

Round-Up: Fall 2013 in PA's Hershey Harrisburg Region Halloween Happenings & Autumnal Activities

Harrisburg, PA – Haunted hayrides, fall festivals, ghost tours, scarecrow-making, gourd bowling, wine tasting and fall foliage cruises – the Hershey Harrisburg region offers something for everyone this fall. The Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau ([HHRVB](#)) is pleased to share the area's most spooky and festive Halloween happenings and autumnal activities, arranged below by date. Cozy up in Hershey Harrisburg this fall and take advantage of our holiday packages and hotel rates starting at just \$89/night. Turn a favorite fall travel moment into an unforgettable travel memory!

1.) [Butcher's Family Fun Farm & Corn Maze](#) (Sept. 14 – Nov. 2 – weekly)

Butcher's Family Fun Farm features wagon rides, corn bin, tractor fun run, potato launcher and pick your own pumpkin from the pumpkin patch. Special events include apple butter making, balloon twisting and more.

2.) [Fall Cruises on City Dock Island](#) (Oct. 10 - Nov. 10)

On October 26 and November 10, sip, swirl, taste and experience new wines from around the country and world with Chris "The Wine Guy" Mildner while enjoying a beautiful sunset cruise onboard the Pride of the Susquehanna. Chris Mildner, a wine tasting expert from Southern Wines & Spirits and your host for the evening, will personally select 4 specialty wines for each event.

Every Thursday, from October 10 thru 31, [Jazzin' on the Pride Sunset Cruise](#) welcomes guests to grab a cold beer, refreshing cocktail or appetizer and sit back and enjoy music from talented local jazz musicians. Food and drink specials are available all night.

On Saturday, November 9, take in the splendor of autumn while enjoying a special Thanksgiving Menu from Premier Catering and entertainment from a live musician while dining in our elegant wood, brass and copper-adorned indoor salon. [The 3rd Annual Early Thanksgiving Dinner Cruise](#) is a wonderful way to enjoy a breathtaking cruise while spending time with family and friends.

3.) [October Music and Bluegrass Harvest Festival at Moon Dancer Vineyards & Winery](#) (Oct. 11 - 27)

From October 11 through October 27, enjoy live music and great wine at the festive Moon Dancer Vineyard in Wrightsville. Saturday, October 12 marks the annual Bluegrass Harvest Festival. Tickets include a Moon Dancer wine glass, wine tasting, and great music. Food will be available for purchase.

4.) [Lykens Glen Fall Festival](#) (Oct. 12)

On Saturday, October 12, from 9am-3pm, enjoy a quintessential Pennsylvania fall foliage landscape in this beautiful valley created by rambling Rattling Creek as it heads into the charming town of Lykens. This festival features a large number of craftsmen displaying their finest work and a variety of ethnic foods served by local organizations.

5.) [Trail of Terror Haunted Hayride at Jonestown KOA](#) (Oct. 12, 19 & 26)

One of the scariest haunted hayrides this area has to offer! Events run from 7-10pm and children 16 and under MUST be accompanied by an adult.

6.) [Wildwood's Magical Trail](#) (Oct. 17)

Take a walk on the wild side and have a laugh as you meet some of Wildwood's talking wildlife. In this program, the whole family will learn about the inhabitants of the wetlands and what they are up to as the day turns to night. The evening will conclude around a campfire where everyone can make s'mores and sip cider. Kids are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite animal!

7.) [Zoo America's Creatures of the Night](#) (Oct. 18-20, Oct. 25-27)

Don't forget your flashlight for a rare glimpse into the nighttime habits of over 200 native North American animals! Fridays and Saturdays from 6-10pm and Sundays from 6-9pm. Entrance to ZooAmerica is included in your one-price admission to Hersheypark in the Dark, and separate admission is available at the Zoo's off-street entrance.

8.) [Hersheypark In The Dark](#) (Oct. 18-20, Oct. 25-27, Nov. 1-3)

Visit Hersheypark In The Dark and experience thrilling "roller ghosters," spooktacular attractions, and exciting holiday-themed live entertainment. Kids 12 and under can also visit Hershey's Trick-or-Treat Adventure, starting at Hershey's Chocolate World and continuing deep inside Hersheypark in Treatville, the hometown village of sweets and treats. All Hersheypark In The Dark rides and entertainment are included in your one-price admission. Enjoy a rare treat - a dark ride experience on 3 of the roller coasters - included in your admission. The track lights on Lightning Racer, Wildcat, and Comet will be turned OFF to create a frightfully fun dark ride experience.

9.) [Pumpkin Glow at Hershey Gardens](#) (Oct. 18-19, Oct. 25-26)

Kids 12 and under are invited to bring flashlights and come in costume to trick-or-treat throughout Hershey Gardens. More than 150 carved, illuminated pumpkins can be found along the path and floating in our pond. Visitors can listen to a garden-themed story time and interact with our scarecrow displays. Event runs from 6-8pm.

10.) [Flashlight Cave Tours & Haunted Miners Maze](#) (Oct. 18 & 25)

Every Friday in October at Penn's Cave and Wildlife Park, beginning at 6:00pm, guests can explore the dimly lit, 4,800 square-foot maze to locate the hidden chick-points. Family-friendly eerie fun; NO gruesome sights. The best times completing the maze will win a prize. Be sure to bring a flashlight and shine a different perspective on cave formations. Guests will also have the opportunity to hear intriguing Indian and pioneer legends. Reservations recommended.

