



PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT TO MY PIG FILLED LIFE



Whether you're in search of a rewarding day of physical labor... a look at life with almost 300 mini pigs... the simple bliss of rubbing bellies... or your very own piggy... a few preparations in advance will help you optimize your visit to My Pig Filled Life.

First and foremost, **make an appointment!** My Pig Filled Life is an active farm, and we spend many hours each day caring for our rescues and maintaining and improving the property. To ensure that we're available when you arrive, contact us at least one week in advance by phone or email.

No matter the reason for your visit, you should expect to get dirty. You'll be interacting with the piggies, which means time sitting on the ground, whether dirt or mud, so **wear appropriate attire**. We recommend long pants and closed toe shoes. Empty pockets are a plus - food items or even crackling paper suggestive of food could result in you at the bottom of a pig pile!

We also require that you download, print, read and sign our [Accident Waiver and Release of Liability](#). You can scan and email to us in advance or bring a printed copy on the day of your arrival. Drive to the farm with your directions in hand as provided by MPFL - don't trust Google Maps to get you here. We're on a narrow country road with no parking, so you'll need to pull off the road and park on the shoulder or grass, without blocking traffic or our main gate.

When you arrive promptly for your scheduled visit, you'll be greeted by our founder Melanie Moreau, who will provide instructions on navigating the farm and interacting with the rescues. Melanie is extremely knowledgeable about all of her rescues and mini pigs in general, so you can expect a useful education if you bring an open mind. You'll also be greeted by a few of our ham-bassadors - some of the friendliest and most welcoming mini pigs you'll ever meet.

POTENTIAL ADOPTIVE FAMILIES will be delighted - even overwhelmed - by hundreds of rescues that demonstrate the diversity of mini pig sizes, shapes, colors and personalities, as well as a deeper understanding of life with a pig. A 90-minute education session with our founder, Melanie Moreau, will ensure you know what you're getting into, with hands-on demonstrations. Your first visit may be a good time to bring along your [adoption application](#), if you haven't sent in advance, and to read our [information sheet on adoption](#).





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VOLUNTEERS arriving for a first visit will be treated to a tour and orientation on pig behaviors, how to engage with the pigs and basic mini pig education. Our 90 minute orientations are offered on the first and third Saturdays of each month, by appointment. Orientation is required before entering the pig grazing areas. You can then proceed to belly rub heaven, where you'll be able to interact with the rescues and provide them with the human companionship that most of them crave. By your second or third visit, you'll have a sufficient understanding of our procedures to interact unsupervised with the piggies.

Although our biggest need is always more hands on pig bellies, you may find you wish to contribute your specific expertise to the rescue - whether manual labor for farm chores, electrical or plumbing expertise, marketing/PR expertise or bookkeeping. Approach Melanie or one of our volunteers to start making a difference in the lives of hundreds of mini pigs!

GROUP VISITS are always welcome, from school classrooms to senior center residents, families to therapy groups. We've hosted groups as small as a family and can accommodate groups as large as 50 people or more, with sufficient notice. There is no age limit for children, but we do ask that all group visitors be able to follow simple directions. Children must be supervised by their adults at all times. Group visits must be booked 2-4 weeks in advance.

MPFL EVENTS such as Family Day and Work Days are promoted on our [website](http://www.mypigfilledlife.org), with a request for an RSVP. Remember to bring your [waiver](#) to the event, and dress in appropriate clothing.

