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To help foster families in Ohio plan their fall adventures, here is a list of specific locations and dates for some of the activities suggested in the blog post. Each event offers a unique experience perfect for family bonding and fun!







## FARMS, ORCHARDS, PUMPKIN PATCHES, CORN MAZES, AND HAYRIDES

### **Hillcrest Orchards – Amherst, OH**

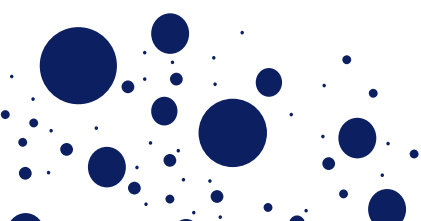
- **Dates:** Open weekends in September and October for apple picking.
- **Activities:** Apple picking, pumpkin patch, wagon rides, and a corn maze.
- **More Information:** [Hillcrest Orchards](#)

### **Leeds Farm – Ostrander, OH**

- **Dates:** Open weekends from September 16 to October 29, 2024
- **Activities:** Pumpkin picking, hayrides, zip lines, pedal carts, and a petting zoo.
- **More Information:** [Leeds Farm](#)

### **Lehner's Pumpkin Farm – Radnor, OH**

- **Dates:** Open weekends from September 14 to October 27, 2024
- **Activities:** Hayrides, a corn maze, pumpkin picking, barrel train rides, and a fun zone with slides and bounce houses. They also have campfires, which provide a cozy setting for storytelling and marshmallow roasting.
- **More Information:** [Lehner's Pumpkin Farm](#)





## Lynd Fruit Farm – Pataskala, OH

- **Dates:** Apple picking season typically runs from early September through mid-October (check website for specific variety availability).
- **Activities:** Apple picking, corn maze, market with fresh cider, and baked goods.
- **More Information:** [Lynd Fruit Farm](#)


