



Golden Bay Honey Beehive Tour Experience



How Golden Bay Honey Beehive Tours Began

Golden Bay Honey Beehive Tours started originally during our first season of beekeeping. By the end of that season, we had some honey to sell, but both of us were still working full-time jobs. We noticed that people were stopping by our yard looking for honey when we weren't home. To address this, in 2019, we set up a small self-serve honey stand where visitors could "leave their money and take their honey."

When we were around, we loved to greet our customers. They often asked, "How are the bees?" This led us to take them directly into the apiary, no bee suits required! People were fascinated, and this connection sparked the idea of offering more in-depth experiences.

In March 2022, I was involved in a serious head-on collision, resulting in many broken bones and a concussion. As the honey bee season approached in May, my mobility was severely limited; I could only get around on a knee scooter. While my wife worked in Winnipeg during the weekdays, I found it challenging to be alone at home. So, I came up with a new idea. I bought a few extra bee suits and posted on Facebook, inviting people to come down, learn about honeybees, and join me in the hives.

That summer, we conducted over a hundred free tours. The response was incredible, and it helped me cope with my recovery. In June 2023, we resumed the tours, collaborating with Eastman Tourism to enhance our offerings.

By late May 2024, we were welcoming various groups, including several Indigenous communities, Sunday Schools, and River East Collegiate for back-to-back days of exploration. As the school year resumed in September, Leila Community North School reached out for a visit, marking one of our final tours of the season.

Golden Bay Honey Beehive Tours has grown from a simple honey stand into a vibrant community experience, connecting people with the wonders of beekeeping and the importance of honeybees. We can't wait to see what the future holds!





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HONEY BEE EDUCATIONAL TOUR

At Golden Bay Honey, our Honey Bee Educational Tour offers an engaging and immersive experience that connects participants with the fascinating world of honeybees. Here's what to expect during your visit.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

BEE BASICS

We kick off with an introduction to honeybee biology and behavior. Participants learn about the different roles within the hive—such as the queen, workers, and drones—and the essential functions they serve.

BEEKEEPING PRACTICES

Discover our beekeeping methods, including hive management and sustainable practices that help protect bee populations.

POLLINATION IMPORTANCE

Explore the critical role bees play in our ecosystem, particularly in pollinating plants and crops, and how this impacts food production and biodiversity.

HONEY PRODUCTION

Learn about the fascinating process of transforming nectar into honey, along with the different varieties we produce and their unique flavors.





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THE HIVE EXPERIENCE

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in beekeeping activities, such as checking hives and holding a frame of bees. This immersive experience will deepen their understanding of bee behavior and the critical role these pollinators play in our ecosystem. Additionally, they will learn about hive management techniques and the importance of sustainability in beekeeping. By the end of the session, participants will feel more connected to nature and empowered to support local bee populations.



CANDLE AND BANNOCK MAKING

As part of the tour, we offer a hands-on activity where students can create their own beeswax candles. Additionally, students will have the chance to make traditional bannock, a delicious bread that complements the honey-tasting experience! Participants will learn about the history and significance of both crafts, connecting with cultural traditions. This interactive session not only fosters creativity but also enhances students' appreciation for local ingredients and craftsmanship. Bring your creations home as a unique souvenir to remember your day! Enjoy the warmth of community as students share stories and laughter while crafting together.





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SCHOOL VISITS

Our tours are particularly popular with school groups, providing a fun and educational outing. We tailor the experience to align with curriculum objectives, ensuring students not only learn about bees but also gain hands-on skills through candle and bannock making. Students leave with a deeper appreciation for environmental stewardship and sustainability, making the experience both engaging and memorable.



FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN

Designed for all ages, our tours create a safe, welcoming atmosphere where families can learn together. We encourage questions and discussions throughout, fostering an engaging learning environment.

BOOKING YOUR TOUR

Tours run from late spring to early fall, and we recommend booking in advance, especially for school visits and group outings. Whether you're a curious individual, a school group, or a community organization, we're excited to share our passion for honeybees and hands-on learning with you!

Join us at Golden Bay Honey for an educational adventure that celebrates these incredible creatures and the vital role they play in our world!

