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The Seacoast



Dazzling foliage and Halloween haunts against the backdrop of the ocean make fall one of the best times to explore New Hampshire's Seacoast.

By Krysten Godfrey Maddocks
Union Leader Staff

Get outside

Applecrest Farm Orchards, Hampton Falls

Fall festival weekends through Nov. 1.

Applecrest Farm Orchards holds weekend festivals that offer plenty of classic New England fall fun. The 2026 fall festival season runs weekends through Nov. 1; parking and admission are free. Depending on the weekend, visitors can pick apples, see farm animals, and enjoy cider donuts and live music. Fall festivals also feature a traditional corn roast with grilled favorites, fire-roasted corn, clam chowder and fresh-pressed cider. You can also get lost in the corn maze between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. during fall festival weekends. (applecrest.com/festivals-and-happenings)

Butternut Farm, Farmington

Apple and pumpkin picking through October.

For a traditional pick-your-own outing, take your family to Butternut Farm, a 30-acre family-owned farm in Farmington. Pick your own apples is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Halloween. This year's After Hours event is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 16, from 4 to 8 p.m. Pick apples and pumpkins while you enjoy

music, food trucks and hard cider. (butternutfarm.net)

Coppal House Farm, Lee

Through Oct. 31.

Getting lost is part of the fun at Coppal House Farm, where you can challenge your direction in unique mazes. In 2026, participants will find their way out of the Chipmunk Corn Maze. Answer trivia questions in mailboxes to continue your path. If you get them correct, you'll take a shorter route, while wrong answers may send you in the wrong direction. Coppal House Farm offers daytime and nighttime hours through October. (nhcornmaze.com.)

Stratham Hill Park, Stratham

Stratham Hill Park is a municipal park that offers an extensive trail network for walking, hiking and mountain biking. Find primary trail access at 270 Portsmouth Ave., where there is ample parking. (The Jack Rabbit Lane lot is restricted to Stratham residents. Nonresidents should use the main parking area.) (strathamnh.gov/departments/parks-recreation/stratham_hill_park)

Blue Job Mountain, Farmington/Strafford

For a short hike that offers scenic views, Blue Job Mountain rises to 1,356 feet on the Farmington-Strafford line. Two trails

lead approximately a half-mile to the summit from the main trailhead area, making Blue Job a doable hike for families. You can find the main trailhead from First Crown Point Road in Strafford. (farmington.nh.us/1373/Hiking-Trails)

Rockingham Recreational Rail Trail in Newfields and Beyond

Cyclists, walkers and runners can take in autumn scenery beginning at the Portsmouth branch of the Rockingham Recreational Rail Trail. The 25-mile state trail runs between Newfields and Manchester, passing through small towns and wetlands. Seacoast-area visitors can access the trail in Newfields and park at the old depot off Ash Swamp Road. Visitors should not park alongside the active railroad track. The state is also advising trail users to watch for new signage associated with a crossing being installed on Jackman Road. (nhstateparks.org)

Pawtuckaway State Park, Nottingham

As summer turns to fall, Pawtuckaway State Park continues to offer hiking and camping, with plenty of leaves to peep at. The campground moves to fall operation Oct. 12 before it closes for the season on Oct. 24. Hiking continues later into the fall,



DAVID J. MURRAY/CLEAREYEPHOTO VIA STRAWBERRY BANKE

A costumed witch welcomes a glowing young trick-or-treater during Ghosts on the Banke at Strawberry Banke Museum.



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See **Seacoast**, Page 6 The Apple Harvest 5K is held each fall in Dover.

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This fall, the Merrimack Valley offers plenty of opportunities to get outside and enjoy the season. Orchards and farms welcome visitors for apple picking, foliage adds color to familiar trails and Halloween celebrations range from fun to frightening.

