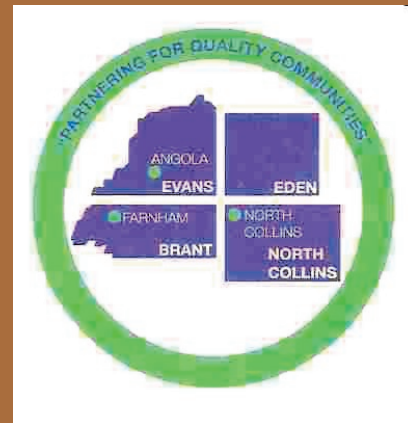


# Agritourism (*and More*) in the Southtowns



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## Tips on how to pick fresh fruits

- ◆ Call ahead and confirm crop availability, hours of operations, directions, grower requirements (will you need to bring a container), if children are allowed and if bathroom facilities are available.
- ◆ Dress for the weather! Wear comfortable clothes and shoes that you won't mind getting stained or dirty. A hat, gloves, sunglasses, hand wipes, and sunscreen (get the back of your neck) may come in handy. Don't forget to bring water to drink.
- ◆ Check the weather forecast. Mornings are usually cooler for picking. If it's a warm day, you may want to bring a cooler to store your pickings, so they are stay fresh on your trip home.

## At the Farm

- ◆ Read and follow all farm instructions and rules. Ask if you aren't sure.
- ◆ Treat trees and plants with care – don't walk on plants, push through bushes or climb trees.
- ◆ Be safe – keep children off of ladders and out of trees. Don't throw fruit.
- ◆ Wash hands with hot, soapy water before and after handling fresh produce in the field and at home.
- ◆ Choose produce that has good color and texture. Vegetables should be firm and crisp. Fruits should have a sweet smell.
- ◆ Use clean containers or totes to carry your purchases
- ◆ Don't litter – take your garbage home with you.
- ◆ Be aware of farm vehicles that may be operating nearby.
- ◆ Stay away from areas that are not open to the public.
- ◆ If picking on a warm day, bring a cooler to store your pickings, so they are stay fresh on your trip home.
- ◆ Enjoy your time at the farm!

## At Home:

- ◆ Immediately refrigerate perishable fruits and vegetables. Store them in the refrigerator's crisper drawer to maintain quality and safety.
- ◆ Wash all fresh fruits and vegetable with cool tap water immediately before eating. Do not use soap or detergents. Scrub firm produce, such as melons and cucumber, with a clean produce brush. Cut away any bruised or damaged areas before eating.
- ◆ If produce is peeled and/or cut, refrigerate within two hours. Leftover cut produce should be discarded if left at room temperature for more than two hours.
- ◆ To freeze berries, first place individual berries on a cookie in the freezer. When frozen, pour berries into freezer bags.
- ◆ Wash cutting boards, dishes, utensils and countertops with hot, soapy water after they have come in contact with fresh produce. Sanitize after washing with a solution of 1 teaspoon of chlorine bleach in 1 quart water.

For additional information on safe food handling, visit [www.foodsafety.gov](http://www.foodsafety.gov)

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### AGRIBUSINESS

**Agle's Farm Market, 716-992-4290**  
**7952 Gowanda State Road, Eden**  
**aglesfarmmarket@yahoo.com**

Continuing the tradition of quality plants and fresh produce, Agle's Farm Market is located on our family farm, offering berries, vegetables, pumpkins, honey and maple products. Located just north of the Eden business district. Open daily April-October 9am - 7pm and December 10:30am-6 pm.

**Awald Farms, 716-337-2997**  
**10692 Gurney/Walnut St., North Collins**  
**2195 Shirley Road, North Collins**  
**(pumpkins); www.awaldfarms.com**

U-Pick and fresh picked strawberries starting mid-June; blueberries, raspberries starting July 1; fresh vegetables in season. Farm stand offeris snack bar, jams, crafts and more. Ready picked giant pumpkins, squash, jack-o-lantern pumpkins, gourds and crafts at the Shirley



Rd., location. Berry fields open daily: Mon-Sat 8am - 6pm; Sun 9am - 5pm. Pumpkin season runs Sept. 12-Oct. 31 from 8am until dark.

**Bella Terra Greenhouse, 716-549-2014**  
**8607 North Main Street, Angola**  
**www.Bellaterragreenhouse.com**

Greenhouse and garden center offering traditional annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, flowering holiday plants, and water garden plants. Bella Terra has its own custom mixed grass seed, quality mulches, soils and landscapes stone. Blue Seal Feeds available. Open all year 9am - 6pm; extended hours during spring season.

