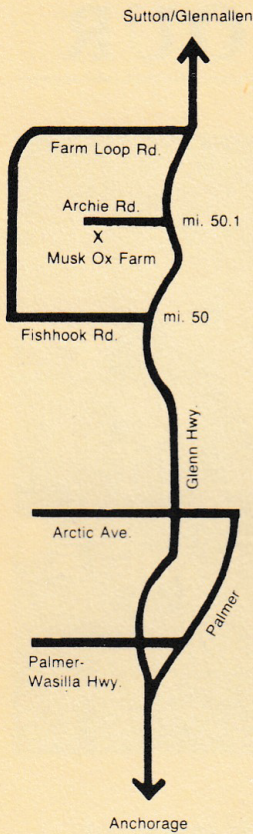


Visit the Palmer Musk Ox Farm



The Musk Ox Farm is located on Mile 50.1 of the Glenn Highway, a beautiful 50 minute drive from downtown Anchorage in Alaska's major agricultural area, the Matanuska Valley. It's a picturesque setting, featuring a beautifully restored colony barn in front of a breathtaking mountainous background.

On the tour, you'll learn all about the history of the musk ox, a unique prehistoric remnant of the last great Ice Age, and how it has been domesticated on the farm. You'll see cows, powerful bulls and tame

yearlings. In addition, at various times during the day, herders will be working with the animals.

Musk oxen are raised for their precious coat of qiviut, the gossamer down that grows under their shaggy outer guard hairs. Qiviut is combed from the musk oxen and spun into yarn that's, pound for pound, eight times warmer than sheep's wool. This yarn is the basis of a cottage knitting industry that uniquely compliments the subsistence lifestyle of the Eskimo people.

The tour starts in the Visitor Center, continues into fenced walkways that allow you to safely photograph and observe the animals at very close range.

A nearby picnic area is the perfect place to relax after the tour and enjoy the beauty of the Matanuska Valley.



MUSK OX FARM TOUR

WELCOME TO THE PALMER MUSK OX FARM

The project to domesticate Arctic musk oxen has a rich history and intriguing philosophy. Once an endangered species, the musk ox now serves as the foundation of the cottage industry that benefits the Eskimos of Alaska's coastal villages.

Enjoy a fascinating tour and we hope you become as much of a musk ox fan as we are!