

Harvest hoopla

Mazes, slingshots, much more add to fall fun experience

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We're back in harvest festival season, so it's time to dress the kiddos in flannel and get your apple cider on.

Mid-Valley harvest festivals range from the elaborate and large-scale (think: Bauman's) to the smaller and more intimate (Fordyce). Most harvest festivals have hay for climbing/exploring, apple cider for drinking hot or cold and plenty of pumpkin-themed fun.

Certain activities are only available on the weekends, so call ahead if something specific catches your eye.

Bauman's Farm & Garden

Things to do: Animal barn, apple cannon, apple slingshot, apple tasting, barnyard bridge, bug train, corn maze, corn tunnels, dark maze, frontier fort, gem mining, giant slide, gopher hole, hayride, jumping pad, jumping pillow, kid's zone, laser tag, little tykes zone, nut house, obstacle course, pedal carts, playground, pumpkin hill, rope maze, slide tower, sock hop, swing line, tire pyramid

Eat and drink: Coffee, apple cider doughnuts, sausages, Gilgamesh beer, Bauman's cider, curly fries, hand-dipped corn dogs, roasted squash and more

Cost: Weekends: \$6 general admission for everyone 3 and older, \$17 for an activity wristband, \$20 for the ultimate wristband; both wristbands include general admission. Weekdays: \$5 general admission, \$8 activity wristband, \$12 ultimate wristband.

When: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 31

Where: 12989 Howell Prairie Road NE, Gervais

For more information: 503-792-3524, baumanshf.com

E.Z. Orchards

Things to do: Pumpkin patch, hayrides (weekends), corn maze, pedal tractors, duck races, steer roping ring toss, pie eating contest, pony rides, live music, pioneer camp, petting zoo

Eat and drink: Weekdays: caramel apples, apple cider, apple cider doughnuts, pumpkin doughnuts. Weekends: Apple cider slushies, sausage, roasted corn, elephant ears, roasted squash, baked apples, kettle corn, curly fries, apple and Marionberry pie, espresso and ice cream treats.

Cost: Weekends: \$8 for everyone 3 and older, free on weekdays, \$3 for the corn maze only on weekdays

When: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 31

Where: 5504 Hazelgreen Road NE, Salem

For more information: 503-393-1506, ezorchards.com/harvest-festival

French Prairie Gardens & Family Farm

Things to do: Pumpkin patch, corn maze, hay maze, animal feeding, giant slides, farm ninja challenge, pigtucky derby (pig races), duck races, farm games, farm swings, tire pile, pig barrel train rides, slingshot, corn cannon, trac-



Isabella, from right, Penelope and Hazel MacPherson take to the slides this year at Bauman's Harvest Festival in Gervais.

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tor wagon ride.

What to eat and drink: Hard cider, beer on tap, barbecue, hand-dipped corn dogs

Cost: \$8 per person, \$15 per person for weekend farm fun wristband

When: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays, through Oct. 31

Where: 17673 French Prairie Road, St. Paul

For more information: 503-633-8445, fpgardens.com/events

Airlie Hills Farm

Things to do: Pumpkin patch, corn maze, hay maze, hay pyramid, trike racing, bounce house, hayrides, pedal-karts, dark maze, wheat box, farm animals, indoor hay slides

What to eat and drink: Kettle corn, grilled sausage, house-smoked pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, lemon shakers, caramel apples, hot cider, hot chocolate, coffee

Cost: \$8 activity wristband Thursdays and Fridays (3 years and older), \$10 activity wristband Saturdays and Sundays (3 years and older)

When: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays-Sundays, through Oct. 29

Where: 10720 Airlie Road, Monmouth

For more information: 503-932-8083, airliehills.com

Fir Point Farms

Things to do: Kids zone, corn maze, glow-in-the-dark pumpkin painting, pumpkin walk, cow train, giant slides, paintball gallery, bounce houses, hayrides, pumpkin patch, petting zoo. Badminton, hazelnut nut house, Noah's Ark, nature trail, tire swing, corn toss, tetherball, volleyball and parking are free.

What to eat and drink: Food court, Oktoberfest sausage and beer garden, apple cider doughnuts, pumpkin bread, zucchini bread, cranberry-orange bread, fresh apple cider. Within the farm

store, you can also get sandwiches with house-roasted meats and house-baked bread.

