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Cobbs Farm Shop, Berkshire

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What could be more enticing than picking your own food and eating it on the same day? At Cobbs Farm Shop, set in 55 acres near Hungerford, Berkshire, Jayne and Alison want their customers to experience just that so you're guaranteed that what is on sale is as fresh as possible.

In the summer, 11,000 punnets of soft fruit, including raspberries, strawberries and gooseberries, are gathered and sold in the shop, in addition to the five tons of produce collected by visitors themselves through the farm's 'pick your own' scheme, which has been running since the 1970s. Come autumn, pumpkins provide a seasonal welcome, followed by asparagus in spring.

You'll also find everyday essentials for sale on the shop's shelves: tiger loaves, sourdough or fig and walnut bread are supplied by Hobbs House Bakery; milk, cheese and eggs from Berkeley Farm, and Sue Brady makes nutritious ready meals

to take away. There is also an indulgent selection of cakes, including traditional Victoria sponges and decadent chocolate creations.

Equipped with their own meat hanging room, fishmonger and vineyard, a large proportion of the food sold in the shop comes from Cobbs Farm itself. T H Burroughs', the family butchers based at the farm, award-winning free range sausages are available to sample and purchase in the shop.

Once you have finished browsing (and undoubtedly buying), rest weary legs in the café and enjoy a plateful of seasonal produce safe in the knowledge that the food has had mere metres to travel before it reaches your plate. You may also wish to take part in one of the many events taking place at Coobs Farm – just don't forget to pick up a posy of cut flowers from Wendy Lewis, the farm florist, before you head home.

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