By Krysten Godfrey Maddocks
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Get outside

Mack's Apples, Londonderry

Mack's Apples, also known as Moose Hill Orchards, is a longtime Londonderry destination for fall fun. Pick-your-own apples and pumpkins are open daily from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., weather and crop conditions permitting. After filling your bags, stop at the farm stand for fresh fruit, pumpkins, vegetables, cider and Mack's popular cider donuts. Because apple varieties and pick-

ing conditions change throughout the season, call the farm's picking hotline at 603-432-3456 before heading out. (macksapples.com)

Gould Hill Farm, Contoocook

Take a trip to Gould Hill Farm in Contoocook for apple picking, cider doughnuts and sweeping views. On weekends, stop downstairs at Contoocook Cider, where the tasting room and restaurant serves hard cider made with Gould Hill apples. Live music is scheduled on Saturdays and Sunday afternoons, setting the stage for a leisurely

sip after apple picking. (gouldhillfarm.com)

Joppa Hill Educational Farm Fall Fair, Bedford

On Oct. 10, Joppa Hill Educational Farm's annual Fall Fair returns this year with a full day of family activities and entertainment. Visitors can take tractor rides, meet farm animals, listen to live entertainment, and sample various food trucks. There will also be cider donuts, pumpkins, a children's activity tent, games with prizes, and new additions planned for 2026. (jhcf.org)

Charmingfare Farm Pumpkin Festival, Candia

Oct. 3, 4, 10, 11 and 12; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring your family to Charmingfare Farm, where you can pick the perfect pumpkin, meet farm animals, take a horse-drawn wagon or tractor-train ride, or tackle a hay bale maze. Pony rides and pumpkin decorating are available for an additional charge. (visitthefarm.com)

Deerfield Fair, Deerfield

Oct. 1-4. The Deerfield Fair is officially celebrating 150

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Amber Morgan, owner of Fortin Gage Flowers & Gifts, and costume contest judge at the Main Street Monster Mash and Howl-O-Ween, greets participants.

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although staffing and facilities become limited as the season progresses. (nhstateparks.org/find-parks-trails/pawtuckaway-state-park)

Portsmouth Harbor Cruises, Portsmouth

You can enjoy fall color from the water aboard Portsmouth Harbor Cruises' Inland River & Fall Foliage Cruise. Leaving Portsmouth, you'll cruise past New Hampshire's working industrial waterfront before heading inland toward Great Bay. Or, depending on the tides, you might travel up the Cocheco River toward Dover.

Reservations are strongly suggested, and schedules and prices are subject to change. (portsmouthharbor.com/our-cruises/inland-river-fall-foliage-cruise)

Fairs and festivals

Granite State Fair, Rochester

Through Sept. 27. The Granite State Fair celebrates agriculture and offers rides, games and food for all. Visitors can look at agricultural exhibits and even catch a show under the Big Top while they sample food and the thrill of the midway. On Saturday and Sunday, the fair opens

at 10 a.m. and the midway at noon. (granitestatefair.com)

Apple Harvest Day, Dover

Saturday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Oct. 3, downtown Dover transforms into one of the region's biggest fall celebrations on Apple Harvest Day, hosted by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce. The festival will feature more than 300 vendors, food, live entertainment, arts and crafts, and family activities. Admission is free; donation tickets offered by the Chamber are optional. Runners can participate in the annual Apple

Harvest Day 5K, which kicks off at 8:30 a.m. (dovernh.org/apple-harvest-day)

Halloween-inspired

Haunted Overload at DeMeritt Hill Farm, Lee

Beginning in October, Haunted Overload transforms the woods at DeMeritt Hill Farm into an elaborate Halloween wonderland filled with walking creatures, startling illumination and handmade props. (hauntedoverload.com)

Ghosts on the Banke, Portsmouth

Oct. 16-17 and 23-24.

History gets a Halloween twist during Ghosts on the Banke at Strawberry Banke Museum. The family-friendly evening invites visitors to trick-or-treat through the historic Puddle Dock neighborhood while meeting unusual characters from Portsmouth's past. Activities include ghostly stories, games, music, dancing and Halloween surprises. New for 2026, projections bring historic figures to life throughout the neighborhood. The event is designed especially for children ages 4-8, although all ages are welcome. (strawberrybanke.org/ghosts)

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years of traditions, memories and community with events to commemorate its place in history. Expect to see live-stock and exhibits, five stages of music and performances, and a lively midway. The 2026 fair runs Thursday, Oct. 1 through Sunday, Oct. 4. Hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. (deerfield-fair.com)

