Mount Hope Farm is pleased to announce our grounds are again open to the public.

Hours for enjoying our grounds and visiting our animals: Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 7 am to 2 pm.

Please note: Currently we are unable to accommodate walking of dogs and other pets. We also ask that Farmers Market patrons leave their dogs at home, and that visitors do not access our event tent or Cove Cabin, both located adjacent to Church Cove.

Why was the Farm closed?
We closed the Farm temporarily for two reasons:
• In response to Covid-19 restrictions
• To assess and respond to recent misuse (e.g., vandalism, entry during off hours) of Farm property

Who owns and operates the Farm?
• The Farm was founded with the generous support of individuals, St. Michael’s Church and the Town of Bristol, with the goal of preservation of open space rather than the development of our historic acreage.
• Over the past three decades, the Farm has operated independently as a private, nonprofit organization, receiving no municipal funding. It is overseen by a Board of Trustees responsible for fundraising to enable the operation and maintenance of the property.
• The Farm’s Trustees look forward to working collaboratively with Bristol’s leadership and citizens in our ongoing effort to focus on historic and agrarian projects to benefit the community.

Why are pets restricted from Farm property?
• This was a hard decision for members of our Board of Trustees to make as we are dog lovers. However, increasingly we are finding that walkers are not picking up after their dogs and many also allow their dogs off leash. We know that this impacts the ability of our other visitors to fully enjoy our property.

That said, over the coming months the Trustees will continue to review our pet policy – and our opening hours – assessing our ability to make the Farm more available to both visitors and their pets.

How does the Farm support its operations?
• The Farm relies on dues paid by members, private donations and fundraising events, grant funds, and revenues from rental of our facilities for events and from our Inn and other residences.
• Event rentals are our largest source of income and our inability to rent the Farm’s venues because of Covid-19 has severely impacted our operations. Thus, we are enormously grateful to our members and donors for their support.

How can I support the Farm?
Please go to our website (mounthopefarm.org) to:
• Become a Friend (member) of Mount Hope Farm or donate to the Farm
• Learn about the Farm for your next corporate event or family event
• Tell friends visiting Bristol about renting our historic Governor Bradford Inn and other residences
• Become a Farm volunteer and care for our animals or support our Master Garden that provides produce to the East Bay Food Pantry
• Shop at our weekly Farmers Market for fresh produce and other local goodies