

Directions to the Farmer's Market

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The Farmer's Market takes place on Tuesday and Friday. The best time to arrive is about 9:00 a.m. Some days there will be a lot of great stuff to eat; other days it will be slim pickings. You usually pick up a wire basket somewhere under one of the tables, get your produce, eggs, fruit, etc., and then stand in line along the fence and wait for a cashier. Be patient. They will weigh (and/or tally) the contents of your basket when you check out.

This is a **CASH ONLY** Farmer's Market. Please remember to bring shopping bags, as plastic bags are no longer allowed on Vieques. Some days you can also buy bread and other items from other vendors, but not always. You can walk to the Farmer's Market, but it is a LONG walk. It is an even longer walk back!

The directions below are not the most direct route, but are the easiest to follow:

- Leave the house, turn (drive) left on the one way street (Calle Baldorioty de Castro).
- Turn right at the corner (Calle Regimiento 65 de Infanteria).

As a side note, three blocks up on the right will be Kioski Sue's place. She serves lunch most days in the little plaza under a big tree. Across the street is El Sombrero, which is a gringo (American) bar. They have a great wine selection in the back, and it is cool in the wine closet. Prices are above the bottles and pretty reasonable. Just down the street from El Sombrero, on the other side of the street, is a great little health food store.

- Go to the top of the hill and turn right on Highway 200. The bakery will be across the street at the top of the hill. There is an ATM there (\$200 limit; \$1.85 fee) and the donuts (and bread; arrive early for Pan Agua) are great. There is a nice seating area inside.
- Head down Highway 200.

The first big intersection you will get to is Highway 200 and Highway 997. There is a corner market on the left hand side (look for the yellow building) that sells produce, groceries, and the cheapest beer on the island (Medalla at \$21 a case, which includes tax). You have to turn left on Highway 997 and then turn around to park. Along the way you passed Shawnaa's - great, authentic, Puerto Rican food!

- Keep heading down Highway 200.

As a side note, about a mile down the road on the right you will see Big Morales, the grocery store. They have a greater selection than Little Morales in Isabel, and the prices tend to be a little bit cheaper. Their liquor prices are usually very good, and they have an excellent butcher shop.

- Keep going down Highway 200 until you get to Highway 201 and turn left. You will see the Farmer's Market on the right hand side. Look for the white tent and the white truck. Parking is along the street. Have fun and eat healthy!

PS - Just up the hill a bit, across from Ferreteria Nales (Nales Hardware Store), is the former Chicken King and Ice Cream, which has relocated and is now known as Aurora's Chicken & Grill. It would be a fast food equivalent of something (not sure what) in the states, but the food is actually pretty good and it is a cultural hotspot!

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