

FAQ

When do you have tours?

We have tours daily at 10am and 1pm and 3pm from March 15 to November 4. November 5 thru March 14 at 11 am only.

How long does the tour last?

The tour typically lasts 90 minutes.

Do we have to make a reservation?

Reservations are strongly suggested and helpful to us. However, we take reservations up to the morning of a tour, so give us a call!

How do I make a reservation?

Visit our website (www.oldfriendsequine.org) and click the BOOK A TOUR button. This will take you to our online booking system. If you have difficulty or are booking for a tour in less than 24 hours, call us at (502) 863-1775. Don't assume the tour is closed!

How much does it cost?

Our tours are \$15 for adults; children 4-12 are \$10 and kids under 3 are free.

Are dogs allowed?

No, we do not permit dogs on the tour unless it is a service dog, which must be on a leash.

What will I see?

Visitors will meet about 15 or more of our key equine residents, including our two Kentucky Derby winners and several Breeders' Cup champions, plus a visit to our cemetery. We discuss racing careers, interesting back stories, how they came to Old Friends, and issues of equine aftercare. Every horse has his or her own great story to tell!

Can I request to see certain horses?

We do our best to let our fans meet all the champions, like Silver Charm and others. But if you would like to see one or two particular horses that are not on the tour, you can request—in advance—to see that horse and we'll do our best to accommodate you (you can call to find out if your favorite horse is on the tour or not). If there are several horses on your bucket list, please consider reserving a private tour.

Your times don't work for me. Can I come another time?

Private tours are available, however they must be booked in advance (no walk -ins) and are subject to availability, especially during our busy season (April/May). Private tour rates are \$35 per person and groups of up to five can be accommodated. A private tour with Old Friends President & Founder Michael Blowen is \$75 per person and subject to availability. (Private tours are limited to a minimum of 2 and maximum of 5 people.)

Can children come?

Of course, children are welcome, but keep in mind they must be supervised by a parent at all times. Our tour is very up-close and personal, and we do remind folks that many of our horses are stallions that are highly prone to nipping or biting. Everyone on the tours must be mindful of your guide at all times.

Is the tour handicap friendly?

This tour is a walking tour that covers about a sixth of a mile on a mixture of grass, gravel, pavement, and dirt. While the tour is not wheelchair accessible, we can make a golf cart available to those who cannot walk the entire distance but can comfortably step on and off the golf cart and safely hold on. The golf cart has five available seats per tour and must be reserved in advance (there is no additional charge). We also ask that given the limited seating available, that only those that truly need the cart use it.

I'm driving by and just want to see Silver Charm. Is that okay?

We're sorry, but we cannot accommodate visitors outside of the scheduled tour times.

We don't need a guided tour. Can we just come walk around?

Since Old Friends is a working horse farm, we offer guided tours only. We do not allow unaccompanied visitors.

Is there a gift shop?

Yes, there is a gift shop. Visitors have the chance to check it out before or after the tour, depending on time. Its hours are 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. Folks on the 3pm tour may want to arrive early to shop.

Can we picnic at the farm?

We're sorry, there is no space for a picnic on the farm.

Do the guides expect a tip?

Our guides are volunteers, so a gratuity is certainly appreciated though not required.

Is there a public restroom?

There is a restroom in the office and a port-a-john in the barn area.

Can I smoke on the tour?

Smoking is permitted outside our Visitor's Center. No smoking on the tour.

Are there places to sit down along the tour route?

Yes, there are some tables and benches near the barn and there are chairs outside our Visitor Center.

Do you accept special groups?

We do offer group tours by reservation. Please call us for details and special rates.

Where do I go once I get to the farm?

Please come to our Visitor Center/Office (the yellow farm house) to check in. Parking is available in the lot adjacent to our office. Please try not to park in front of the office. Tours begin with a short video in the office.

Can you provide directions to the farm?

We are located at 1841 Paynes Depot Road in Georgetown, KY. We are located off I-64, exit 69. Please visit our 'Tours' page on our website for more detailed directions on how to get to the farm.