

Spring on the Farm



Spring is a fantastic time to visit Frying Pan Farm Park! From February to May, you can see newborn farm animals almost every week!

Up first are usually sheep and pigs. Individual sheep deliver up to three lambs, while a single sow can have more than a dozen piglets.

"We give the newborns special care away from the public when they're first born," says Frying Pan Operations Manager Paul Nicholson. "After they're thriving, we bring them out to where visitors can see them."

The kid goats generally arrive in April. Baby goats are often born in pairs or triplets. On the other hand, cows usually only have one calf at a time. Frying Pan's cows are expected to deliver calves in May and June.

"Each spring the farm has anywhere from 30 to 50 new arrivals, and that's not even counting baby birds," Nicholson says. (Frying Pan is home to several peacocks, turkeys, ducks and chickens.)

A great time to see all the new arrivals is during Spring Farm Day on Saturday, May 7. The annual event was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic but Frying Pan Farm Park Manager Nicole Mitchell is planning for it to make a comeback in 2022.

"Spring Farm Day is a fun Saturday where families come to Frying Pan and enjoy food, games, demonstrations, wagon and carousel rides, and lots more. It's going to be really special this year after such a long absence!" Mitchell says.

Frying Pan Farm Park in Herndon is open daily from dawn to dusk. There's no fee to visit the park or see the animals. To keep everyone healthy and safe, please do not give the animals anything to eat. Questions? Call the park at 703-437-9101.

