

visit

Sibley Farm

Sibley Park

900 Mound Avenue
Mankato, Minnesota



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MEET THE ANIMALS



AYRSHIRE CATTLE
This breed of dairy cattle originated from Ayrshire in Scotland and is known for efficiently producing large quantities of high quality milk. The average mature Ayrshire cow weighs 1,000 to 1,300 pounds.



POT-BELLIED PIGS
Pot-bellied pigs are a breed of domesticated pig that originated in Vietnam. Most adult pot-bellied pigs are about the size of a medium- or large-breed dog, though their bodies are denser, weighing up to 300 pounds.

PYGMY GOAT

Pygmy goats are small domesticated goats. Since they are hardy, they can adapt to a variety of environments. They have a good-natured demeanor.



ALPACA

Alpacas, a friendly domesticated species of South American camelid, resemble a small llama in appearance. They are bred specifically for their high-quality fiber, which is used to make knitted and woven items.



PEAFOWL

Peafowl are an Asiatic species of the pheasant family. The female, called a peahen, has a mixture of dull green, brown and gray in her plumage. The male, called a peacock, is best known for its extravagant eye-spotted tail, which it displays as part of courtship.



SHEEP

Sheep, typically kept as livestock, have been a key animal in farming history. They are raised for fleece to make wool, meat and milk. Their milk is ideal for making cheese including feta and ricotta.

MINIATURE HORSES

Miniature horses are usually less than 38 inches tall. Their coats come in many different colors and patterns. They are friendly and interact well with people.



DUCKS, CHICKENS AND GEESE

Ducks, chickens and geese join Sibley Farm as ducklings, chicks and goslings. While young, they can be viewed in the goat barn. As the birds get older, chickens are moved to a protective cage and ducks and geese are moved to the pond by the farm.



KOI

Koi are colorful common carp kept in outdoor koi ponds or water gardens. Some of the major colors are white, black, red, yellow, blue and cream.



EXPERIENCE

Sibley Farm

OPEN DAILY 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
(mid-spring, summer and early fall)

Get up close to farm animals without leaving the city. Experience Sibley Farm, a one-of-kind Mankato destination for people of all ages. Take walking paths through the farm to view and feed animals including alpacas, calves, goats, peacocks, horses, lambs, chicks and ducklings. The Sibley Park playground has farm-themed play equipment including a real tractor.



Actual farm-themed playground equipment at Sibley Park.

HISTORY

Sibley Farm is in Sibley Park, which was established in 1887 and named for Minnesota's first Governor Henry Hastings Sibley. In the past, the park has had a horse racing track, regional zoo, museum and clay tennis courts.

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BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Volunteer to feed and care for Sibley Farm animals. Contact staff at 311 or 507-387-8600.

CONTRIBUTE

Contributions will be used to help feed and care for the animals and also make enhancements to farm buildings and equipment. For more information, or to make a contribution, contact staff at 311 or 507-387-8600.



Sibley Farm

ETIQUETTE

For safety, children should be attended at all times.

Farm animals will eat when hungry, so please do not force them to eat.

Barns and pens can only be entered by park staff.



ALSO IN **Sibley Park**

While at Sibley Park, enjoy an outdoor picnic at one of the park shelters (some with electricity) or picnic facilities; hike on the walking trails; canoe or fish in the Minnesota River; or play a softball game on lighted fields. View the Sibley Park pond, flower and rain gardens, CHS Pergola and Sibley Park gazebo. Sibley Park also has a park playfield, a playground and an amphitheater. Cross-country ski the trails during the winter. Public restrooms are available.



CHS Pergola,
100 CHS Pergola Way



Sibley Park Gazebo
by Jim Burt, Mankato



Sibley Park Pond
by Vicki Lauruhn, North Mankato

The CHS Pergola, Sibley Park gazebo, Sibley Park pavilion and picnic shelters are available to reserve. For more information, or to make a reservation, contact staff at 311 or 507-387-8600. Reservations can also be made online at www.ci.mankato.mn.us/Park-Reservations/Page.aspx.