



Hand Picked

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How can you guarantee that you get the very best fruits and vegetables? Well, you just have to pick them yourself. In fact, you can hand-pick your way across South Carolina, choosing from strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, muscadine grapes, pumpkins, holiday trees and so much more. With all these offerings, there's sure to be something in season any time of the year.

The tastiest route to this "pick as you go" adventure is along the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor. This 240-mile route meanders through 14 counties from the Blue Ridge Mountains to Charleston, providing a cross-section of the state's landscape, history and culture. Here, you'll encounter farms, orchards and markets that give you a taste of the freshest the state has to offer.



CALLAHAM ORCHARDS AND SPECIALTIES

This family-owned farm offers adventures for all ages. Stroll the orchards in season and pick your own produce—peaches, berries, plums, nectarines, figs, apples, pumpkins and muscadines. Get up close and personal with the farm animals and later, sit back and relax with a cup of home-churned ice cream. Special tours that include hayrides around the farm are available by reservation.

Callaham Orchards

564 Crawford Rd., Belton, SC 29627

864-338-5302

www.carolinapeaches.com



THE HAPPY BERRY

This pick-your-own-produce farm offers blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, figs and elderberries. A limited supply of pre-picked berries is available, or you can call the farm and place a custom-picked order. Nestled beside Lake Keowee in the rolling hills of the Piedmont, beneath the Blue Ridge escarpment, The Happy Berry season is generally from June 1st until September.

The Happy Berry

120 Kelley Creek Rd., Six Mile, SC 29682

864-868-2946

www.thehappyberry.com



GUROSİK'S BERRY PLANTATION

The Gurosik family farm is one of the area's leading producers of strawberries, hybrid blackberries and related products. Time spent in the peaceful rural atmosphere is almost as delicious as the row upon row of blackberries, strawberries and other vine-ripened fruits and vegetables. You can even pick your own bouquet of gorgeous flowers in season.

Gurosik's Berry Plantation

345 Briggs Rd., North Augusta, SC 29860

803-278-0594

www.gurosiksberryplantation.com



KING'S MARKET

For six generations, this family farm has offered fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade jellies, dressings, breads, desserts and casseroles. Just 10 miles from the popular Edisto Beach, this is a great place to stop for a walk through a field of flowers. You can pick your own bouquet, visit the petting zoo and have a picnic.

King's Market

2559 Hwy. 174, Edisto Island, SC 29438

843-869-3600



This is just a sample of the farms and orchards along the SC National Heritage Corridor that affords visitors the opportunity to pick their own fruits and vegetables and have fun at the same time. It makes the mouth water just to think of it!