**BlueBerry Ridge Farm, 716-337-2037**  
**12201 Gowanda State Road, Lawtons**

Family friendly U-pick blueberry farm – ready picked blueberries also available at our farm stand. Our berries are not treated or sprayed insecticides and wildlife is not discouraged. Bird watching opportunities (sunrise and dusk). Located 3 miles south of the light in North Collins. Open daily mid July thru mid August, 9am - 5pm – call for evening appointments.

**Bowman Farms, Inc., 716-337-2965**  
**11259 Gowanda State Rd., North Collins**  
**www.bowmanfarmsinc.com**

U-pick season begins in June with strawberries and ends with tomatoes in October. Locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables available at our farmstand from June thru October. Open daily June thru October 9am - 5:30pm.

**Brant Apple Farm, 716-549-0112**  
**1355 Route 249, Brant**  
**www.brantapplefarm.com**

U-pick apple farm with 12 varieties. Open during Apple season. Call for hours.

**Castle Farms, 716-549-3282**  
**1051 Rte. 249 (Brant-Farnham Rd), Brant;**  
**www.georgejcastlefarms.com**

Farm stand offering raw and pasteurized milk, fudge, lotion and soap. Pet the goats while you visit. Open daily 8am - 8pm.

**Chiavetta's Potatoes & Greenhouse, 716-549-0458; 9784 South Main St, Angola**  
 Full service greenhouse renowned for their potatoes. Open daily from March thru October 31 from 8am - 6pm.

**Eden Valley Alpacas, 716-992-3934**

**2712 Bauer Road, Eden**  
**www.edenvalleyalpacos.com**

Board and breed alpacas. Seasonal events include Fall Open House and Shearing Day. Alpaca hayrides available. Call ahead.

**Gables Maple Syrup, 716-592-5247**  
**5095 Kaiser Road, Lawtons**

Pure maple syrup and confections made the old fashioned way. Offering tours to our old-fashioned sugar house during syrup season (February-April) and upon request. Open daily – sales year round.

**Gary Bee Haven, 716-337-2478**

**10240 Clarksburg Road, Eden**

Honey and honey products. Open year round – please call for hours of operation.

**Kwilos Farm Stand, 716-549-6201**

**7678 Erie Road, Derby**

Roadside stand offering annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, vegetable plants & a variety of fruits and vegetables picked daily. Located ½ mile west of Sturgeon Point Road on Route 5 (Erie Road). Open daily May-October, Mon thru Sat 9am - 6pm and Sunday 10am - 4pm.

**Schummer's Eden Edge, 716-337-0635**  
**9779 Route 62, Eden**

Family operated greenhouse offering annuals, perennials and hanging baskets. Award winning quality products. Open daily from May 1 thru August 1, 9am - 5pm.

**Stonehill Orchard, 716-337-2380**

**2365 Shirley Road, North Collins**

U-pick apples and grapes, as well as cider, honey and maple products. Open late August to early November 9am – 6pm. Call ahead.

**Sunshine Flowers, 716-992-4818**  
**7950 Sisson Hwy., Eden**

Large working flower garden – drip irrigation. Beautiful setting with over 5,000 fresh cut flowers to pick from. Some ready made bouquets. Open for fresh cut flowers on Fridays – 11am - 7pm.



**TC Horse Stables, 716-445-2024**  
**1461 Milestrip Road, Brant**

Horse farm and barn with oval track and horse trails. Boarding and lessons available. Riding horse trails. Open daily 6am-9pm. Call for appointment.

**The Lords Garden, 716-992-9456 9998 Clarksburg Road, Eden**  
**www.thelordsgarden.com**

Four “rooms” of perennials, bogs and water gardens with an adjoining shade path. Many plants are native and the garden is organic. Unique garden shop fun to visit. Call ahead for reservations.

**Turnbull Nursery Inc. & Garden Center, 716-337-2248; 10036 Versailles Plank Rd, North Collins**

Shade and ornamental trees, shrubs, evergreens, perennials, vines, fruit trees and many varieties of small fruits. Bare Root Barn open March 15—May 1; Garden Center open April 1 – October 15. Hours vary.



**W&J Awald Farms, 716-867-2258**  
**2258 Shirley Road, North Collins**

U-pick and already picked pumpkins, corn maize and maize of terror. Variety of pumpkins, gourds, corn stalk, mums, fall crafts, snack bar and much more. Group rates for school field trips, B-day parties or any group with 10 or more people. Open daily entire month of October 9am - 6pm. Maize of Terror open Friday and Saturday evenings (October) from 8pm - 11pm.

