

Sukkos – Fall Guide

Places to Go

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Family-Friendly Farms

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Chol Hamoed Sukkos is the perfect time to enjoy a farm trip. There are many farms within driving distance of NYC, some with animals, some with fruit picking, and others with fun farm activities. Here are some farms we enjoyed visiting in the past.



APPLE DAVE'S ORCHARD

Warwick, NY

Once Fall arrives, I get very much in the mood for apple picking. Nothing like fresh apples off the tree! I researched the various picking farms in the area and found that many of them would come out costly. What with the entrance fee, picking fee, and sometimes fees for other activities, it ends up adding up to a pretty penny. Apple Dave's charges an entrance fee of \$5 per



person and then only charges for the apples you pick. Bags are sold at the entrance gate (\$1 for a peck bag and \$2 for a half-bushel bag). The bags can be shared with multiple people.

At the end of the picking, if the bag is full, the only charge is \$18 for a peck bushel bag or \$34 for a half bushel bag. If the bag is not full, they do not charge the complete amount; instead, they prorate the bag according to how much was in it.

The flatbed tractor that brings everyone out into the orchard is lots of fun to ride (included in the entrance fee). We were even able to take our stroller aboard. At Apple Dave's, they allow you to enjoy apples in the orchard while you pick them. There is a great variety of types of apples to choose from Macintosh and Cortland to Red Delicious and many more types.

There is also the Country Store and other cute shops on the farm. Picnic tables can be found outdoors near the shops, and you can enjoy a picnic in the beautiful outdoor area. The puppet

show and other fun activities keep the children entertained.

Address:

82 4 Corners Road
Warwick, NY 10990

Phone Number: (845) 986-1684

Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Price:

\$5 entrance per person ages 5+
\$1 peck bag, \$2 for half bushel bag
Charges for apples go according to the amount in the bag.

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Brooklyn Bridge: 1 hour, 25 minutes

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Monsey: 45 minutes

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the huts to avoid the hot sun, and we were able to spot the cattle from afar.

There are also historic farm buildings to explore on the property. A milk house, the ice house, the brooder house, and the carriage house are all available, as well as the museum house.

There are many picnic tables scattered throughout the grounds, and many are also outside the concession stand under the shade. The beautiful butterfly garden at the side of the concession stand has pretty flowers to walk through.

Address:

51 NY-100
Katonah, NY 10536
Phone Number: 914-864-7282

Hours: 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Price: Free, but donations are appreciated.

Approximate Distance from:

Brooklyn Bridge: 1 hour

Lakewood: 1 hour 50 minutes

Monsey: 45 minutes

Website: muscootfarm.org



MUSCOOT FARM

Katonah, NY

I was extremely impressed with Muscoot Farm. It is not your typical farm but a combination of history, agriculture, and wildlife, all in an ideal setting. The farm is set on 777 acres with more than 6 miles of hiking trails through the many beautiful scenic areas.

When we visited one very sunny day this summer, we enjoyed strolling around the grounds and visiting the many animals. These included goats, chickens, pigs, turkeys, and ducks. During our time there, the horses and donkeys stayed in



LAWRENCE FARM

Newburgh, NY

Lawrence Farm is a charming produce farm well known for the diversity of the crops they grow. The farm is set on the beautiful hills in Newburgh, NY. The options of fruits and vegetables available for picking depend on what is in season at the time of your visit.

The admission fee to the farms includes the cute little wooden huts, reminiscent of an old-fashioned New England Farm, where children can play. The petting zoo, hay bale maze, and the rest of the beautiful grounds are also included. The fruits and vegetables that you pick are paid for separately.

Address:

39 Colandrea Road
Newburgh, NY 12550

Phone Number: 845-562-4268

Hours: 9 a.m. –4 p.m. June-October



Price: Admission: \$7 per person Monday through Thursday and \$10.00 per person Friday through Sunday and on Holidays. Any fruits or vegetables you pick are extra (prices vary by fruit).

Children under two years of age are free.

Approximate Distance from:

Brooklyn Bridge: 1 hour, 45 minutes

Lakewood: 2 hours, 30 minutes

Monsey: 55 minutes

Website: lawrencefarmsorchards.com



WEST MAPLE FARM

Monsey, NY

It is amazing to have such an incredible farm experience right in Monsey on West Maple Avenue. The 15 acres of farmland were transformed into a fun family attraction after Zev Oster, owner of Rockland Honey, acquired the overgrown empty farm lot and had a vision of a place where children (and adults) could visit animals, play in nature, and even pick their own vegetables.

The farm has so many animals to visit and feed, including cows, sheep, donkeys, chickens, alpacas, goats, peacocks, and rabbits. There are informational signs with interesting tidbits posted by each type of animal. We especially enjoyed counting how many freshly laid eggs we were able to find in the chicken coup. We fed the animals ice cream cones filled with feed (sold at the office). It was so much fun to see the animals reaching out and biting the cone after eating the feed.

Behind the petting zoo is a picnic area with a

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I wonder if I will recognize the place when we visit next!

Address:

179 West Maple Avenue
Monsey, NY 10952

Phone Number: (845) 288-1978

Hours:

Sunday 10:00 AM – 7:30 PM
Monday-Thursday 12:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Friday 12:00 a.m–5:30 p.m.

Price:

Petting Zoo Admission - \$8 per person
Hay Rides - \$3 per person
Animal feed - \$5
Children under one year of age are free

Approximate Distance from:

Brooklyn Bridge: 1 hour
Lakewood: 1 hour, 35 minutes
Website: westmaplefarm.com

The 10-acre corn maze is not the only type of maze found on the farm. There is also a fence maze, rope maze, tile maze, as well as a 1-acre corn maze for those who don't want to do the bigger one.

