

Pick Your Own Fruit

Katy Families
Discover the Fun
of Fruit Picking

A Katy Cutie picking
strawberries at King's Orchard

It may be more convenient to jump in your car and head over to the nearest grocery store to stock you family's fruit bowl. But even if the store is giving away balloons or tasty cookies that day, it's never going to be as much fun as picking your own produce straight off the tree or vine.

Fruit Orchard Adventures

Spend the day at one of these area farms or orchards and not only will your children learn about where their produce comes from (besides the store), but they'll have the fruit of their efforts – literally – to take home as a reward.



Fresh strawberries can be used to make healthy, and tasty, smoothies



Strawberries are in season from March through May

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THE KING'S ORCHARD

Strawberries, Blueberries, Figs,
Blackberries, and Flowers

11282 County Rd. 302, Plantersville
Located halfway between Plantersville
and Magnolia on FM 1774
936-894-2766
kingsorchard.com

In addition to berries, you can pick your own wildflowers near the site of the annual Renaissance Festival. On the way back home, you can enjoy a meal at a great little restaurant in the town of Todd Mission. Ask for directions to the grill at Kings Orchard. It's the perfect end to a day of picking! Bring bug spray, sunscreen, a hat, and a change of clothes during blueberry season when it is extremely hot. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., during picking season. Strawberries cost \$3.35 per pound, blackberries \$3.50 per pound, blueberries \$3.40 per pound, and figs \$4.50 per pound. Flowers cost \$9. Call ahead to reserve for field trips and large groups.



Peaches can get heavy, so be sure to bring a wagon to haul them to your car

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Berry picking is a fun family outing for kids of all ages



4 Ways to Enjoy Your Freshly Picked Berries

1 BREAKFAST

For a healthy start to the day, add them to your pancake or muffin mix or to your cereal.

2 LUNCH

Turn your favorite berry into jelly or jam for a yummy sandwich.

3 DESSERT

Fresh berries taste great in a homemade pie, tart, or cake. Use them as toppings on ice cream or frozen yogurt.

4 MAKE A SMOOTHIE

Blend berries with frozen yogurt and fresh juices to make a healthy snack

You can forego the recipes all together and just enjoy the fresh fruit on the way home from your berry picking adventure!

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Plan a family outing to one of these area orchards or farms

MATT FAMILY ORCHARD AND NURSERY
Blackberries, Jujube (Asian Dates), Asian Pears, Figs,
Asian Persimmons, and Citrus
2110 Bauer-Hockley Rd., Tomball
281-351-7676 or 281-467-9758
mattfamilyorchard.com

A family owned and operated pick-your-own orchard and nursery, Matt Family Orchard is located 30 miles northwest of Houston off Highway 290. With 33 acres of planted blackberries, figs, jujube (Asian dates), Asian pears, Asian persimmons and citrus, Matt Family Orchard provides facilities for group outings and offers fun educational tours for schools, church groups and other organizations. They even have evening hayrides and sing alongs by the campfire for all ages. Fruit picking hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., but hours are seasonal depending on fruit availability.

CHMIELEWSKI'S BLUEBERRY FARM
23810 Bauer Hockley Rd., Hockley
281-304-0554
chmielewski-blueberry.com

Come pick your own delicious blueberries at this all natural, no chemicals farm. Five varieties are offered, all priced at \$3 per pound.

BLACK BERRIES OF HOUSTON
Blackberries, Prepicked Produce
19531 Cypress Church Rd., Cypress
281-373-5357
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Located off of Highway 290, Black Berries of Houston grows thornless blackberries on trellises from mid-May through June. With over seven acres of raised blackberries, they also provide a beautiful pond, rose garden, and a root cellar for you to tour. Have some family fun by picking your own berries and making your own blackberry cobbles and pies topped with ice cream. Don't forget your hat and water to drink! Open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to noon. Accepts cash only.

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20775 Kingsland Blvd. • Katy, Texas 77450 • (281) 492-8031
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MOORHEAD'S BLUEBERRY FARM

19531 Moorhead Rd.

Located off 1314 between Conroe and Porter

888-702-0622 or 281-572-1265

mooreheadsblueberryfarm.com

Open from late May through mid-July, Moorhead's Blueberry Farm is the first commercially operated blueberry farm in Texas. With 20 acres of land and over 20 different varieties of blueberries, Moorhead's does not use pesticides. You can pick these blueberries from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. during any given day of the week. With only \$3 per child, bring a group of your child's friends and let them enjoy a fun day picking and snacking on this delicious fruit! Moorhead's charges \$1.50 per pound of picked blueberries and accepts cash or check only.

E&B ORCHARDS

Peaches, Nectarines, and Blackberries

28268 Clark Bottom Rd., Hempstead

979-826-6303

eandborchards.com

Pick your own peaches, nectarines, and blackberries at this small, friendly, family owned orchard. Have a family outing, picnic, play your games, or just sit around and enjoy a cup of E&B's homemade peach or blackberry ice cream. With nearly 1,000 fruit trees, E&B Orchard in Hempstead is a great get-a-way from the city. Open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. from mid-May thru mid-July. Yellow peaches cost \$1.74 per pound, white peaches \$2 per pound, blackberries \$3 per pound, and white nectarines \$2 per pound. Be sure to call before coming due to fruit availability. **KM**



What's in Season?



STRAWBERRIES

March through May



BLUEBERRIES

June through mid-July



BLACKBERRIES

May through mid-July



PEACHES

April through August

**Always call ahead to check availability, times, and prices.*

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