

## Inside Buildings

### Can I Try Out the Bed?

No. Old fashioned beds have to be fluffed every morning to ensure a good night's sleep. As a result, most folks never laid or sat on their beds during the day. We ask that our visitors follow that same etiquette.

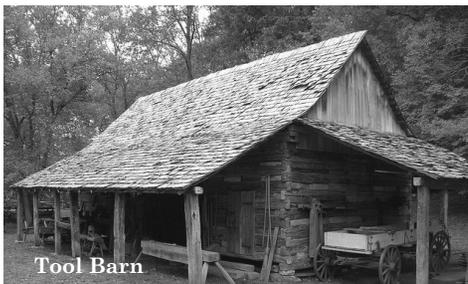
If you want to feel the softness of the beds with your hands, that's perfectly fine. Just make sure you leave them neat and tidy.

### What Kind of Log Buildings will I See?

The Homeplace has 16 authentic wooden 1850s structures. 15 of those log buildings come from within 10 miles of the Pryor Creek area. Our interpreters can tell you about the history, construction methods, and uses of our log buildings.

### Who Left the Door Open?

We ask that if you open a door or a gate to please close it behind you. This helps keep the warm air in during the winter, and the bugs out. If a gate is closed, please keep it closed. This is especially important on a farm to keep farm animals from escaping.



Tool Barn

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# HOMEPLACE GAZETTE

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Head through the doors to the [Homeplace 1850s Working Farm](#) and step back in time. Experience what life was like on a middle Tennessee farm in the 1850s.

Since many people have never been on a farm, let alone an 1850s farm, we put together this time traveler's guide to improve your understanding of the mid-1800s.

As any experienced time traveler can tell you, the best way to visit the past is to blend in. This guide includes vital information to help you do just that. It will also help you understand proper "Victorian etiquette" common to farm life in the 1850s.

## Visiting with Pets

### Can I bring my pet?

Yes! We welcome well-behaved pets on 6' leashes (or less). Historically many farm animals free ranged. For the protection of our poultry do not allow your pet to chase the animals. Please clean up any messes your pet might make.



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## Around the Garden

### How do I know what is growing?

Our interpreters are happy to answer your questions about our gardens, orchards, and fields. We grow a variety of heirloom plants, fruits, and crops. They all have history. If you decide you really like something we grow, let us know. We might just have some tips you can use to grow it in your garden at home.

You can purchase heirloom seeds in our gift shop, letting you take a little of the past home with you. We also offer our [Homeplace History and Receipt Book](#), full of delicious 1850s recipes, available online and at the gift shop. Check out our special edition Gazette about Heirloom Gardening.

### Can I lend a hand?

Yes! In fact, we hope you do. We will gladly accept the help of a few extra farm hands around weeding and harvest time. Our interpreters will happily show you the proper methods to tend the plants. Be sure to ask one of our interpreters about how you can help before jumping in.

### Can I take some of the vegetables?

Possibly. When there's extra we enjoy sharing our heirloom seeds and tasty vegetables with our visitors.

We prefer that you ask before taking any fruits, vegetables or other plants. We use the heirloom vegetables we grow to make authentic 1850s dishes in the kitchen and to show visitors how to preserve vegetables. We use the field crops to feed the farm animals.

## Enjoying the Animals

### How do I find out more about the animals?

Our interpreters love to answer your questions about our animals. Feel free to ask us anything. On our farm, we raise a variety of [heritage breeds](#). These same breeds our forefathers bred for certain traits that worked well in the local environment. Many of our heritage animals would be considered endangered or threatened due to their declining numbers worldwide.

As one of an association of living history museums around the country, the Homeplace Farm works to preserve these rare animals.

### Can I pet or handle the animals?

We reward many of our animals for a good day's work with petting. Petting them for other reasons lessens its effectiveness as a form of encouragement.

Some animals, such as chickens and ducks, express affection differently and prefer not to be petted.



Dominicker chickens

Proctor the mule prefers his space, especially when it comes to his face. If you see him put his ears back, he's letting you know he needs a little "me" time.

Smokey the cat has an important job on the farm—hunting mice. Working at night, she sleeps during the day time. Smokey prefers not to be disturbed, even for petting.

### Can I get into the pens or fences?

We ask our visitors to stay on their side of the fences. Pens provide our animals with necessary personal space. It is an unwritten rule on a farm that you do not handle the livestock without first asking permission. Doing so would be similar to going into someone's garage today and using their car without their permission.

### Is it okay if I get closer?

Of course, just make sure to do so slowly and calmly. If an animal runs away, it may mean they are frightened. If that happens, try approaching more slowly or watch patiently and calmly from a distance. You might just get a chance to learn a little more about their behaviors. Just like people, every animal has their own likes, preferences and little quirks of personality.

### Can I feed the animals?

We feed our farm animals regularly, so it's not necessary for guests to supplement. It could even be unhealthy for the animals to eat too much food, or food outside of their normal diet. If you'd like to lend a hand, stay for Feeding Time on the Farm, every day at 3:30.