

Common Ground Country Fair Example Itinerary: SHOPPER

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HIGHLIGHTS

Number of Fairs Attended

Six.

For me, a visit to the Common Ground Country Fair is not only a bounty of celebration but also a favorite holiday and gift shopping adventure. But what I enjoy the most are the backstories that go with the items.

Favorite Fair Day

My favorite day varies from year to year. Weather, speakers and our calendar make this day change a lot!

PRO TIP

Use your Fair map and schedule in talks and performances throughout the day.

And make sure and stop by the Maine Indian Basket Makers!

ITINERARY

Breakfast 9-10 a.m.

All the Food Vendors

I start my Fair visit with a brisk walk around the various areas to familiarize myself with the Fair's abundance. Then I have a fresh cup of coffee and tasty treat in either of the two Food Areas.

Experience 10-11 a.m.

Farmers' Market

If I missed Maple Sunday, then the Farmers' Market is necessary. You will also find unique grains, pickled goods, honey, fresh fruits and vegetables, and baked goods.

Experience 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Fine Art and Craft Market and Maine Marketplace Areas

The Craft and Maine Marketplace Areas are next. I have found unique sling packs, our family bean pot, felted ponchos, handmade hats and catnip pillows. Give yourself time here because you will spend a while there. I am always impressed with the quality.

Experience 1-2 p.m.

Farming & Gardening

There are so many gardening conversations and presentations to learn from. I also find seeds, seeds and more seeds for next season's garden as well as any new garden items that seem useful.

Experience 2-4 p.m.

Maine Indian Basket Makers

This is such a special stop where the traditional crafts are made such as baskets, jewelry, or wood carvings. Often the maker is there making another beautiful object and demonstrating the skills required to make these unique items.



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