

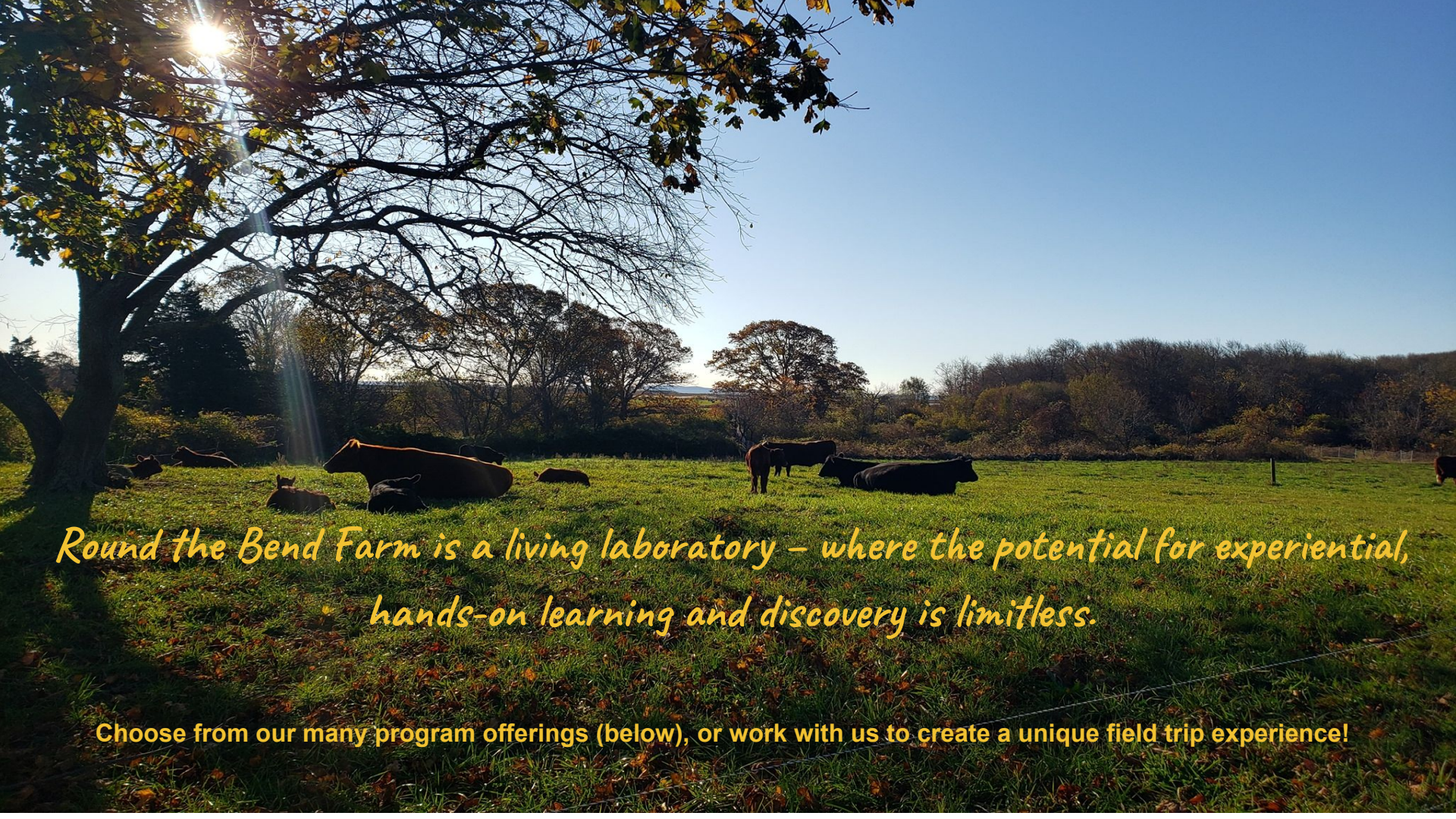
Round the Bend Farm *field trips and farm tours*



We're excited to welcome you to the farm!

This slideshow shares details about our standards-aligned field trips and farm tours.

Take a look to discover what we offer and see if a visit to RTB is the perfect field trip for your group.



Round the Bend Farm is a living laboratory – where the potential for experiential, hands-on learning and discovery is limitless.

Choose from our many program offerings (below), or work with us to create a unique field trip experience!

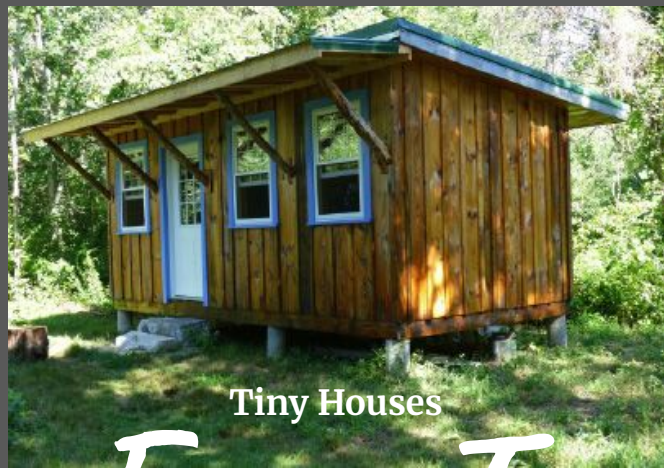
Our Mission

Round the Bend Farm (RTB), a Center for Restorative Community, located in South Dartmouth, Massachusetts is a 115-acre working farm and educational non-profit. We are a living laboratory that cultivates, educates, and empowers people of all ages. We are devoted to the global paradigm shift toward hope and abundance by **valuing diversity**, **modeling nature**, and **redefining wealth**.





