

Lathcoats Farm

Pick Your Own – Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need a ticket to enter the fields?

- Yes all attendees need a ticket to enter the fields.

Are there any concessions?

- Yes, on **weekdays** IF we are open
 - Over 65s can enter between 9 and 10am without booking
 - Those who have a disability and their family/carers can enter between 9-10am without booking
 - Please note additional guests need to book or will be charged at the gate.

Do I need to book in advance?

- Yes, in order to guarantee entry to our PYO fields you will be required to book online.
- During the week we may have some on the gate availability, however you must check if we are open before you visit. Please note the price is higher on the gate – therefore we highly recommend you book online.

What are the opening hours?

- Generally our opening hours for PYO are 09:00 to 16:30, HOWEVER, some days we may open later or shut earlier depending on fruit availability. Another reason to book online before your travel.



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What can I pick?

- Available fruits, vegetables & flowers are listed on the our [PYO Latest News](#) page which is updated daily during the season. If it is not listed you should not pick it – they may not be ripe yet or could be under spray interval.

Where can I find the various crops?

- Please see our PYO Map
- We also have Wayfinder's around the fields to help you navigate to the crops.

Can we use our own containers?

- Yes, you are welcome to bring your own containers but please ensure our staff member weighs it before you enter, so we can deduct this at the end when charging for your fruit.

Do you supply containers?

- Yes, we will have approx. 500g and 2kg punnets available for purchase at the entrance.

Can we mix the fruit in the containers?

- If the fruit has been mixed we will charge at the highest value fruit or where appropriate a mixed fruit charge will be applied, either way you will be paying over the odds for your fruit – so we highly recommend keeping them separate from the start.



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Can we eat fruit while we pick?

- No. Many Pick Your Own farms have closed because of loss of fruit. The fruit is yours to eat once you have paid for it.

Do I have to pay for all I pick?

- Yes, you must pay for everything picked – you are welcome to check how much your fruit is as you go by taking it to the counter.

What is the best way to pick a strawberry?

- For maximum shelf life try to avoid handling the red flesh. Instead, pinch the stalk between your thumbnail and forefinger. Leave the stalks in until just before serving. As with all fruits, pick only ripe ones – they taste better!

What's the best way to store the fruit I pick?

- The [storing and freezing website](#) may contain information of interest to PYO customers.

Can we go anywhere?

- No, buildings, tunnels, machinery are all strictly off limits, we also have some apple orchards which are out of bounds, please obey any no entry signs. Please remember this is a farm and the ground may be uneven in places, so take care and watch your footing.

Can we have a picnic?

- Picnics are not allowed in the Pick Your Own fields or anywhere else on site.



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Can I bring my dog?

- Dogs are welcome on a lead in the car parking area, around our animal area and outside the cafe but are not allowed in the pick your own fields or inside the farm shop or café.

Do you accept coach parties?

- No. Unfortunately we don't have the car parking space or the facilities.

Question still not answered?

- Still unsure? Feel free to send us an email to events@eapples.co.uk.



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