

## What To Expect at a SweetSong Fruit Tree Paradise Tour

The tour lasts an hour or a bit more, and we will walk through several fruit tree groves, seeing more than 150 fruit trees, as well as many other plants. It is a working farm, not kid-proofed, so the tour is not recommended for children unless they are very well-behaved.

Here is a checklist of what to bring:

1. Sun protection. We'll be in the shade some of the time, but mostly in sunny areas, so have sun protection such as a hat, long sleeves, and sunscreen if you wish.
2. Outdoor shoes. There is some moderately rough and uneven terrain, and there may be wet areas. Feel free to take a break if you do not feel confident of your footing in some part of the tour.
3. Eyes and mindfulness. There are many minor hazards, notably tree roots and watering hoses that may pose a tripping hazard, and low-hanging branches. There are bees and occasional wasp nests in the trees, which are not a hazard unless you reach into a tree and disturb them. We used to have fire ants, but they seem to have moved on.
4. Camera or phone, if you wish. You are welcome to take photos or videos of me or the groves, and post them online if you care to. I used to request that posted material not reveal faces of other tour participants, unless you obtain their permission, but privacy seems to be a quaint custom of times past.
5. Any food or beverage that you will want to consume.
6. Rain gear, if rain is a possibility. We can tour in light rain--- in case of a downpour, we will try to reschedule for one week later.

Restroom facilities are in the house and I'll show you where to enter through the garage. The Queen of the Indoors prefers no shoes beyond the mud room, but it is not required (except for me!).

Please arrive 10 minutes early so we can get organized and take care of a few minor matters before beginning the tour.

For any questions I haven't answered here, please send a message to [sweetsonggroves@gmail.com](mailto:sweetsonggroves@gmail.com).

--Darryl McCullough