Mine Falls Park, Nashua

You don't have to leave Nashua to find a peaceful spot for a fall walk or bike ride. A network of marked trails provides options for walking and biking, including the Green Trail, which forms an approximately

2-mile route through the park. The City of Nashua provides an online trail map showing marked routes, bridges, parking and access points. Park hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. (nashuanh.gov)

Bear Brook State Park, Allenstown

Bear Brook is New Hampshire's largest developed state park and offers plenty of room to enjoy fall foliage. Approximately 40 miles of trails give walkers, hikers, and mountain bikers plenty of options to take in the scenery. The park's campground and Bear Hill Cabins transition to primitive fall operation beginning Oct. 12, with Oct. 24 listed as the final

camping date. Hiking facilities become unstaffed beginning Nov. 1, although the park remains open for recreation unless otherwise posted. (nhstateparks.org)

Halloween

SCREEEMFEST at Canobie Lake Park, Salem

Canobie Lake Park gets a terrifying Halloween makeover when SCREEEMFEST returns September 26. The event combines amusement park rides and live entertainment with eerie attractions and roaming monsters. There are six haunted houses planned for 2026, along with seasonal entertainment throughout the park. Tickets

are sold online in advance, and pricing varies by date. (canobie.com/screeemfest)

Main Street Monster Mash and Howl-O-Ween, Nashua

Saturday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Families and pets in costume will take over downtown Nashua during the Main Street Monster Mash, a free community Halloween celebration put on by the Downtown Nashua Association. Stroll down Main Street and trick-or-treat at participating businesses, and check out entertainment and performances along the way. The Howl-O-Ween Parade, presented by the Humane Society for Greater Nashua, gives costumed

pets a chance to parade downtown and compete for prizes. (downtownnashua.org)

Spooky World Presents Nightmare New England, Litchfield

Select nights, through Nov. 1
For visitors looking to take scary to the next level, Spooky World Presents Nightmare New England takes over more than 80 acres in Litchfield. The attraction is known for its mile-long Haunted Hayride through the dark woods, along with multiple walk-through haunted attractions. For 2026, the new Petrified attraction joins Nightmare in 3D, Asylum 47, The Colony, and the Haunted Hayride. (nightmarenewengland.com)



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Lakes Region

The Lakes Region offers a full schedule of things to do in autumn, centered around views of blazing trees reflected in clear blue waters. From village greens to nationally known businesses, the Lakes Region is ready to celebrate fall.

By Kathleen D. Bailey
Special to the Union Leader

See out the season with the **Laconia Pumpkin Festival**. The celebration of everyone's favorite orange fruit takes place Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23 and 24, in downtown Laconia. Look for a soft opening on Friday, with food trucks, a beer tent and entertainment. Saturday is the main event, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., featuring the lighted pumpkin tower, vendors, food trucks, more entertainment and a

costume parade. Look out for "fair food" and every possible variation on pumpkin spice. (laconiapumpkinfestival.com)
Hikers can take on **Mount Major** in Alton or **Belknap Mountain** in Gilford. They can catch a view — and their breath — from the top of **Gunstock Mountain**, also in Gilford.
For a more relaxing trip, take a ride on the **Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad**, leaving from Weirs Beach. Rail tickets range from \$44 (coach) to \$66 (first-class) for a two-hour tour, and

\$110 for adults on a five-hour ride (gsscenic.com)
The M/S Mount Washington will hold regular tours ranging from \$30 to \$50, and you can board the newly refurbished **Winnepesaukee Belle** for "Haunted Winnepesaukee" at \$60 per person on weekends through October. (cruisenh.com)
The **Scenic Railroad** will also offer special one-hour tours during the Pumpkin Festival. **Squam Lakes Natural Science Center** in Holderness also offers pontoon boat rides on the

lake. (nhnature.org)
Beans and Greens Farm in Gilford celebrates fall with a corn maze, hayrides, a Fun Park for children, a petting zoo and live music. (beansandgreensfarm.com)
Meredith's Moulton Farm presents a corn maze, wagon rides, live music — and cider doughnuts, fall's other favorite flavor. (moultonfarm.com)
Smaller farmstands dot the area and the owners are happy to provide you with the last of the sea-