11.) [Trick or Treat Time Machine](#) (Oct. 19-20, Oct. 26-27)

The Hershey Story Museum presents Trick or Treat Time Machine. Guests can design their own bag, and snap a spooky family photo against a 1950s Hershey Halloween backdrop, then visit the Museum Experience to track down the history of Hershey's candy treats. Receive a sample of each treat at the end of your hunt courtesy of The Hershey Company. Kids, come in costume. Activities are free with Museum Experience admission.

12.) [Trick or Treat at the Turkey Hill Experience](#) (Oct. 19-27)

Join the Turkey Hill Experience for some spooktacular surprises this October. Break out your best costume and venture your way around our 6 free trick-or-treat stops and 7 stops inside the Experience (regular admission rates apply), for a terrifyingly tasty 13 places to fill up your goodie bags. Don't forget to get your free family photo with your family and friends. This fun-filled event takes place Saturdays and Sundays from 4-7pm.

13.) [Fall Foliage Dinner Cruises at City Island Dock](#) (Oct. 20)

Take a breathtaking Fall Foliage Dinner Cruise along the Susquehanna and take in the splendor of the changing leaves while enjoying a special autumn menu from Premier Catering and entertainment from a live musician in our elegant wood, brass and copper-adorned indoor climate-controlled salon. 5-7pm.

14.) [Halloween Bash and Cruise](#) (Oct. 26)

Don your best Halloween costume for a party cruise aboard the Pride of the Susquehanna riverboat to benefit Canine Rescue of Central Pennsylvania. The event will include music by the Crawdad Stew band, a costume contest with awards, door prizes and a silent auction that benefits Canine Rescue, an all-volunteer group that is dedicated to providing assistance to any dog in a helpless situation. A cash bar will be available.

15.) [Cornucopia Wine Quest at Various Hershey Harrisburg Wine Country Vineyards](#) (Oct. 26-27, Nov. 2-3)

During this Hershey Harrisburg Wine Country signature event, guests will have the opportunity to visit 12 wineries over two weekends to experience our progressive festival. Each winery will allow guests to enjoy a unique element of the Quest at their home winery while also sampling the handcrafted wines of that winery. Each guest will receive a souvenir glass to take to each participating winery and will receive a 10 percent discount on all purchases. Activities include scarecrow-making, wine bottle painting, grape stomping, gourd bowling and much more.

16.) [Trunk or Treat at AACA Museum](#) (Oct. 26)

All visitors 12 and under will be eligible to participate in the AACA Museum's "Trunk or Treat" program, included with Museum admission. The first stop will be craft tables to decorate their own treat bags using various car and Halloween stamps, stickers, markers and more. Once they've personalized their own treat bag, the hunt will begin to locate a variety of "trunk or treat" spots within the main and lower levels of the Museum. Treats will be given to each child 12 and under at each of these treat locations throughout the Museum. Halloween themed videos will be played in the indoor Drive-In theatre and a display of hearse vehicles will be available for viewing so everyone can get in the spirit. Event runs from noon to 3pm.

17.) [Mount Hope Theater in the Mansion: Poe Evermore](#) (Oct. 29 & Nov. 10)

Inside gloomily lit, intimate theater rooms, Edgar Allan Poe himself bids all welcome to an evening of spine-tingling tales. Bizarre characters from Poe's tales of mystery and mayhem, step out of his pages to recount several of his Tales of the Grotesque and the Arabesque. No dramatic presentation of Poe's works would be complete without a rendition of the Raven. His enduring poem of a love lost, a living death, and a persistent, unwelcome tap-tap-tapping visitor. Interspersed throughout the evening are more tales of woe, unrequited love and other recitations designed to elevate the consciousness of the soul and the spirit.

Before the show, guests visit the newly-remodeled Swashbuckler Pub for Dinner and a Show or Lunch and a Show, where they enjoy a filling buffet while interacting with some of our favorite characters from the cast! No time to dine? Show only tickets are also available for all performances.

18.) [Creepy Chocolate Lab Classes at The Hershey Story Museum](#) (Oct. 31)

Chocolate Lab tickets are available at the admissions desk on the day of the class on a first-come, first-served basis and space is limited. Children must be at least 4 years old to enter the lab. From 11:45am to 12:30pm, guests can create a creepy Halloween spider web using white and milk chocolate, then top it off with a dark chocolate spider! Solve the mystery of chocolate's origins and unveil the differences between white, milk and dark chocolates. From 2-2:45pm, guests will mold their own chocolate bar and then customize it with a choice of Halloween-themed and traditional candy ingredients.

19.) [Scarecrow with a Heart](#) (Oct.)

The gardens at Hearts Design at Needful Things are decorated with Scarecrows for the first-ever Scarecrow with a Heart Contest. Various non-profit organizations have created scarecrows to compete for the prize of a \$500 contribution from the company. Customers and visitors to the store can vote by placing \$.10 per vote in the jar for the scarecrow of their choice. Voting will take place during regular store hours for the entire month of October. Winner will be announced on November 1.

20.) [Halloween Ghost Tour at Harris-Cameron Mansion](#) (Nov. 1)

Enjoy a spooky visit to the John Harris-Simon Cameron Mansion. Suitable for children and families, the guide will tell ghost stories of old Harrisburg and give visitors a rare peek of the mansion by candlelight. Ghost tour begins at 7pm.