

Trip Planner Tips & Tricks

- While all of the destinations that are part of this planner allow visitors, it's a good idea to call them before your visit to ensure it's a success. Local farmers may be away from their farm delivering to restaurants and groceries, or a u-pick orchard's crop may not be ready for picking during your scheduled time. Also note that farmers tailgate market season typically runs from April through October; although some markets remain open in November and December.
- So that your map is not overcrowded with icons, it clusters nearby locations together. These clusters are represented by large teardrops that feature a tractor image and the number of locations. If you want to expand them, simply click on the tractor icon. You may still have another layer or layers of clusters, but all you need to do is click on the tractor until individual pink teardrops appear.
- Around Asheville where there are a large number of farm and local food destinations, pink teardrops may appear on top of one another, making it difficult to select them for your trip. If this is happening to you, simply use the zoom bar on the left-hand side of the map and zoom in (+ sign) until the teardrops are spread out enough to select them.
- You can select and map up to eight destinations at a time.
- It's okay to choose the same start and end points for your trip, as the map will create a loop. If you want to map your destinations for directions and location information without specific starting and ending points, you can leave these areas blank.
- Before you map your trip, you can check the 'Avoid Highways' box to show a more scenic route.
- To the left and right of the map, you'll see advertisements for area food and farm destinations and events. If you're interested in the ad, simply click on it for more information.
- The Trip Planner is a component of Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project's online Local Food Guide. If you want to find more information about our area's vibrant local food scene, you can navigate back to the guide by clicking the 'Home' tab at the top of the screen. Once there, you can also find out about area bakers and caterers that may not be open for visits, as well as artisan food products available at area groceries and supporting agricultural organizations in the Southern Appalachians.
- To learn more about Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project (ASAP), the organization behind the planner, visit www.asapconnections.org. On the Local Food Guide's home page, you'll find an 'About ASAP' button that will take you straight there.