son's produce.
For the science behind the phenomenon of changing colors, visit the **Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center** in Laconia. The center offers trail walks, nature talks and craft classes. (prescottfarm.org)
If you have a literary bent, meet **Edgar Allan Poe**, everyone's favorite creepy poet, at the Laconia Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 22. (laconianh.gov)
In Wolfeboro, the Clark Museum will hold a **Halloween trick-or-treat event**

at the Historical Society, 233 South Main St. (wolfeborohistoricalsociety.org)
And for something completely different, stop by Laconia Harley-Davidson in Meredith for its **Pumpkins and Pistons** event on Saturday, Oct. 24. The dealership will offer food, a costume contest and trick-or-treating throughout the facility. Celebrate Halloween with the bikers! (laconiaharley.com). It's an homage to the region's famous Motorcycle Week and a fine way to close off the foliage season.

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White Mountains



Fall foliage starts first in the North, and the White Mountain region is ready to party.

By Kathleen D. Bailey
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New Hampshire's White Mountains blaze with color in the fall. The **Kancamagus Highway** and **Crawford Notch** are obvious choices for jaw-dropping foliage. For something a little different, why not try a less-traveled road to a secret spot?

Bear Notch Road in Bartlett connects Route 302 with the Kancamagus. It offers glorious views and less traffic. The **back road through Sugar Hill to Bath**, and one of the oldest country stores in New Hampshire, is also stunning. Slip over to Maine for the gorgeous — and relatively quiet — **Evans Notch**. Or you can take the more-traveled roads, in the company of tour buses and friendly flatlanders, and share the state's treasure with others.

Be sure to stop by Santa's Village in Jefferson on Sept. 27 for the final day of the **Fall FEASTival** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (santas-village.com)

The population of tiny Jackson increases in October, as the **Pumpkin People** run amok in this mountain town. Businesses and families create everything from a wedding party to movie scenes, using pumpkins as their heads and imagination as fuel. The fun spills over to nearby North Conway.

2026 is the 41st year of the Pumpkin People, and the celebration runs Oct. 1-31. Maps are available so you don't miss a Pump-



KATHLEEN BAILEY

Even a shopping trip provides breathtaking views in the White Mountains, such as this rest stop, part of the Christmas Loft complex in North Conway.

kin Person. (jacksonnh.com)

Don't miss the **Sandwich Fair**, which will be held Oct. 10 to 12. The Fair dates back to 1886 when area farmers exhibited 184

yoke of oxen at the fair. (thesandwichfair.com)

Size doesn't matter, with the smallest towns serving up the most fun. Warren will hold its fifth **Fall Festival** on Oct. 18, with a com-

munity bonfire, Trunk or Treat, costume contest, and Chili and Chowdah Contest. (warren-nh.com)

North Woodstock's **Autumn Festival** will be held Saturday, Oct. 24,



KATHLEEN BAILEY

The Jackson Police Department runs on a popular coffee brand, according to this installment of the Pumpkin People.

and Sunday, Oct. 25, with pumpkin carving, a scarecrow contest and more. (enjoywoodstock.org)

Waterville Valley will hold its **Schwendi Fest** on Oct. 11, from noon to 5 p.m., which will feature chairlift rides on Tecumseh Express, bonfire outside the Schwendi Hutte, games, competitions, live entertainment with DJ Brett and food. (waterville.com)

Combine haunting and history with a trip to the Remick Country Doctor Museum and Farm in Tamworth. **Haunted History with the Drs. Remick: Eerie Medicine & Spooky Tales**, for ages 16 and up, starts Oct. 1 with two tours a day through the 31st. Admission to the grounds is free or by donation, with fees charged for programs and guided tours. (remickmuseum.org)

Or visit Littleton for the **Gathering of the Jack O'Lanterns** on Oct. 31, with a bonfire, Haunted Riv-

erwalk and hundreds of glowing pumpkins along the Ammonoosuc River. Littleton also offers shopping, dining and an arts scene. (discoverlittleton.com)

Fall foliage can be viewed from a car, a bus or by rail. Check out the **Conway Scenic Railroad**. The line runs regular trains through October and also offers a family-friendly Halloween Express on Oct. 24 and 25. Prices start at \$30 for adults, \$21 and up for toddlers (except in coach class, where they ride free). (conwayscenic.com)

For the ultimate in foliage views, take a ride on the venerable **Mount Washington Cog Railway** through the fall. See the trees from the highest point in the Northeast. October pricing is \$69 and up for adults. Dress warmly. (thecog.com)

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Great North Woods



The region called the Great North Woods, or North of the Notches, celebrates autumn in a way unique to its topography, weather and hardy people.