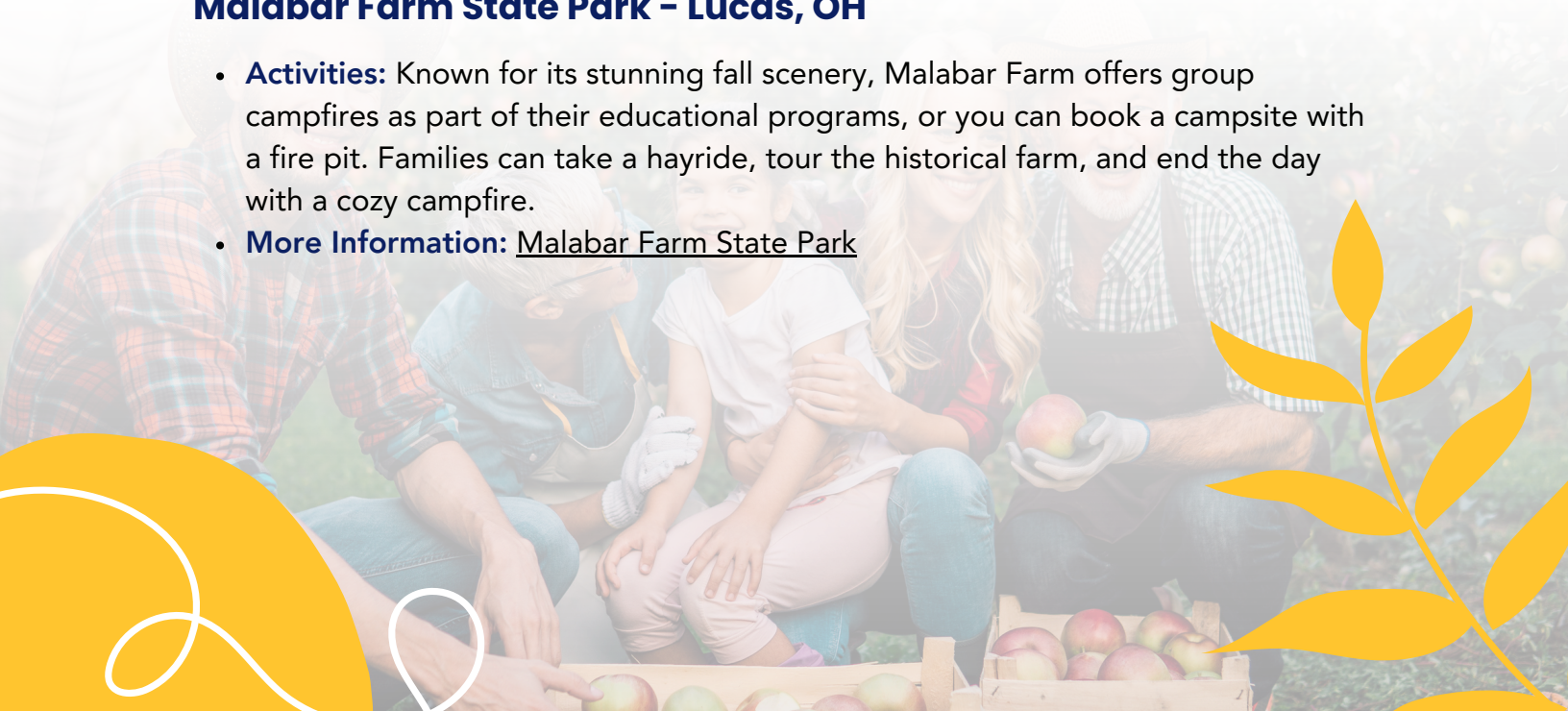
## Maize Valley Farm – Hartville, OH

- **Dates:** September 14 to October 27, 2024
- **Activities:** A large corn maze, hayrides through the scenic countryside, pumpkin patch, and farm animal viewing. They also have a play area for children and seasonal treats like apple cider and homemade donuts.
- **More Information:** [Maize Valley Farm](#)

## The MAiZE at Little Darby Creek – Milford Center, OH

- **Dates:** September 21 to October 27, 2024
- **Activities:** A 9-acre corn maze, hayrides, farm animals, a pumpkin patch, and play areas. They offer both a daytime maze experience and a "Flashlight Nights" experience for extra adventure.
- **More Information:** [The MAiZE at Little Darby Creek](#)

## Malabar Farm State Park – Lucas, OH

- **Activities:** Known for its stunning fall scenery, Malabar Farm offers group campfires as part of their educational programs, or you can book a campsite with a fire pit. Families can take a hayride, tour the historical farm, and end the day with a cozy campfire.
  - **More Information:** [Malabar Farm State Park](#)
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## Mapleside Farms – Brunswick, OH

- **Dates:** Weekends from September 21 to October 27, 2024
- **Activities:** Pumpkin Village with a massive corn maze, hayrides, apple cannon, bounce pillows, and scenic fall views. Each weekend features different themes like "Pumpkin Fest" or "Johnny Appleseed Festival."
- **More Information:** [Mapleside Farms](#)

## Pigeon Roost Farm – Hebron, OH

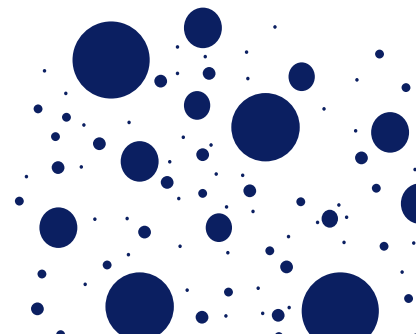
- **Dates:** Open daily from September 16 to October 31, 2024
- **Activities:** Pumpkin picking, a corn maze, play areas, a farm animal petting area, and a giant gerbil wheel.
- **More Information:** [Pigeon Roost Farm](#)

