

stopping points

Normandy Farms Family Camp Resort FOXBORO, MASS.

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Nowadays, with the help of the Internet, many folks are researching their family trees to connect to their past.

For members of the Daniels family, which owns Normandy Farms Family Camp Resort in Foxboro, Mass., they don't have to look far to know where they came from.

Francis Daniels purchased a 53-acre parcel of land in 1759 for seven pounds, 18 shillings – and the property has been in the family ever since.

From a dairy farm to chickens, then raising sheep, the family has all worked the land first cleared from the wilderness 240 years ago. Now, more than a dozen family members from the 7th, 8th and 9th generations are contributing to what is perhaps New England's finest four-season camping resort.

Kristine Daniels, the resort's

marketing coordinator, says working so closely with so many family members can sometimes be challenging, but there are also great benefits.

"I think it's actually really nice because it's a really supportive environment," Kristine says.

Nestled deep in the woods between Boston and Cape Cod, Normandy Farms has been a family tradition for more than 30 years. The transition from a farm environment to a resort seemed ideal for the family.

"It came about very naturally," Kristine adds. "Friends of my parents would come and camp out on the land in the summer and my parents decided they could possibly make money hosting a campground."

The camping resort offers RVers a host of year-round activities, with upcoming events, including



Normandy Farms Family Camp Resort

72 West Street

Foxboro, MA 02035

(508) 543-7600

www.normandyfarms.com

Ratings:

Facilities: 5♦ (out of 5♦)

Recreation: 5♦ (out of 5♦)

Sites: 410 (133 full hookups; 225 pull-through sites)

Open: Year-round

Located on page 415 (Eastern) in the *2005 Woodall's North American Campground Directory*

Other services: 50-amp service, central phone, RV rentals, RV storage, dump station, laundry, full-service store, RV supplies, LP-gas, ice, tables, patios, fire rings, grills, wood, traffic-control gate, big rigs and clubs welcome

Normandy Farms' annual Easter Weekend celebration, featuring egg decorating, move and traditional ham dinner; St. Patrick's Day Weekend with traditional corn beef and cabbage dinner.

Amenities include: a 20,000-square-foot air-conditioned recreation lodge with arcade and adult activity lofts; an outdoor cafe; three outdoor pools and a Jacuzzi; a fully-stocked camp store; two softball fields; a volleyball court and a full-size basketball court; 18-hole frisbee golf course; conveniently located restroom and laundry facilities; plus an extensive activity schedule.

The recently remodeled indoor pool complex features a number of amenities guests will find

appealing, including two Jacuzzis, a three-way sauna, fitness center, creative arts center and a large, heated pool.

For those of you expecting email or just want to check your stocks, there are connections available as well as two computer stations fully equipped with Internet service.

In addition to an array of options within the park, Normandy Farms Camp Resort is the perfect base for guests to begin their trips to a host of historical and entertaining area attractions, including Boston, Newport, Cape Cod and Plymouth. To make visiting these sights even easier for the campground's guests, tours depart directly from the registration center on a daily basis (June through October). ♦