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Berlin celebrates fall colors and community with its **RiverFire** event, this year on Oct. 17. The festival includes a 5K, the Zombie ATV Poker Run, a costume parade, petting zoo, train rides, fall food and live entertainment. The cornerstone of the event is the placing of bonfires on the boom pier and lit pumpkins on a bridge. Admission is \$5; free for those 5 and under. (androscogginvalleychamber.com)

Lancaster celebrates its **Fall Festival** on Oct. 4

in Centennial Park with food, games, music, craft vendors and pumpkin decorating contests. (lancasternh.org)

You can also learn something while leaf-peeping with the **North Country Historical Museum Tour** on Saturday, Oct. 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is free and includes museums in Colebrook; Canaan, Vermont; Pittsburg, Columbia and Stratford. (tillotsoncenter.org)

Check out the last show of the season, Cole Porter's **"Anything Goes,"** at New Hampshire's northernmost professional

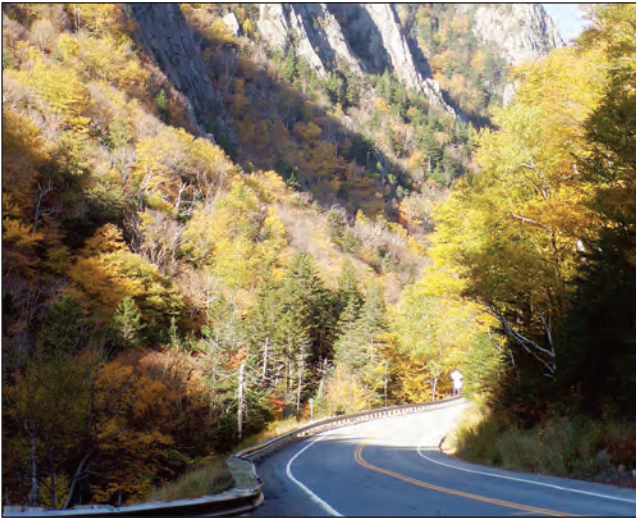
theater, the Weathervane Theatre in Whitefield. (weathervanenh.org). And if all that leaf-peeping has made you hungry, head for the **Pittsburg Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club chicken barbecue**, on Sunday, Oct. 4, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$20, with a \$10 kids' meal. (pittsburgridge.runners.org)

In Bethlehem, visit **The Rocks**, a property operated by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (the Forest Society), for 360-degree views (forestsociety.org).

The Colonial Theater, also in Bethlehem, presents

film, drama and music all month, and it's a good refuge on a chilly night (bethlehemcolonial.org).

The leaves are still the star of autumn in the North. A good fall drive out of Pittsburg is **Magalloway Road to Buck Horn Road to Cedar Stream Road**, with the return trip running along Lake Francis. **Dixville Notch** is more than just a place to vote, with glorious foliage and hairpin turns worthy of a theme park. For a different take on fall, drive out Route 2 to the **Shelburne Birches**, a stunning white forest that seems to go on forever.



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Dixville Notch offers hairpin curves and colorful foliage in autumn.

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Staff Report

Milford Pumpkin Festival, Milford

Oct. 9-11.
The Milford Pumpkin Festival is the place to be for fall fun. Highlights include The Great Pumpkin Weigh Off, the lighting of the town hall pumpkin and the Pumpkinfest 5K and Kids Fun Run.

Visitors will enjoy three days of live stage and street performances. Performers include the Nashua School of Rock, Aces & Eights, Flying Gravity Circus and many more. Check out the

Haunted Trail, which will be open Friday, Oct. 9, from 6 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 10, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Kids younger than 12 will enjoy the pumpkin painting and scarecrow making. (milfordpumpkinfest.org)

Keene Pumpkin Festival, Keene

Saturday, Oct. 17, 2 p.m.
Head to downtown for a festival that includes food, pumpkin carving, games, trick-or-treating and entertainment. (pumpkin festival.org)

Hillsborough Harvest Fest, Hillsborough

Saturday, Oct. 3, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join the Stone Arch Players for its family-friendly Harvest Festival, which will feature music, pumpkin decorating, arts and crafts, games for kids, face painting and local vendors. The event is being held at the American Legion, 538 West Main St.

