons. Surrounding the apiary is a pollinator garden maintained by the Penn State Master Gardeners which demonstrates how to provide safe, pesticide-free food sources for pollinators.

Pollinator garden tours led by volunteer beekeepers. Apiary tours (up to 20 people each) at noon, 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm. Protective headgear will be provided. Attendees are required to wear long sleeves, long pants, and closed-toed shoes in the apiary.

6 DUQUESNE COMMUNITY VICTORY GARDEN

 719 North Duquesne Boulevard, Duquesne, PA 15110
(beside the First Presbyterian Church of Duquesne)
Parking lot at church; bikes may be locked to garden fence or church railing.

The purpose of the Duquesne Community Victory Garden is to promote healthy eating and to bring people in the community together. The community farming section provides free produce to the community. The garden uses vermicomposting to reduce food waste and to improve soil fertility as well as rainwater catchment for irrigation. All who are interested in being a part of this are welcome to participate. Volunteers from the community are invited to contribute on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tours will be given as visitors arrive; vermicompost demonstration. Hats and t-shirts for sale.

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7 HOMEPLATE GARDEN



 115 Hamilton Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145
Parking lot and bike parking along fence.

The Turtle Creek Home Plate Garden was established in 2015 with a 2-year grant from Grow Pittsburgh. The garden exists in an unused baseball field and includes 32 beds (3'x40'), 6 raised boxes, an open space (25'x45'), and a perennial flower bed. The mission of Home Plate Garden is to provide fresh, organic produce for the community (especially the elderly), as no local grocery store is available. Homeplate Garden operates two farm stands weekly and runs on donations-only to make produce affordable for all.

Tours will be given as visitors arrive. Produce will be sold as available.

8 MANCHESTER GROWING TOGETHER FARM



 1426 Juniata Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15233
*On-street parking in front of site; parking lots available behind site.
Limited bike parking to fence posts and benches inside garden.*

The Manchester Growing Together Farm is located in the historic district of Pittsburgh's Manchester neighborhood on the City's northside. Originally begun as the City of Pittsburgh's model school garden, the Manchester Growing Together Farm has moved several times in the past seven years to its current location, on a 12,000-square-foot site that was formerly an abandoned building. The farm strives to build bridges across age, race, gender, and ability to give neighbors (especially children) exposure to healthy foods, greenspace, and animals. The farm currently includes vegetables, fruit trees, hydroponics, chickens, mini-goats, and a mobile mini-kitchen.

Tours will be given as visitors arrive; livestock (chickens and mini-goats) on-site; gourmet salads and other snacks available for sale.

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9 SANKOFA VILLAGE COMMUNITY GARDEN



512 North Braddock Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15208
(Corner of Braddock Avenue & Susquehanna)

Street parking on Susquehanna St. Bike parking along garden fence.

Sankofa Village Garden is a youth- and community-focused non-profit in the Homewood neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Currently, the garden has 23 raised beds that make healthy foods accessible to the community. In addition to vegetables and fruits, founder Ayanna Jones and the organization are nurturing future gardeners and entrepreneurs through partnerships, workshops, the sale of produce, the introduction of new products to market, and the delivery of urban agriculture and business education to young people. For five years, Sankofa Village Community Garden has been fulfilling its mission to build a community garden that will provide education and longevity, thus ensuring its benefits to the neighborhood last for years to come.

Guided tours will be given as visitors arrive.

10 SHILOH FARM



Homewood Ave. & Thomas Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15208

Street parking on Thomas Blvd. Bike parking along the exterior garden fence.

Shiloh Farm is a single city lot converted into a small urban farm. It is truly a showcase of what is possible in urban farming, complete with in-ground production beds, herbs, figs, raspberries, and flowers to draw beneficial insects. Shiloh Farm even has two beehives and a flock of Rhode Island Red chickens! The farm's back perimeter is marked by a large solar array, which feeds into the neighboring home. This site serves as a location for Grow Pittsburgh's work share and Urban Farmers in Training programs, teaching teens and adults the ins and outs of urban farming.

Guided tours on the hour. Farm stand open from 10 am until sold out.

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11 WILKINS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GARDEN



609 Mortimer Avenue, Turtle Creek, 15145
Small lot plus on-street parking on Mortimer & Highland; bike parking in garden along fences.

The Community Garden of Wilkins Township exists to create a welcoming garden space where residents can grow healthy, organic food together and share it with each other and with members of the community who are food-insecure. Originally the brainchild of two township commissioners, the Wilkins Township Community Garden is a group of about twenty service-minded volunteers with an interest in gardening. The group as a whole provides input as to what crops are grown and the general aspects of the physical garden space. Produce is grown in raised beds in half of a 4,000 square-foot fenced area; cover crops and decorative plants amend the soil in the rest of the site. The current plan is to create a food forest and other recreational areas on the rest of the property.

Tours will be given as visitors arrive; a campfire will also be conducted.

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FYI: GARDEN RESOURCE CENTER

 147 Putnam Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206
Street Parking on Putnam St.

Urban Farm Tour goers may be interested in this tool-lending and material resource center. A project of Grow Pittsburgh since 2014, the Garden Resource Center (GRC) serves residents of Allegheny County by reducing barriers to growing food while strengthening urban garden communities. The center stocks a wide array of gardening tools and materials for loan including tillers, string trimmers, wheelbarrows, compost, and much more to support backyard gardeners, community gardeners, and locally owned small businesses who are working to produce food for themselves or others. Memberships for individuals and groups are available. Contact Garden Resource Center Coordinator Raqueeb Bay at raqueeb@growpittsburgh.org or call 412-362-4769 x 215 for more information.

The Garden Resource Center is open from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturdays.



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SAT: 9 AM - 3 PM
The GRC is located at
147 Putnam St, 15206 (Larimer).

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ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Proceeds from the 2018 Pittsburgh Urban Farm Tour seeded the Urban Growers Scholarship Fund. The East End Food Co-op, Pittsburgh Food Policy Council, and Allegheny County Conservation District contributed additional grants to bring the total fund balance to just over \$2,000 in its first year. The fund exists to help urban gardeners and farmers in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County access professional development opportunities, including training, conferences, and workshops. To date, scholarships have supported registrations to Penn State Extension's "Exploring the Small Farm Dream" course and assisted with travel costs for the upcoming National Young Farmers Coalition Conference in Colorado. Proceeds from today's tour will help replenish the scholarship fund.

The PFPC Urban Ag Working Group administers the Urban Growers Scholarship Fund. Applications for scholarships are accepted through the Pittsburgh Food Policy Council website.



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