

## Alpaca Facts

**A**Ipacas are members of the Camelid family. They are cousins to Llamas, originating in Peru, Chili and Bolivia.

**A**lpacas stand about 4 1/2 to 5 feet tall and weigh between 100-180 pounds.

**A**Ipacas are two types: Suris have fleece that is long and twists—feels like silk; Huacaya's fleece is fluffy like wool (hypo-allergenic).

Alpacas come in 22 natural colors.

**A**Ipacas are clean, pleasant to be around and intelligent.

**A**Ipacas have only lower teeth with a hard pallet on top.

**A**Ipacas have padded feet similar to a dog with two toenails.

**A**Ipacas are raised for their fine and valuable fleece as well as for pets.

**A**Ipacas eat pasture grass, orchard grass (hay) and llama pellets.

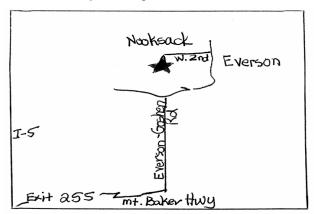
**A**lpacas can live to be 20 years old.

**A**lpacas don't usually spit at people.

**A**Ipacas are small enough to be transported in a mini van.

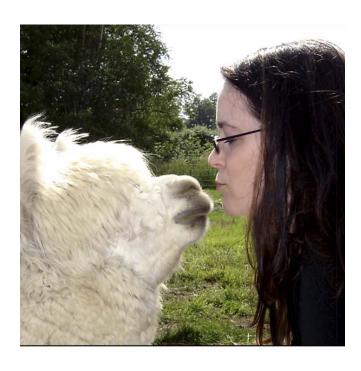


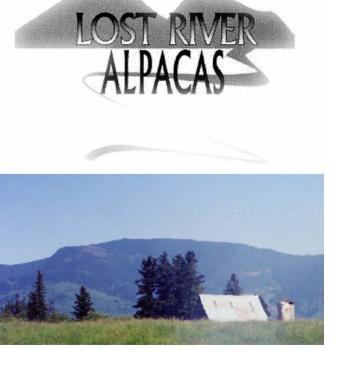
**Directions:** From I-5 in Bellingham, take exit 255 (Sunset Drive/Mt. Baker Hwy). At top of exit ramp turn right. Go east for approx. 6 miles. Turn left on Everson-Goshen Rd. Travel 5.5 miles until you come to a "T" and a stop sign. Turn right and follow the signs to Everson. Drive on through Everson. Just past the Nooksack Middle School (on your left), turn left on W. 2nd St. At the end of W. 2nd St, turn left onto Madison St.. Go one block. We are at the end of Madison Street. Look for the **Lost River Alpacas** sign in front.



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FARM STORE HOURS: 1:00—6:00 pm Thursday Friday Saturday or by appointment

## LOST RIVER ALPACAS FARM AND FARM STORE

Take time out from hectic city life and pay a visit to Lost River Alpacas. You will likely fall in love with these endearing gentle, sociable creatures.

Alpacas are fiber-producing animals. The valuable fiber is sheared off the animals each spring. The fiber is soft and luxurious like no other fiber. It is lightweight, yet warmer than wool and can be worn by people who are allergic to wool.





FREE TOURS ARE PROVIDED TO
INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND CHARTERS
SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, BY APPOINTMENT.
(BRING YOUR CAMERA!)

When you are here, take time to browse in our Farm Store We carry various items made from the Alpaca fiber.

Blankets, gloves, scarves, hats, sweaters and socks, are just a few of the items you can purchase.



Lost River Alpacas, established in 1998, was a former dairy farm. It boasts a 3,000 sq ft barn, a milking parlor converted to store fiber, and a milk house that will be converted to a health center for treating alpacas.

The farm was homesteaded in 1892. The original farm house is now used as a shop. Towering old timber welcomes you into an historic example of a sustainable farm from the last century.

One hundred year old apple trees provide fruit and shade during the summer. We are a full service Alpaca farm with a herd of 45 Huacayas and Suris. There are also alpacas here on consignment

We provide before and after support, reproductive guarantees, breeding with live birth guarantees, boarding, and brokering.