



Ranger Marcy's Acorn Adventure: Morning Beckons Farm Alpaca Meet & Greet ~ with a little trail walk tossed in!

Fun Facts!

- Morning Beckons Farm is about 250 acres and has 300+ alpaca, located in Thompson, CT.
- Alpacas don't like being touched on their particularly sensitive heads. They are naturally curious and intelligent. Let them approach you, rather than rush at them.
- Morning Beckons Farm's alpaca breeding program produces show-winning alpacas in every color and class. Notice all the different colors! Which is your favorite color? What do the colors remind you of?
- A Cria is a baby alpaca (or llama).
- Why do they spit? A female uses this behavior to tell a male she's not interested in his advances, and both genders use it to keep competitors away from food. Spitting is also used to warn an aggressor away. Some llamas and alpacas are just crabbier than others and spit with little provocation
- Differences between alpaca & llama: *from modernfarmer.com*

Alpaca and Llama differences!



What	Alpaca	Llama
EARS	Short spear-shaped ears	Longer banana-shaped ears
WEIGHT	150 lbs	Up to 400 lbs
HEIGHT	34-36" or about 3' tall	42-46" or about 4' tall
FACES	More blunt "smooshed in" look	Longer face
PURPOSE—for 5,000 years!	Fiber (and for meat in Peru)	Pack animals (to carry things) and meat
HAIR	Finer fiber, more fleece & more colors!	Usually not as much on their head & face
DISPOSITION	Herd animals, skittish	Independent, used as guards for alpacas & sheep

What else will we see today? Keep your eyes open & ask questions!

More farm animals! There are not only alpaca at Morning Beckons Farm, but goats, donkeys, chickens, ducks, peacocks, turkeys, emus, piles of poop, hay, alpaca scratching posts and hard-working farmers, too!

A pasture/corral for the female and younger alpacas.

A big field for the male alpacas.

Fivemile River This river runs through the farm property and can be very high or very low during different times of year. What do you think makes it higher or lower?

Jerry's Swamp Lots of wildlife live in and near rivers, lakes, ponds, and swampy areas. Look for ducks, beavers, muskrats, salamanders, turtles. Listen & look for peep frogs!

An Old Rail Trail that connects to the Air Line State Park Trail The old rail trail is on the **private** property of Morning Beckons Farm and runs off of the Air Line Trail state property. We'll see where it connects.

Litter? We hope we don't find any on the trail, but if we do, we've got a garbage bag. TLGV Acorns never litter!

Alpaca Farm Store Do some shopping today and come back again for the perfect variety of gifts! Morningbeckonsfarm.com



Alpaca Jokes!

- Do Alpacas spit? Only if you call them Llamas!
- What do you call it when Alpacas sing? Alpacapella.
- What the difference between a Llama and an Alpaca? About 150 pounds!

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