DEEP WOODS FARM – Pumpkin Patch

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"Play areas for little ones, sack races for groups, a corn maze, farm animals, and lots of pumpkins and gourds"—sounds like an ad for a pumpkin patch, doesn't it? That's because it is! Deep Woods Farm and Pumpkin Patch, near Hancock, Missouri, is open to the public for the season during the month of October.

Open Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sundays from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. and weekdays by appointment, the business offers the above, plus a hayride through the deep woods into the "great" pumpkin patch to choose that special pumpkin to take home. In addition, the on-site country store provides pumpkin-carving kits, gourds, and pumpkins. Snack item and beverages are also available for purchase. A small picnic area is also situated near the entrance and admission area for patrons to enjoy their meal or snack.

Located five miles east of Crocker (approximately five miles west of Dixon) at 19050 North Route 133, the small fourth-generation family farm is nestled in the foothills of the Ozarks. Wildflowers dot the landscape of green, open fields, while the songs of wild birds can be heard trilling in the treetops of the deeply wooded area for which the property is named. Charlotte and Vern Metzger and Paul and Susie Shultz are owners and managers of the business which opened to the public in the fall of 2011. The focal point upon entry is an old dairy barn, built in 1929, that houses the admission and snack area, as well as the country store. Recently



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added are an overhang, for shade and protection, and electricity to enhance operations of the gift store, concession area, and a walking path around the ponds.

Guests at Deep Woods Farm can enjoy seeing these creatures – goats, sheep, and pot-belly pigs, as well as chickens, – while visit-

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