



Common Ground Country Fair

Example Itinerary: VOLUNTEER

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HIGHLIGHTS

Number of Fairs Attended

Not sure! At least 10? I've lived in Maine most of my life and remember going to the Fair at the Windsor Fairgrounds as a kid in the '90s.

Favorite Fair Day

It's hard to choose a favorite day, but Friday feels festive because it's the opening day and it's Kids Day. It's fun to see school groups from around the state exploring and learning at the Fair.

PRO TIP

I love arriving to the Fair by bike — it's a great way to cut down on car time and avoid traffic, and bikers receive an extra warm welcome at the gate. Just be sure to bring a good-sized backpack for all the goodies you'll find from local farmers and makers!

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Experience

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Volunteer Shift

This is my first year volunteering at the Fair and I'm excited to pitch in and be a small part of making the Fair happen. Plus there are some really great perks for volunteers: a fair T-shirt, a meal at the Common Kitchen, and admission to the fair for the day you work.

Lunch

12-1 p.m.

All the Food Vendors

Here for the food! Even though volunteering includes a delicious meal at the Common Kitchen, I'll try to leave room to sample some treats from all of the amazing vendors of local food. I have some old favorites but usually like to mix it up and try things I haven't had before.

Experience

1-2 p.m.

Barns and Animals

I love taking time to wander through the barns and visit all of the animals. Hopefully I can catch a little bit of the Sheep Dog Demonstration, too!

Workshop

2-3 p.m.

Natural Dyeing Demonstrations

I grew a bunch of dye plants in my garden this year but am still very much a novice when it comes to natural dyeing! I'm hoping to pick up some tips and learn more about Maine fiber in this workshop.

Experience

4-5 p.m.

Farming & Gardening

The Fair means it's fall in Maine, and fall in Maine means apples! I'm always blown away by the incredible variety of apples (so many different tastes, textures, colors and histories) many of which are cultivated and preserved in MOFGA's Maine Heritage Orchard.



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