Wetu



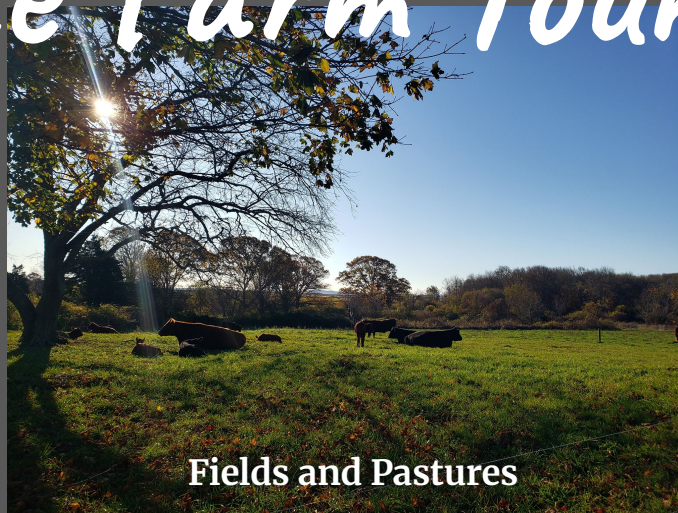
Tiny Houses



Barnyard



Gardens and Greenhouses



Fields and Pastures



Honey Bees

and more...

The Farm Tour

A. Plant diversity - cultivated and wild food and herbal allies

B. Livestock genetics - robust and diverse - well suited to life on pasture

C. Mushroom cultivation - food and medicine - adds crucial diversity to our diets



A diverse, local food system is resilient in the face of climate change and extreme weather events.

Valuing Diversity *(Diversity = Resilience)*

- Diversity is the key to nature's success. It exists at the ecosystem, species, and genetic level and makes organisms and communities more resilient to changes in the environment.
- At RTB, diversity is factored into the relationships that we develop and cultivate, the crops that we plant, and the livestock that we raise, because we know that diversity strengthens our work, expands our reach, and creates a more restorative ecosystem and humanity.

The power of diversity is immense when we truly respect and value differences.



D. Our Team - the colorful whole is greater than the sum of its parts!

E. Eggs from our diverse flock - beautiful and nutritious

F. Goats - livestock diversity - goats, pigs, cows, chickens, ducks... they all fill a different ecological niche that benefit our landscape



We look to nature as our role model in the creation, development, and implementation of restorative processes as they relate to food, farming, and living.

Modeling Nature

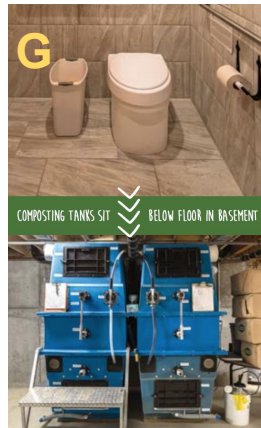


A. Mulching – water retention + soil building

B. Livestock – soil fertility + Carbon capture

C. Grazing – Carbon sequestration +

D. Hügelkultur – reduce irrigation needs + soil building



E. Compost piles – soil building

F. Cover Cropping – erosion prevention + soil building

G. Composting toilets – no waste solutions +

H. Pervious surfaces – reduce runoff + erosion, water retention

In nature, nothing is considered waste.

- Building Healthy Soils
- Carbon Sequestration
- Retaining Moisture
- Erosion Prevention
- Zero Waste
- Pervious Roadways

We incorporate natural features and processes into our farm ecosystem to promote adaptation and resilience.



A



B

Redefining Wealth

A. Elderberry - Plant partnerships for food and medicine, wildlife and beauty

B. Honey Bees - Animal partnerships to support robust health of body and ecosystem

C. Herbal Tinctures - natural medicine to support overall wellness and wellbeing



C



D

We view wealth as equitable access to all that makes life meaningful, and seek to cultivate shared abundance and communal well-being.



E

D. Tiny Houses - The antithesis to mainstream definitions of wealth - promote simplicity and connection to our environment and to one another

E. Working Together - Common goals, shared knowledge, outdoors whenever possible, multigenerational connections

F. Community - Sharing in life's moments - the fun and beautiful as well as the difficult and challenging – it's all better when shared



F

“Wealth is the ability to fully experience life.” – Henry David Thoreau

Traditional Ecological Knowledge

A. The Wetu - The original “tiny houses.” They are beautiful and constructed of local, natural materials. RTB’s wetu serves as an acknowledgement of the Wampanoag ancestors who stewarded the land we now walk, farm, and care for.



