

OZAUKEE COUNTY TOURISM

Pumpkins, apples, hayrides and autumn leaves Fall pleasures in Ozaukee County

Fall is an amazing season to be out and about! If you're looking for something fun and festive to do, Ozaukee County has great options, as well as great spots to do a little leaf-peeping.

Fall Harvest

Witte's Vegetable Farm in Cedarburg has long been a local and regional favorite for fresh, seasonal vegetables and fruits. From potatoes and cauliflower to pumpkins, onions and winter squash, this family-owned farm has been providing quality food for generations. Fall is a great time for exploring new veggies, or whipping up some savory favorites!

You know fall is in full swing when you see rows and rows of bright orange pumpkins lining the driveway at the Appleland Farm Market in Fredonia, which is celebrating its 55th year in business this year. Appleland is a great place to bring the family for a few hours of apple or pumpkin picking (bonus — they'll take you there in a wagon!) and they also offer pre-picked for your convenience — including more than 15 varieties of apples, so you're sure to find a new favorite. They're also a great place to pick up squash, honey, jams and fall decorations.

DreamPort Harvest Market in Port Washington partners with family farms and producers to create a welcoming space offering organic, sustainable and truly local organic, seasonal foods. It's a great downtown spot to stop for apples, season fruits and vegetables, and delicious baked goodies. DreamPort is open Thursdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Buechler Farms in Belgium has its roadside stand open through the end of October for pumpkins, gourds, straw bales, corn stalks and other seasonal décor while supplies last. Be sure to check out their Harvest Fest, now through Sunday for wagon rides, petting zoo, music, food, movies and more! And mark your calendar for Boo! At the Barn, an adults-only event with music, prizes, raffle, a cash bar and more on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Fall Happenings

Ozaukee Washington Land Trust and Ozaukee Parks presents the Treasures of Oz Eco-Tour on Saturday. Visit docents all day at Virmond County Park in Mequon. Tour the newest preserve, the Little Menomonee River and Fish and Wildlife Preserve in Mequon. Check out wildlife with naturalist Kate Redmond at Watts Lake Trail in Cedarburg Bog. Visit OWLT's Josh Schlicht at Kurtz Woods to learn about Old Growth Forests. Stop in at the Thiensville Village Park to see the fishway passage and



Left, a baby is surrounded by pumpkins at Buechler Farms in Belgium. Right, Grafton will celebrate autumn with its Fall Festival on Oct. 14 and 15.



Submitted photos

chat with Matt Aho, Ozaukee County's program manager for the Fish Passage Program.

Experience some gemütlichkeit and great beer at Festivals of Cedarburg's Oktoberfest in downtown historic Cedarburg on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's free to attend! Enjoy authentic German food, music, dancers, competitions and more. You won't want to miss the Glockenspiel Show, a delightful, goofy live cuckoo clock that reappears every few hours on the hour.

On Sunday, Belgium is celebrating its Centennial Anniversary with a birthday party at Village Square from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., featuring live music, cupcakes and ice cream and free entry to the Luxembourg American Cultural Society.

Another way to get your fix of delicious apples and fall fun is to attend the TM Lions Applefest on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Thiensville Village Park. Enjoy an apple pie baking contest, apple-related vendors, hay rides, big wheel racing, barrel train rides, live music and great food. There's entertainment for the whole family.

Celebrate Grafton's Fall into Grafton Fall Festival is

on Oct. 14 and Oct. 15. Activities include a Sahale Beer Garden and pumpkin lighting on Friday evening and family fun and games from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout downtown on Saturday. Enjoy mini golf, annual pumpkin derby, free kids' games and activities, entertainment and food!

The Thiensville Business Association's Annual Business-to-Business Trick-or-Treat and Nightmare on Elm Street will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27. Children and adults can visit participating businesses for a treat on Main Street, Freistadt Road and Green Bay Road in Thiensville from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

After the Business Trick or Treat, attend the Nightmare on Elm Street event at Village Park, featuring the Dead Man's Carnival. This very family-friendly event will include music and a fun show on the Port Washington State Bank Stage. There will be music, vaudeville and circus acts, food and beverages. It's all free!

The Cedarburg Chamber's Pumpkin Walk is a fun, communitywide event that celebrates all things Halloween! Drop off your carved pumpkins during the day on Monday, Oct. 31, and they'll light

up Washington Avenue from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Wear your costumes, dress up the kiddos and creep through downtown Cedarburg, enjoying the glowing pumpkins and collecting treats from participating businesses! Adding to the fun, Little Shop of Horrors will be playing at the Rivoli on Halloween night at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Cedarburg.org or at the Rivoli box office.

Fall Colors

Ozaukee County is a great place to take in the fall colors. Drive through our winding back roads from community to community for jaw-dropping vistas when the colors are at their prime, or visit some of our parks and nature preserves. Mequon Nature Preserve offers 510 acres and 6 miles of trails through developing forests, prairies and wetlands, and is open year round from sunrise to sunset.

Known for golf and winter sledding, Mee-Kwon Park in Mequon is also a great spot to

take in gorgeous fall colors. The wooded areas on the south end of the park are undeveloped and have beautiful mature woods to walk through.

Head to Hawthorne Hills Park, Saukville, for a 57-acre park area of undeveloped woodland that is sandwiched between Pioneer Village to the north, Herbert H. Peters Youth Camp to the east, and Hawthorne Hills Golf Course to the south. Drive to the center of the park for easy access to hiking trails that cross the east end and enjoy the autumn leaves.

Harrington Beach State Park, Belgium, is best known for its more-than-a-mile-long Lake Michigan beach access. But this 715-acre park also features a stunning white cedar and hardwood swamp. Hike on trails with a view of Lake Michigan or the old limestone quarry lake, or trek through the swamp trails to take in the leaves (be sure to bring proper shoes!). Harrington Beach State Park will have its observatory open the

evenings of Friday, and Saturday, pending clear skies.

For more information about all of these wonderful events and locations, visit our website at www.ozaukee-tourism.com. Be sure to like us on Facebook at @OzaukeeCountyTourism for up to the minute happenings and to learn more about our amazing county!



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