Monadnock Art 30th annual Open Studio Art Tour
Oct. 10-12.

The Monadnock Art Open Studio Art Tour claims to be the oldest and



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People walk by a 2,457-pound pumpkin grown by Barry LeBlanc of Merrimack, on display in downtown Milford as part of the Milford Pumpkin Festival in 2024.

largest weekend tour in New England. Take a self-

guided tour through the region. Chat with the artists

and enjoy their artwork. The map lists 65 working studios from Jaffrey to Dublin to Peterborough. (monadnockart.org.)

Washburn's Windy Hill Orchard in Greenville

A family-operated apple orchard embraces fall in a big way. Whether you are picking-your-own apples and pumpkins or taking a tractor-drawn hayride or exploring the five-acre corn maze, you can't help but get that fall feeling. Be sure to bring home some apple cider donuts. (washburnswindyhill orchard.com)



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Foliage typically peaks in early to mid-October, providing a colorful backdrop to festivals and fun. Take a short hike up Clark Lookout in New London and take in the view of Lake Sunapee and Mount Sunapee.

Staff Report

Claremont Fall Festival & Chili Cook-Off, Claremont
Saturday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Head to the Visitor Center Green and sample some chili to warm up. Competitors in three categories will share their chili and attendees can vote for their favorite. The fall festival includes exhibitors and vendors and activities for kids. A 5K starts at noon.

(greater
claremontnh.org)

Warner Fall Foliage Festival, Warner
Oct. 9-11.

Warner has hosted its fall foliage festival since 1947. The weekend features midway rides, live music, barn sale, food trucks, kids' fun run, 5K road race, woodsmen's competition and the Grande Parade. (wfff.org)

Hay Day Fall Festival, Newbury
Sunday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Fells plays host to an afternoon of family fun. Check out the wagon rides, petting zoo, live music and face painting. Create a house in the Fairy Village and explore the trails. (thefells.org)

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Tucked away in the Jim Mitchell Community Park, Gerry Grimo and the East Bay Jazz Ensemble perform for attendees of the Warner Fall Foliage Festival in 2023.



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Pumpkin Palooza, New London

Saturday, Oct. 17.
Pumpkin Palooza brings the magic of Halloween to downtown New London with a festive, family-friendly celebration for all ages. Enjoy pumpkin decorating, costume contests, trick-or-treating with local businesses, live music, hayrides, face painting and more. (newlondonchamber.com)

Haunted corn maze, Plainfield

Friday, Oct. 30 and

Saturday, Oct. 31.

Check out a corn maze with a spooky twist at Riverview Farm. The annual event is a fundraiser for the Lebanon High School and Middle School Nordic Ski Teams.

The maze is age-appropriate for ages 12 and older. (riverviewnh.com)

Hallowesta, Claremont

Saturday, Oct. 31, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Hallowesta is an annual Halloween celebration, brought to life through

a partnership between Claremont Parks & Recreation and the Chamber of Commerce. The event transforms Pleasant Street into a bustling trick-or-treat hub.

Hallowesta also features a Trunk or Treat portion of the event, where community groups, organizations and businesses are encouraged to set up festive booths and/or decorate their vehicles, offering creative and spooky displays for visitors to enjoy. (greaterclaremontnh)

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Windham Recreation to host annual Harvest Fest

On the cover

Provided by Windham Recreation

Windham Recreation will hold its annual Harvest Fest from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at

Griffin Park. The free, family-friendly event features games, crafts and trick-or-treating throughout the afternoon. DJ Mike will play music from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

and The Walking Gourmet food truck will be on site during the same hours. Other activities include bubble stations from noon to 2 p.m., wildlife encounters from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., a family magic show from 2 to 2:30 p.m. and a kids costume parade at 2:45 p.m.

A concession stand will be open for the duration of the event. Costumes are encouraged. Admission is free; food and refreshments are available for purchase. The schedule is tentative.



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