

KELSEY CREEK FARM FAIR
Information for visitors
October 6, 2018 Saturday, 11am-4pm



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Kelsey Creek Farm Fair, at a glance.

Welcome! We hope that you will enjoy your visit to Kelsey Creek Farm. To make your visit more interesting and informative, we would like to share with you a brief history of this beautiful park.

The farm's history began in 1921, when the Duey Family rented 190 acres and began delivering cream and butter stamped with the name Twin Valley Farm. In August of 1933 the original barn burned. Mr. Duey, a skilled carpenter, along with some hired hands rebuilt the barn in two weeks. Today, this barn is the smaller of the two barns and is called the Animal Barn. Mr. Duey also built the Red Barn, originally used as a milk house.

The second dairy barn was built in 1943-44 by Mr. Michaels, the new owner, (This is the north barn now known as the Education Barn) and the dairy herd was increased in size. After the end of WWII, he sold the farmstead to Ray and Nettie Fisher. They phased out the dairy operation and began raising Hereford beef cattle. They built the current farm house in 1954 and moved to live on the property.

In 1968 neighbors to the farm began a movement to petition the Bellevue City Council to purchase the property and secure it as a public park. The neighbors' petition succeeded and the City negotiated with the Fisher family to purchase the 80 acres, including the farm house, barns and out buildings. The Fishers sold their farm property to the City at a price much reduced from what they knew that they could get from developers. They did so because they believed in preserving the beauty and legacy of the agricultural buildings and the land.

In 1969 the oldest barn was modified to house an assortment of farm animals for public viewing. The other, larger barn, commonly referred to as the Education Barn, was remodeled inside and used to accommodate a variety of community programs, including children's day camps, art classes, farm-themed classes, to name just a few. No entrance fee is required, though donations are always welcome, and the farm is open 365 days a year, attracting visitors from the community, the region and beyond.

The Kelsey Creek Farm Fair has been an annual event since 1982. There is no entrance fee to the fair and it welcomes all to enjoy the day's activities at this historical site. Some activities have a minimal fee as listed below. There is no ATM on site. There are no pets allowed in the barnyard area or left unattended at any time.

Free Shuttle & Parking

Free parking available at the parking lots below, with free shuttle service to and from Kelsey Creek Farm. Shuttle service begins at 10:45am, with the last departure from parking lots to the event at 2:30pm. The last shuttle from Kelsey Creek Farm to the shuttle parking lots leaves at 4:15pm.

Wilburton Park & Ride: 720-114th Ave SE / *Bannerwood Sports Park:* 1790 Richards Rd.

Activities with nominal fees:

**Tickets required for all activities, except food and tractor rides. \$1 per ticket.
Cash or Credit excepted.**

- Pick your pumpkin from the pasture and decorate it –\$5 ea.
- Seattle Pony Party – Rides-\$8 ea. / weight limit 110 lbs.
- Tractor-pulled wagon rides by Northwest Vintage Tractor Club – cash, \$1 per person, \$5 per family recommended donation
- Pioneer Popcorn – cash only, prices vary
- Cascade Natural Honey – cash only, prices vary
- Buns on Wheels Food Truck – Cash or credit, prices vary
- Cotton Candy \$2 ea.
- Face Painting – \$3 ea.

Free activities:

- Entertainment:

Cowboy Buck and Elizabeth –Performances at noon, noon, 2pm and 3 pm.

Together, Buck & Elizabeth put on a high energy show which includes interactive musical comedy with dance, sing-along, and ventriloquism. Their music and their personalities are sure to charm audiences of all ages.

Nancy Stewart, Children's Music -Performance at 1pm. Nancy is a well-known favorite with her young concert audiences throughout the Northwest!

- Heritage demonstrations & activities by the Eastside Heritage Center – Located Historic Fraser Cabin at Kelsey Creek Farm
- Children's activities and Fun Farm Photos
- Kelsey Creek Rabbit 4-H
- Scarecrow maze
- Visiting mascot: the Kelsey Creek Bee