

Frequently Asked Questions



- **Where is the Orchard?**
 - Producing top quality cherries for over 30 years, it's located in Naramata, BC, Canada. Surrounded by vineyards, hiking trails, beaches and resorts, an excellent place to plan a summer vacation.
- **When are the cherries ready for harvest?**
 - Usually in July, but Mother Nature has a way of speeding up or slowing down the ripening process. Understand the cherry development process by reading: Stages of Cherry Development.
- **How do we harvest our cherries?**
 - By Hand! Automation is not possible for fresh eating cherries due to the delicacy of the fruit.
 - Picking instructions / training & ladders will be provided. Containers are available at a nominal charge or bring your own. On-Site refrigeration is available until you're ready to haul your bounty home.
 - Picking is best in the cool morning. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the outdoors.
 - If you prefer not to pick-your-own, we can arrange to have them Picked & Packed for you. Give us a call to arrange.
- **What kind of container(s) will I need?**
 - Coolers are perfect for transporting your harvest. A large cooler (12"x12"x18") holds about 50 lbs.
- **Can you guarantee that I'll have good cherries to pick?**
 - Usually, we have plenty of cherries to pick. If you're concerned, call and reserve a spot. We'll make sure you have the best!
- **What would I do with all those cherries?**
 - Eat, Bake, Freeze, Can, Jam & Gift.
 - Did we mention Eat!
- **Are the cherries safe to eat off the tree?**
 - While many people eat fruit directly off the tree, we always recommend washing all fresh produce before consuming it.

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- **What to bring**
 - **Pack for a day trip** - You'll be gone all morning and all that picking and being outdoors will work up a big appetite (even if the kids have already gorged on the fruit they're picking).
 - A picnic lunch - Bring a cooler and pack it with your favorite lunch and snacks. Eating outdoors is part of the experience!
 - Plenty of liquids to drink.
 - Hand towels or disposable wipes
 - Dress in **old clothes and worn athletic shoes**; you want to be comfortable and not worried about staining or tearing your clothes! If the ground is wet, it will really ruin any nice shoe, so wear your beat up old ones!
 - Don't forget **sunscreen** for the back of your neck and exposed skin (unless you WANT to go into work on Monday looking like a "redneck" ☺)
 - **Wide-brimmed hats** help protect you from the summer sun
 - Mornings can be slightly cool so an **extra layer of clothing** for warmth.
 - Don't forget the **camera**. You may want to capture those memories you're making.
- **Are children and pets allowed in the orchards?**
 - Absolutely! All children and pets are allowed to enter the orchards. We do however recommend that you keep a close eye on them so they don't wander off or get hurt.
- **Are there picnic facilities on the farm?**
 - Yes, picnic tables are conveniently located in the orchard under the trees to provide protection from the sun. We don't have BBQ facilities, but you're free to bring one of your own.
- **Are there washroom facilities?**
 - Yes, we have Port-o-Lets in the orchards for your convenience.