## Simmons Farm – Bethel, OH

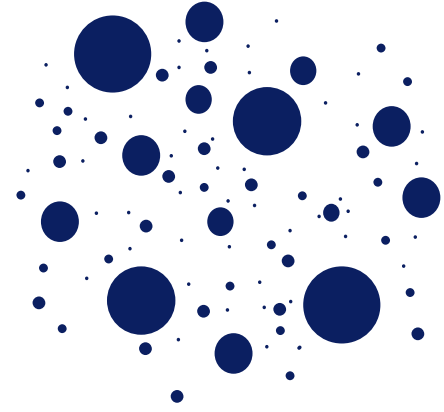
- **Dates:** Open daily from September 16 to October 31, 2024
- **Activities:** Hayrides, corn maze, apple picking, a pumpkin patch, and a kids' play area with a corn box and slides. Families can also enjoy seasonal treats like kettle corn and apple cider.
- **More Information:** [Simmons Farm 1.](#)

## Young's Jersey Dairy – Yellow Springs, OH

- **Dates:** Open daily from September 21 to October 31, 2024
- **Activities:** Corn maze, wagon rides, pumpkin picking, and a "Cowvin's Corny Maze" designed for fun and safe exploration. They also offer farm animal petting and delicious homemade ice cream.
- **More Information:** [Young's Jersey Dairy](#)



## Fall Festivals



### Circleville Pumpkin Show – Circleville, OH

- **Dates:** October 16 to October 19, 2024
- **Activities:** Parades, giant pumpkin weigh-ins, rides, games, food vendors, and live entertainment.
- **More Information:** [Circleville Pumpkin Show](#)

### Apple Butter Festival – Grand Rapids, OH

- **Dates:** October 12 to October 13, 2024
- **Activities:** Apple butter making, craft vendors, historic demonstrations, and live music.
- **More Information:** [Apple Butter Festival](#)







## State Parks and Nature Reserves

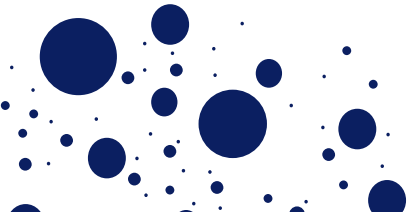

### Hocking Hills State Park – Logan, OH

- **Activities:** Hiking trails, scenic overlooks, waterfalls, and picnic areas. Fall foliage is best viewed from late September through mid-October.
- **Peak Foliage Dates:** Early to mid-October
- **Activities:** Famous for its dramatic cliffs, waterfalls, and dense forests, Hocking Hills offers some of Ohio's most picturesque fall foliage. Popular trails for leaf peeping include Old Man's Cave, Ash Cave, and Cedar Falls. Consider taking the "Grandma Gatewood Trail," which offers a mix of terrains and stunning views.
- **More Information:** [Hocking Hills State Park](#)

### Camp Akita – Logan, OH

- **Activities:** Camp Akita provides a serene setting in the Hocking Hills area with opportunities for organized campfires. They offer guided programs where families can participate in activities like sing-alongs, storytelling, and making campfire treats.
- **More Information:** [Camp Akita](#)

### Cuyahoga Valley National Park – Brecksville, OH

- **Peak Foliage Dates:** Early to mid-October
  - **Activities:** This national park provides a great mix of accessible trails and scenic drives perfect for leaf peeping. Families can take the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad for a leisurely ride through the fall landscape or hike the Ledges Trail for breathtaking panoramic views.
  - **Activities:** Scenic train rides, hiking trails, Brandywine Falls, and wildlife watching. Fall colors peak in early to mid-October.
  - **More Information:** [Cuyahoga Valley National Park](#)
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## The Holden Arboretum – Kirtland, OH

- **Peak Foliage Dates:** Early to mid-October
- **Activities:** Offering over 3,500 acres of lush gardens, woodlands, and trails, The Holden Arboretum is a prime spot for fall color viewing. The "Murch Canopy Walk" and "Kalberer Emergent Tower" provide a bird's eye view of the changing leaves and are great for kids and families.
- **More Information:** [The Holden Arboretum](#)



