

Sweet Mountain Farm,  
Washington Island  
1402 Mountain Rd  
Apiary Workshop  
**July 13 , 2024**

### **FERRY**

View the Washington Island Ferry boat schedule. Plan to arrive at least 20 minutes before departure and be prepared to purchase ferry tickets. If you would like to carpool together, reply to this E-mail **Plan is to leave on the 8:00am ferry. Carpools can be arranged by signed up members, if interested, as it will save money and resources.** [Roundtrip adult, \$15, car \$28]

### **RETURN TRIP**

Plan your return trip. The last two ferries leaving the island on Saturday night are 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Arrive at Detroit Harbor at least 30 minutes early if you are driving your auto and plan to get your auto on board for the ferry trip back to the mainland, especially if you plan to board the last boat of the day.

### **EQUIPMENT**

Bring your own gear. You will not be allowed in the bee yard without protective equipment. Remember your bee suit, veil, gloves and hive tool or anything else that you want to use in the bee yard. Hiking boots are preferred. Sweet Mountain Farm does not supply equipment.

### **LIABILITY**

Sign a [liability waiver](#). It is necessary before entering the bee yard. Waivers will be distributed in your welcome packet.

### **ATTRACTIONS**

Check out the Washington Island Chamber of Commerce website [here](#) for information. There are many interesting places to visit on the Island. Don't miss the Stavekirk located on Town Line Road. The craftsmanship is astounding. It is one of my favorites.

#### **PLANNED EVENTS: Saturday, July 13, 2024**

##### **Welcome**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

Location: Sweet Mountain Farms new building

Breakfast by SMF, Announcements, brief meeting, distribute handouts.

##### **In the Bee Yard**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

The day is planned for your enrichment and enjoyment in a relaxed environment. Come and go as you please. There will be 10-15 minute talks at the top of each hour. I will demonstrate then you can practice. I will be on-hand for Q&A throughout the day. Work stations will be set up by topic.

- Assembling equipment
- Hive a nucleus colony
- Queen rearing
- Chemical Free Integrated [Pest Management](#)
- Tour the honey house

##### **Inside the Honey House:**

Ice cold water is provided.

**Round Table**

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Don't miss the final event (location to be announced). This will be a capstone for the day's events if enough people show interest and [sign up](#). Come together, share your experiences, and get feedback. Join a round table discussion about working with Russian honey bees.