### ATTRACTIONS

**Kazoo Factory/Museum, 716-992-3960**

**8703 South Main Street, Eden**

Original American Kazoo Factory was established in 1916 and is now the only metal kazoo factory in North America. The museum highlights history, amusing trivia, and details how the kazoos are made. Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday. View kazoos being made on the original equipment (Wed-Fri) Self-guided tours available – please call for an appointment.



**Schoolhouse #8 History Center & Museum, 716-337-3341; 2101 School St., North Collins; www.schoolhouse8.info**

A step back in time - 1857 one room schoolhouse restored and populated with over 1000 artifacts that convey what the educational environment was like circa 1900. Open Sunday's from 1-4 pm May 15 thru October 15. Call for tours.

**Sturgeon Point Marina, 716-549-0970**

**618 Sturgeon Point Road, Derby**  
**www.townofevans.org**

Public Marina with water slips, dry docks, restaurant, restroom facilities, gas, oil, bait, ice sales, and 4 launch ramps. Open for the season – May 15 thru October 15.

**New Angola Theatre, 716-549-4866**

**72 North Main Street, Angola**  
**www.newangolatheater.com**

An early 20th century landmark, “The Theatre Angola” opened on November 25, 1924 as a silent movie house. Showing first-run family movies at an affordable price. Open year round – Show Times Friday-Monday 7pm and Tuesdays @ 10:30am.



**Asa Warren House (Eden Historical Society, 716-992-3502; 8639 South Main Street, Eden**

Early historic house, restored to 1860 period. Site of the underground railroad. Seasonal events include Strawberry Social (June). Tours by appointment only.

**Lake Erie Beach Park, 716-549-0970; 9568 Lakeshore Road, Angola**  
**www.townofevans.org**

Access to the park is year round - play area, basketball courts; Restroom facilities available Memorial Day through Labor Day; Beach open June (call for opening date) through Labor Day; Lifeguard on duty every day 11am - 7pm - weather permitting.

**Evangola State Park, 716-549-1050**

**Old Lake Shore Road, Irving ;**  
**eww.evangelastatepark.com**

Year-round activities include: swimming, baseball, basketball, disc golf, horseshoes, hiking, cross country skiing & snowmobiling. Picnic and banquet facilities, and beachfront eatery. Annual Pirate Festival (last weekend in July); Tomato Festival (last weekend in Aug); and, Winter Fest (3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend in Feb.) Open daily dusk to dawn.

**Evangola State Park Campground, 716-549-1760; Old Lake Shore Road, Irving**  
**www.reserveamerica.com**

80 campsites (non-electric, 30 amps, & 50 amps); 1 cabin & 4 furnished tents available; bathrooms and showers; and camp store. Amenities include: fishing pond, basketball, tennis & horseshoes. Open April thru October. Reservations recommended.

**Wendt Beach, 716-858-8355**

**7676 Old Lake Shore Road, Derby**  
**www.erie.gov/parks**

Wendt Beach Park is a 170-acre lake front estate and was used as the Henry W. Wendt, Jr. family's summer residence. Amenities include: beach, picnic facilities, sport field, birds and water life. Beaches open daily 11am - 7pm (weather permitting) from July-August.

**Bennett Beach, 716-858-8355**

**Corner of Old Lake Shore & Bennett Road, Derby ; www.erie.gov/parks**

Bennett has everything you need for a day in the sun: wind surfing, fishing, swimming, sunbathing and boating. The beach has a family atmosphere that everyone can enjoy and plan a nice summer picnic. Beaches open daily 11am - 7pm (weather permitting) from July-August.

**Graycliff Estate, 716-947-9217**

**6472 Old Lake Shore Road, Derby**

Renowned American architect Frank Lloyd Wright designed the Graycliff Estate, a NYS Landmark, listed on the National Register in the late 1920s. Graycliff is Wright's realization of a “Natural House,” overlooking Lake Erie with sweeping views. Tours, gift shop & ample free parking. Call or visit graycliffestate.org for daily schedule/tour times .

