

At Sanborn Mills Farm, preserving the past and planning for the future go hand in hand!

## Sanborn Mills Farm

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### Wood, a tradition of survival . . .

Since the early settlement of New Hampshire, wood has been key to survival, especially in the winter. Sanborn Mills Farm maintains the "deeply rooted" traditions of surviving with wood, starting with how it is harvested in the woods, to heating with it, to building with it.

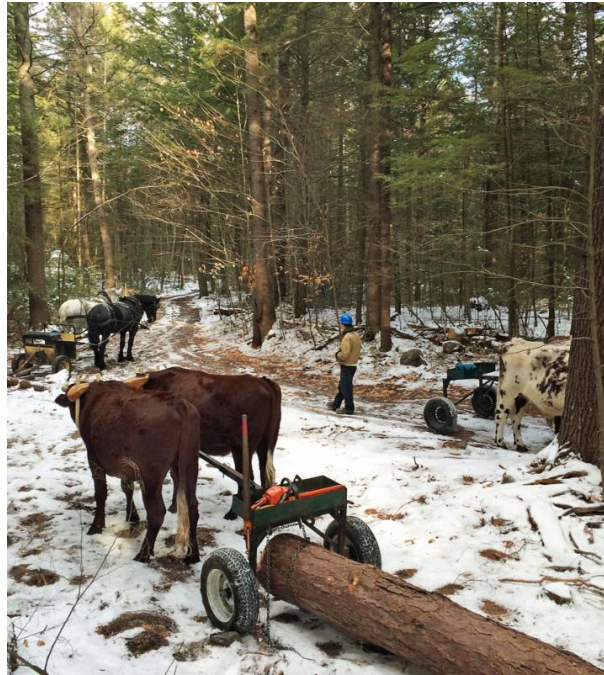
Firewood is cut as part of our timber stand improvement program, which involves periodic weeding and thinning of the forest. Low quality trees are cut, giving space for high quality trees to grow and be harvested later for high quality lumber for our building projects. Our oxen and draft horses are used to haul logs and firewood out of the woods and to transport cut firewood to where we need it. Most of our firewood is used for the boiler that heats the Red House



A newly installed pellet boiler heats the Main House and has the capacity to provide heat for the new dining hall, kitchen, and carriage house when they are completed. Locally harvested pulp, including product from our farm, is shipped to our pellet supplier for the production of pellets.

Sanborn Mills Farm, while preserving practices of the past, also embraces what is useful about technology, so a computerized monitoring system lets us know when pellets are low and if any problems arise.

Lumber of course is used for our many building projects. Come visit us during our annual [Open House & Water Powered Mill Demonstration Day](#) - Sunday, June 18 to see what's new.



Sanborn Mills Farm is a member of the New Hampshire Tree Farm program. Learn more [here](#).

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## Blacksmithing workshops more popular than ever . . . .

If you've been to our website lately, you probably noticed that the Blacksmithing Basics workshops are filling up. Word has it that we can thank the History Channel's show [Forged in Fire](#) for some of this enthusiasm. Check it out!

If you are interested in a workshop or looking for a unique gift for a family member or friend, please don't lose heart if the workshop you see in the "Upcoming Events" section of our website home page is full. More workshops are scheduled during the summer and fall. [Click here](#) to see the entire list.



## Oxen Workshops . . .

One of the oldest and most reliable sources of power on a farm is the venerable oxen.

If you are thinking of incorporating a single ox or a team into your sustainable farming goals, the April 22 & 23 [Oxen Basics for the Teamster & Team](#) workshop is for you.

[Click here](#) to learn more about our draft animal program.



## Watch your step, it's icy out there . . .

Even our draft animals wear the right kind of shoes in the winter and here's the proof of the grip it gives them in the sanded roadway.



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