Cost: \$14 per person for all activities all day long, or \$3 to \$5 per activity

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays through October

Where: 14601 Arndt Road, Aurora

For more information: 503-678-2455, firpointfarms.com

Fordyce Farm

Things to do: Pumpkin patch, apple picking, indoor hay maze, pony and donkeys, corn maze, haunted corn maze (at dusk on the weekends starting Oct. 12), hay fort and hay rides

What to eat and drink: Take-home pies and pastries in the farm market

Cost: Free admission for pumpkin patch, hay fort and animals. Corn maze: \$4.95. Family-friendly night corn maze: \$6.50 Thursdays. Haunted corn maze: \$11 Fridays and Saturdays.

When: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through Oct. 31

Where: 7023 Sunnyview Road NE, Salem

For more information: 503-362-5105, fordycfarm.com/events

Greens Bridge Gardens

Things to do: Hay maze, corn maze, play tunnel, papa's hayride, little hay maze, duck races, petting zoo, wheat box, pumpkin patch, pumpkin blaster, slide, hay fort, farm animals

Cost: \$8 activity bracelet or \$2 per special activity, free admission

When: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through Oct. 31

Where: 3730 Jefferson Scio Drive SE, Jefferson

For more information: 541-327-2995, greensbridgegardens.com/pumpkin

Heiser Farms

Things to do: Pumpkin patch, hay maze, corn maze, petting zoo, pedal tractors, hay pyramid and slide, farmerville, grand island railroad, inflated giant pumpkin, pumpkin cannon, train rides, fire engine rides, Firefighter Waterball Competition noon to 3 p.m. Oct. 15, Pumpkin Cannon Demolition Derby noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 21 and Oct. 22

What to eat and drink: Weekend food includes hot dogs, polish dog, chili dog, nachos, Frito boat, apple dippers, pulled pork sandwiches, cookies, popcorn, chips, kettle corn, caramel corn, pie and muffins. Weekend drinks include hot chocolate, hot cider, cold cider, coffee, soda

Cost: \$3.50 per person for certain activities, free admission

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, you-pick only Mondays-Thursdays, activities available Fridays-Sundays, limited attractions Fridays

Where: 21425 Grand Island Loop, Dayton

For more information: 503-868-7512, heiserfarms.com

Roloff Farms

Things to do: Pumpkin patch, wagon tours, pony rides, face painting, hay pyramid, kiddy train, spooky forest trail loop, tarantula track, bamboo maze, giant slingshot, obstacle course, giant tire zone, exotic animal exhibit, petting zoo, teepee play area, pony hops, putt-putt golf, pumpkin fun house, rail roller

What to eat and drink: Hamburgers, hot dogs, chili, Mexican food, pulled pork, polish dogs, mini doughnuts, chips, kettle corn and more

Cost: \$14 for an all-inclusive pass, \$10 for wagon tour only, \$8 for adventure zone activities only

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays-Sundays, through Oct. 29

Where: 23985 NW Gossen Drive, Hillsboro

For more information: 503-647-2899, rollofffarms.com

Autumn sights signal a 'Goblin Walk'

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As many icons of autumn and Halloween crop up around town, Silverton area youngsters are getting geared up for a popular annual event.

In what could be likened to "First Friday" for kids, Silverton rolls out the "Goblin Walk" for Halloween.

Hosted by the Silverton Chamber of Commerce, the walk traditionally draws a flow of youngsters downtown during traditional, early trick-or-treat hours, taking place from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday,

Oct. 31.

"It brings out hundreds of kids," Silverton Chamber Director Stacy Palmer said.

Palmer said businesses open to trick or treats will have a designated sign in the window.

"We don't want the little ones to trick-or-treat if there's no candy for them," she said, adding that participating locales are "mostly downtown. The police will be open (for candy seekers) as will some banks and a lot of shops."

Motorists may want to take note as the Goblin Walk coincides with what are nor-

mally high-traffic hours downtown.

The Chamber furnished some Goblin guidelines:

Be on the lookout for children. Remember how excited they are and how they may not pay attention before running across the street.

Don't text and drive.

Remind trick or treaters that if the front porch light isn't on that they should not visit the house.

Children should remember to say thank you for the candy.

Most importantly - have safe fun.



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