### SHOPPING

**Kazoo Boutique, 716-992-3960; 8703 South Main Street, Eden; www.edenkazoo.com**

Located in the original Kazoo Factory Museum, this boutique carries a unique line of gifts, house wares, jewelry, handbags, toys & baby items. Special items and free gift wrapping available during the holiday. Hours of operation: Tues.- Thur. 10am - 5pm; Fri. 10am - 7pm; Sat. 10am - 5pm; and Sun. 12-5 pm (closed Sunday Jan-March).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Roe's, 716-337-0019**

**10538 Main Street (Rt. 62), North Collins**

“Where nothing has been used...just previously loved,” clothes, housewares, furniture, baby items, jewelry, novelties, seasonal & holiday items. Seasonal sales event after St. Patrick's Day and after July 4<sup>th</sup>. Open Mon-Sat 8:30 am to 6 pm. www.myspace.com/2ndhandroes2004

**John Henrich Company, Inc., 716-992-3985**  
**2686 Green Street, Eden**

Full service gunsmithing shop with retail store. Located in original dry goods store built in 1889. Unique storefront and shop. Family company with roots in Buffalo since 1867. Full service shop for sportsman/woman. Open Th 2 -8 pm; Fri 12-4 pm; and, Sat 10 am-4pm.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

**MacBaxter's Bed & Breakfast, 716-549-8774**  
**311 North Main Street, Angola**  
**www.macbaxters.com**

Comfortable feather beds and luxurious 500 thread count linens. Community dining and living area; state of the art entertainment center; patio with woodland view; in ground swimming pool and hot tub; central air conditioning & wood burning fireplace. Lake Erie beach access 3 miles away.



**Marienthal Country Inn Bed & Breakfast, 716-337-0160; 5107 Langford Road, Eden**  
**www.marienthalcountryinn.com**

Bed & Breakfast with fabulous breakfasts & stunning rooms offering pottery classes, art workshops and wellness retreats. Close to biking, hiking, skiing & snowmobiling. Girls getaway and group packages available.

### DINING

**Connors Hot Dog Stand, 8905 Lake Shore Road, Angola-on-the-Lake (across from Mickey Rats); www.connorshotdogs.com**

Hot dog stand with indoor/outdoor seating. Family owned and operated – 67 summers in business – serving locally grown produce and locally made sausage. Real milkshakes. Satellite location at Sturgeon Point Marina. Open April-September 19<sup>th</sup> : M-Th & Sun11 am to pm; and, Fri & Sat 11 am to 2 am.

**Desperados Barbecue and Catering Co., 716-549-5413; 29 Commercial Street, Angola**  
**www.desperadosbarbecue.com**

Authentic slow cooked barbecue in a western setting. Family friendly atmosphere. Member of Kansas City Barbecue Society. Award winning food: soups, salads, birch beer on tap. Microbrews and wine available. Open Tue-Sat Noon- 10 pm May thru October; open Sunday's noon-8 pm from November to October.

**Four Corners Café, 716-992-4347**

**8571 North Main Street, Eden**

Open daily serving breakfast, lunch and dinner (Wednesday & Friday) - Friday night fish fry. Extensive model operating train with over 50 railcars. Good food and great family atmosphere. Open daily: M,T, Th, Sat 6 am-2 pm; Wed 6 am-8 pm, Fri 6 am-9 pm; and, Sun 7 am-2 pm.

**O'Briens Pub & Steakhouse, 716-992-4300**

**8557 North Main Street, Eden**  
**www.obrienspubeden.com**

Irish Pub with the best steaks in the southtowns – 14 beers on tap, including Buffalo favorites. Serving locally grown beef. Daily specials – outdoor patio – live entertainment on weekends. Open Mon-Sat noon to 10 pm – closed on Sundays for the summer.

**RJ's Rock & Roe's Café, 716-337-0019; 10538 Main Street (Rt 62), N. Collins; www.myspace.com/rjscafe2005**

Homemade food and deserts - Great service in a family friendly atmosphere. Provide catering for small groups (30 people) on site or delivery. Open Mon-Sat 8:30 am to 6 pm.

**Super Freeze Drive-In Restaurant**  
**716-947-5557; 6865 Erie Road, Derby**  
**www.superfreezedrivein.com**

Family friendly restaurant with a 1950's theme – interesting memorabilia. Great food and ice cream. Open daily 11 am – 10 pm.

**Three Star Family Restaurant, 716-337-3872; 10770 Main Street, North Collins**

Family operated – 30 years in business. Daily specials and full catering service. Open Mon-Fri (6 am-8 pm) and Sat (6 am-2 pm). Closed on Sunday.



**What is the Southtowns Community Enhancement Coalition?**

The Southtowns Community Enhancement Coalition represents the four towns of Brant, Eden, Evans, and North Collins, and the encompassing villages of Angola, Farnham, and North Collins. Together, these communities work together to address shared challenges and opportunities in economic development and tourism.

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