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Metro-North Offers Dutchess County Farm Fresh Tours

Celebrate the bounty of the fall season with outdoor, food-filled excursion packages from Metro-North Railroad. The Railroad is proud to be partnering with Dutchess County Tourism to provide discount rail and farm daytrip packages. Whether you're looking to take part in a wine tasting, enjoy the richness of pure maple syrup or try some good ole moonshine – there's something for everyone.

"Dutchess County is a great place to be outdoors during the fall months and there is no better place than visiting the many farms and markets that call Dutchess County home," said Dutchess Tourism Executive Director Mary Kay Vrba. "Come taste and experience the freshest of foods and outstanding wines. This partnership with Metro-North makes it affordable and accessible."

Farm Fresh Organic Food, Fine Tea & Maple Syrup or Moonshine Weekends

Moonshine Tour: Saturdays and Sundays - September 27 and 28

Customers will take a train on the [Harlem Line](#) that arrives at Wassaic Station at 12:10 p.m. You will then board the Dutchess County Farm Fresh Link bus at the station at 12:15 p.m.

The tour will include fine tea sampling at [Harney & Sons](#) in their charming tasting room in Millerton, NY.

Your second stop will be [Dutch's Spirits](#) in the heart of Pine Plains. The 400-acre farm will bring you back to the bootlegging days of the Prohibition Era.

At [McEnroe Organic Farm](#), your third stop, you will learn first-hand about organic farming and composting and visit their market. On Saturdays, the bus will leave the farm at 5:45 and arrive at Wassaic Station in time for the train's 6:21 p.m. departure. On Sundays, the bus will leave the farm at 6:15 p.m. and arrive at Wassaic Station in time for a 6:56 p.m. departure.

Maple Syrup Tour: Saturdays and Sundays - October 4 and 5

Customers will take a train on the Harlem Line that arrives at Wassaic Station at 12:10 p.m. You will then board the Dutchess County Farm Fresh Link bus at the station at 12:15 p.m. and head to your first stop at [Harney & Sons](#) tasting room and store.

Your second stop will be at [McEnroe Organic Farm](#) where you will spend about 1 ¼ hours on Saturday and 1 ½ hours on Sunday touring the farm's 1000 acres. On Saturday, the bus will leave the farm at 3:30 p.m. and on Sunday the bus will leave at 3:45 p.m. Your third stop will be at [Madava Farm](#), home of Crown Maple syrup. The 800-acre culinary and nature destination includes a state-of-the-art sugarhouse and tap hole tasting room. On Saturday, the bus will leave Madava at 5:30 p.m. and arrive at Wassaic Station in time for the train's 6:29 p.m. departure. On Sunday, the bus will leave at 6 p.m. to arrive at Wassaic Station in time for a 7:04 p.m. departure.

The deal:

- The package price from GCT/Harlem-125th Street is \$35 for adults; \$28 for seniors, persons with disabilities and individuals receiving Medicare; \$7 for children 5-11 years of age; children under 5 are free
- Check [here](#) for package price from your boarding station
- You will receive two tickets: a round-trip rail ticket which you will give to the Metro-North conductor to punch and a special event ticket marked "FARM FRESH" to give to the bus driver. Hold on to your rail ticket for the return trip
- Click here for full [ITINERARY](#)

Fall Harvest Wine & Cheese Weekends

Saturdays and Sundays -- October 11, 12, 18 and 19

Get whisked away for a day-long celebration of the fall harvest of wine and local cheese. Customers will take a [Hudson Line](#) train that arrives at Poughkeepsie Station at 10:36 a.m. You will then board the Dutchess County Farm Fresh Link bus at the station at 10:50 a.m. Your first stop is [Sprout Creek Farm](#) known for its artisanal cheeses from their herd of grass-fed cows and goats.

Next, explore the scenery and charming shops in the village of [Millbrook](#). The October 11 and 12 Tour will also feature [Millbrook Vineyards and Winery](#). The bus will depart at 5:00 p.m. and arrive at Poughkeepsie Station in time for the train's 5:54 p.m. departure.

The October 18 and 19 Tour will feature [Clinton Vineyards](#). The bus will depart at 5:00 p.m. and arrive at Poughkeepsie Station in time for the train's 5:54 p.m. departure.

The deal:

- The package price from GCT/Harlem-125th Street is \$33.50 for adults; \$27.50 for seniors, persons with disabilities and individuals receiving Medicare; \$7 for children 5-11 years of age; children under 5 are free
- Check [here](#) for package price from your boarding station • You will receive two tickets: a round-trip rail ticket which you will give to the Metro-North conductor to punch and a special event ticket marked "FARM FRESH" to give to the bus driver. Hold on to your rail ticket for the return trip
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Note: For all packages, activities may require an additional fee. For more information, visit www.dutchesstourism.com. Dutchess County Tourism has the right to substitute a farm or related itinerary stop to ensure the quality of the overall program and the individual getaway experience.

In order to secure your seat on the bus, reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance by calling 800-445-3131. Tours frequently sell out and seats are limited. Once you have made your reservation, purchase your rail/bus ticket from at any Metro-North ticket office, full-service ticket machine (excluding Wassaic Station) or through [WebTicket](#). WebTicket purchase must be made at least 5 business days in advance of your travel date.

For more information on Metro-North discount daytrips, overnights and Station Stop Happenings, visit <http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/getaways.htm>