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36 Trips to get your Weekend into Full Swing

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A trip to Bonnybrook Farms for a Chuck Wagon Dinner Ride may include a full buffet of farm-fresh food cooked onsite, but additional treats included exploring the farm before and after the meal.

While diners wait for the food to be served, they can visit ponies and sheep, fish at the catch and release pond, climb the man-made Horseshoe Hill and zoom down an 80-foot underground slide that runs through its core, or load tennis balls into a giant sling shot.

There is plenty of room for the kids to run and places for parents and grandparents

to sit and watch from the wide, covered porches of the newly built Gathering Barn, where a triangle sounds at 6:30 p.m. sharp to draw guest in for a dinner of locally grown sides and salads that are served with the farm's own hickory smoked pulled pork and chicken.

For dessert, everyone is transported to the Chuck Wagon down by Todd Fork Creek. To get there, they pile into a tractor-pulled wagon fitted with benches for the long ride down a wooded hillside to a clearing. Once there, the reward is toasting s'mores around a campfire, apple cobbler, chocolate chip cookies, tin cup coffee, soft drinks and water. Eventually, families board the wagons for the ride back up the hill and, as the evening adventure ends, the happy memories become part of family lore.