B. Three Sisters - Traditional Native American method of growing corn, beans and squash together. We continue to use this growing strategy today for its practicality and efficacy, and in recognition of the ancient wisdom that informs our work.



Indigenous people have been practicing “nature-based solutions” long before the term existed. At RTB, we’ve borrowed and benefited from their wisdom and seek to emulate their ways of inhabiting the Earth.

Field Trips and Workshops

These last pages contain brief descriptions of some of the program offerings you may choose from. If you have a specific curricular focus not listed here, please let us know—there are many additional possibilities. And if you're simply looking to explore the farm, meet the animals, and learn about what we do, our **General Farm Visit** is a great option.

Animal Husbandry:

We care for a variety of domesticated animals, including cattle, goats, pigs, chickens, guardian dogs, barn cats, and honeybees. Meet our animals up close and see them at work while learning about animal husbandry, rotational grazing, ruminant biology, and the essential roles animals play in regenerative farming systems. All of this unfolds amid the sights, sounds (and yes—smells!) of a vibrant, working farm.

Beekeeping:

Our bee team manages several hives inherited from the late Lucy Tabit, our friend and mentor beekeeper. Bees are vital to the farm ecosystem as pollinators and producers of honey, beeswax, and other useful products for our community. During warmer months, visitors can observe bees in action, handle beekeeping equipment, and learn about honey bee anatomy, hive roles, and pollination. And of course, no beekeeping visit is complete without tasting a bit of the sweet stuff.

Composting:

Composting is a cornerstone of regenerative farming. At RTB, we follow nature's lead—where nothing goes to waste. Help feed garden scraps to our farm animals, then see how their manure is returned to the soil to build fertility. Make and use compost tea in the garden, explore our composting toilets and how they conserve water and capture nutrients, and dive into the fascinating world of vermiculture as worms transform food and garden scraps into rich soil amendments.

Food Preparation & Processing:

We agree with Hippocrates: food is medicine. Understanding how food nourishes our bodies is more important than ever, and learning to grow, prepare, and celebrate healthy food is central to life at RTB.

Rather than industrial, plastic-wrapped “processed” foods, we focus on traditional methods that preserve and enhance nutrition. Learn skills like curing meats, making cheese, and practicing the ancient art of fermentation. Using the power of microbes, we create kimchi, sauerkraut, sourdough bread, yogurt, pickles, kombucha, and more.

Gardening & Organic Growing:

RTB is home to thriving herb and flower gardens, orchards, and perennial plantings. Whether growing food for our team or for local, underserved families (see our Manifest Love page), we work in close partnership with plants. Learn how we build healthy soils and grow nutrient-dense, bioactive food and medicine—from seed starting and soil preparation to harvest. Take a guided garden tour of our gardens, greenhouses, agroforestry plantings, and permaculture systems, then roll up your sleeves and get your hands in the dirt alongside us.

Health & Wellness:

It's hard to have a positive impact on the world when we're feeling tired, run-down, or unwell. That's why health and wellness are central to life on the farm. We share our holistic approaches to wellbeing and the core lifestyle choices that support time outdoors, movement, community, and nourishing food. Visitors will also learn how we use medicinal herbs and mushrooms as adaptogens to help manage stress, support immunity, and promote overall health.

Herbalism & Botanical Medicine:

We grow and use a wide range of medicinal plants to support the health of all the animals on the farm—especially the upright, two-legged variety! Learn how we cultivate, harvest, and process plants for medicine, from teas and tinctures to healing salves and balms. You'll be guided through the process of making your own herbal remedy to take home.

Permaculture & Agroforestry:

Permaculture is a system of agricultural and design principles rooted in observing and working with natural ecosystems. Across the farm, you'll see permaculture systems in action as we model nature in our land-use practices. While our approach to regenerative agriculture is non-dogmatic—drawing from many strategies and philosophies—most are grounded (pun intended!) in permaculture. Come learn how we apply these principles in relationship with the land, its features, and the larger ecosystem we're part of.

Restorative Living:

We recognize that it's impossible to live on this planet without having an impact. Knowing this, many people try to reduce harm through choices like recycling or driving electric vehicles. But what if our impact could be positive?

At RTB, we look beyond sustainability toward restoration—seeking ways to create lasting, regenerative change. We're guided not only by contemporary science, but also by Traditional Ecological Knowledge, including the lifeways of the Wampanoag people, whose long stewardship of this land reflects a deep understanding of reciprocity, balance, and responsibility to future generations.

Join us as we explore regenerative systems, from the benefits and tradeoffs of renewable energy, to the realities of composting, to farm-scale carbon sequestration.

We don't have all the answers. What we do have is a commitment to examining our impacts, experimenting thoughtfully, and learning from both successes and mistakes—while listening to and learning from Indigenous knowledge systems that have sustained ecosystems for thousands of years. We look forward to sharing that journey with you.



Please visit [our website](#) to learn more, or complete our [field trip request form](#) if you are ready to schedule a visit.

We look forward to working with you!



If you have any questions, please reach out via email: peter@roundthebendfarm.org or by phone: (508) 938-5127.

Thank you!