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The Maize Sauvie Island's "Corny" Attraction



Visitors can go through the twists and turns in a cornfield at Sauvie Island, which makes up the heron-shaped labyrinth designed by Brett Herbst.

Oregonians may just find themselves face to face with a 400-foot Heron this fall when they visit the Maize at Sauvie Island's Pumpkin Patch. The state's original cornfield labyrinth is returning for its third season and with its new design is offering a few new twists.

The popular puzzle, that drew an audience of more than 30,000 last year, will once again seek to challenge the wits of those seeking its one exit when it is open until Halloween (weather and field conditions permitting). Part of an increasingly popular "agritainment" trend, this year the maze is celebrating the diversity of Sauvie Island's wildlife.

Easterly, "The Pumpkin Patch" and "Maze" designer Brett Herbst – the world's leading designer of 206 corn mazes – hope to give more people a chance to experience the unique source of good farmin' fun in their newly-designed labyrinth. Though the correct pathways can be walked in under 30 minutes, most visitors will require about one hour to travel through more than two miles of twists and turns and 85 decision points.

For additional information on the Pumpkin Patch and Maize, call 503-621-7110 or visit the website at www.cornfieldmaze.com.

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