## Shawnee State Park – Portsmouth, OH

- **Peak Foliage Dates:** Mid to late October
- **Activities:** Known as the "Little Smokies of Ohio," Shawnee State Park offers a stunning array of colors each fall. Families can enjoy driving the scenic Shawnee State Forest Loop or hiking the park's many trails that wind through vibrant woodlands.
- **More Information:** [Shawnee State Park](#)

## Geneva State Park – Geneva-on-the-Lake, OH

- **Peak Foliage Dates:** Mid-October
- **Activities:** Situated along Lake Erie, Geneva State Park offers a unique blend of fall foliage with waterfront views. Take the paved bike trail for a relaxed leaf peeping experience or head out on the water with a kayak to see the fall colors from a different perspective.
- **Activities:** With campgrounds right by Lake Erie, families can enjoy both the beautiful fall foliage and the tranquility of lakeside campfires. Many sites come equipped with fire rings and grills, perfect for an evening under the stars.
- **More Information:** [Geneva State Park](#)





## Mohican State Park – Loudonville, OH

- **Peak Foliage Dates:** Mid to late October
- **Activities:** With its picturesque Clear Fork Gorge, Mohican State Park is a top spot for fall foliage viewing. The "Gorge Overlook" is particularly beautiful in autumn, and there are numerous trails suitable for families, such as the Lyons Falls Trail.
- **More Information:** [Mohican State Park](#)

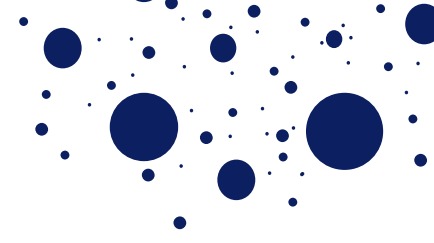
## Wahkeena Nature Preserve – Sugar Grove, OH

- **Activities:** While primarily known for its guided nature walks and educational programs, Wahkeena Nature Preserve also offers special events throughout the fall, including community bonfires with storytelling and naturalist-led talks.
- **More Information:** [Wahkeena Nature Preserve](#)

## Wayne National Forest – Athens, OH

- **Peak Foliage Dates:** Mid-October
- **Activities:** Covering over a quarter-million acres, Wayne National Forest is an expansive and diverse location for leaf peeping. Scenic byways like the "Ohio Windy 9" provide incredible fall views for those who prefer a leisurely drive, while hiking trails offer more adventurous options.
- **More Information:** [Wayne National Forest](#)





## Community Events and "Trunk or Treat"

### Westerville Trunk or Treat – Westerville, OH

- **Date:** October 25, 2024
- **Activities:** Safe trick-or-treating from car trunks, games, costume contests, and crafts.
- **More Information:** [Westerville Parks and Recreation](#)

### Dayton Fall Harvest Festival – Dayton, OH

- **Date:** October 19, 2024
- **Activities:** Trunk or treat, hayrides, pumpkin decorating, and live music.
- **More Information:** [Dayton Parks and Recreation](#)

## Family-Friendly Halloween Events

### Boo at the Zoo – Columbus, OH (Columbus Zoo and Aquarium)


- **Dates:** Weekends from October 4 to October 27, 2024
- **Activities:** Trick-or-treat stations, Halloween-themed decorations, and animal encounters.
- **More Information:** [Columbus Zoo and Aquarium](#)

### Pumpkin Glow – Toledo, OH (Toledo Zoo)

- **Dates:** October 10 to October 27, 2024
- **Activities:** Thousands of hand-carved pumpkins, themed displays, and pumpkin paths.
- **More Information:** [Toledo Zoo](#)







Be sure to check the  
provided links for more  
details, ticket  
information, and updates.  
Enjoy a safe, fun, and  
memorable fall season  
with your family in Ohio!

