

# Vedder's Edge Christmas Tree Farm Tour Recap

## Saturday 8/24/19



*Nordman Fir in the background*

We had a wonderful day touring the Vedder's Edge Christmas Tree Farm hosted by Jackie and Art Edge at the base of Vedder Mountain Ridge near the Canadian border.

About 20 members and friends attended. Jackie led the walk and talk explaining the details about their 8 acre tree farm. Jackie and Art grow Nobles, Blue Danish Nobles, Nordman Fir, and have recently added Korean Fir & Turkish Fir to the inventory. They tried Fraser Fir but they decided they were too buggy to work well.

We learned about "bringing back" trees that have grown too large and that they do not shear their trees. They specifically cater to customers who prefer a more natural look to their Christmas trees. We also explored the nursery area and learned about growing nursery stock from seed.

They include craft items they make for sale during the Christmas season. Jackie explained that some of the tree stock is set aside for wreath making - they can make a bit more on the wreaths than they can on just selling the tree.



*Nursery in Pine Grove*



*Pine trees for furniture*

Jackie and Art have really made it a fun destination for families by setting up a scavenger hunt for the kids, with a willow tunnel to explore, making Boris the Bear available for photo ops, and they always have tasty cookies and hot chocolate. Jackie said she wants it to be a place they would have wanted to visit when their children were young.

They don't really have to advertise as most of their clients return year after year. Jackie and Art have a website: <https://veddersedgetreefarm.com/index.html> and a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Farm/Vedders-Edge-Tree-Farm-252234144955315/>

They are branching out to include non-Christmas season use of the property by creating a couple of areas to be used as wedding venues. They are also setting up a mill to process pine logs to be used in their furniture making venture.

Some sources they mentioned included:

**Terrebonne LTD Garden Center** at 1094 Loomis Trail Rd in Custer  
<https://www.terrebonnelimited.com/>

**Stuewe & Sons, Inc** for the plug trays  
<http://www.stuewe.com/>

**"Christmas Tree Diseases, Insects, and Disorders in The Pacific Northwest: Identification and Management"**

Washington State University  
Cooperative Extension



*Lunch in the Wedding Venue*