

## **Our Visit to the Good Life Center**

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On Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September we took a trip to the Good Life Center. The Good Life Center is the former home of Helen and Scott Nearing, who were homesteaders who wanted to get away from the main part of society. They built a house in Maine and settled down to grow their own garden, write books, and enjoy life. They sold most of their land to aspiring homesteaders at \$33 an acre, which was what they paid in 1957 when they bought the land. Now there is only a small portion of the land left, which includes the house and the garden.

We had a great look around the place. The house was really cute, but was not open for tours at the moment, as the current owners were moving away. We looked around the walled garden and practiced identifying flowers. Then we had a look at an interesting yurt in the back and went on the fairy-house walk.