The Noah's Ark Playground is a great place for kids to let out steam. The Barnyard Boardgame is a life-sized game of Candyland where the children are the pieces. On weekends there are also Hay Rides and Trike Rides.

Stony Hill Farms also has a picking farm where you can pick your own fruits that are in season.

Address:

15 North Road
Chester, NJ 07930

Phone Number: 908-879-2908

Hours:

WEEKDAYS:

Maze Fun Park, U-Pick, & Market: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
(No hayrides during the week except for select holidays)

WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS:

Maze Fun Park, U-Pick, & Market PLUS Hayrides: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Price:

General Admission: \$10.99 plus tax
The price includes farm entry and access to the picnic area and playground. Unlimited Hayrides are also included on Saturday and Sunday.

Classic Fun \$16.99 plus tax

Includes: General Admission PLUS Mazes & Trikes

Ultimate Fun: \$24.99 plus tax

Classic Fun PLUS U-Pick-a half a peck of apples included

Admission for children two years and under is free.

Additional Options:

Gem Mining, Small Bag: \$7 plus tax

Maze-O-Vision Glasses: \$2 plus tax

Pick Your Own Apples:

\$10 half peck/\$18 whole peck

(Maze Fun Park ticket must be purchased to purchase add-ons)

Children 2 years and under: FREE

Additionally, if you Purchase your tickets in advance online for a specific time slot, you can save \$3 per ticket.

Approximate Distance from:

Brooklyn Bridge: 1 hour, 10 minutes

Lakewood: 1 hour, 15 minutes

Monsey: 1 hour

Website: stonyhillfarms.com/market/funpark



playground that boasts unique equipment that includes a firetruck and army truck (not in use anymore) that children can climb aboard and play pretend on. There are other structures to play on and many picnic tables (enough to accommodate groups or parties.)

Hayride Tours are offered by the knowledgeable manager, Mr. Deutsch. He has so many interesting tidbits to share about the farm. Mr. Oster also has big plans for the farm. They started growing fresh vegetables, which they sell, while some vegetables can be picked on site by visitors. The fresh squash, kohlrabi, and garlic we saw looked especially fresh and tasty. They also have tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, and eggplant growing there.

The farm keeps evolving, and they keep adding more and more activities and improvements.



STONY HILL FARM

Chester, NJ

Stony Hill Farm is famous for its 10-acre corn maze. The corn maze is shaped according to the theme of the year, and there is a new theme every year. When we visited, the theme was Sea Turtle Recovery. There are also a few bridges over the maze.

Before entering the corn maze, there is a brief video explaining how it works. As you work your way through the maze, you'll play one of the games incorporated into the maze. There are also a variety of facts about the theme so visitors can learn them.

The Maze Masters wandering around the maze are there to help anyone that is lost or wants to exit early. The maze usually takes 1-3 hours to complete. It is smart to come with comfortable walking shoes. Strollers are allowed into the maze, but it is not advisable to bring one since it is very hard to navigate in the maze.



The Illinois Holocaust Museum

By Boruch Lytle, Jewish Press Staff Writer



Located just north of Chicago in the suburb of Skokie, IL, lies the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center. Opened in 1981, the museum was a direct response to a planned Neo Nazi rallies through the 1970s that were supposed to take place directly through the center town. Thankfully the march never happened, but in light of the threat, the importance of remembering the tragedy and horror never seemed more important, and the museum is a lasting testament to the power of remembrance.

Housed in a 65,000-square-foot building designed by renowned architect Stanley Tigerman, the Center's space is designed to incorporate the "historical and emotional symbolism as a response to the apocalyptic inhumanity of the Holocaust."

The museum defines their mission with the motto "Remember the Past, Transform the Future." Must-see features of the experience include the Take A Stand Center, which uses holographs of Holocaust survivors to take the viewer into the heart of a concentration camp. Not recommended for visitors under the age of 12, this is a 360-degree immersive experience that is worth the trip to the museum alone, but it's hardly the only attraction that would take more than one visit to fully appreciate. Both the virtual reality gallery and holographic theater require timed tickets, so be sure to arrive on time if you plan to include these in your visit.

The museum also has a collection of over 20,000 items that belonged to Holocaust victims and survivors.

Through a partnership with the community that encourages non-Jewish children to experience the museum, the Education Center has exhibitions that help teach younger visitors about prejudice, discrimination, racism, and speaking out for what's right. While these exhibits are for children 8 and up, there are plenty of other attractions appropriate for those younger.

Admission for adults is \$18, while seniors are \$12, and students are \$8. Children 5 to 11 are \$6, while any children under the age of 5 can enter for free. Group tours are also available for those interested.

The museum is located at 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, IL. For more information, check out ilholaocaustmuseum.org or call (847) 967-4800.



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A Taste of Chicago

By Baruch Lytle, Jewish Press Staff Writer

Often called the Second City (after New York) Chicago is a bustling, large, and modern city center that is home to 2.8 million of the nearly 10 million people across the metropolitan area. It is the third largest city in the United States and an international hub of technology, telecommunications, and transportation. It sits along the sandy shores of Lake Michigan, which is a lake so large it feels like you're looking out at the ocean, and much of the city is spread around the length of its shores.

Anyone hoping to really appreciate the water can stroll along the Chicago Riverwalk, which stretches 1.25 miles from Lake Michigan to Lake Street and features places to sit, coffeshops, and more. The entire walk is an exhibit of its own as well, with public art displays all along the way. Boat tours focusing on the city's history and architecture are available during the warmer months, offering visitors unique views of some of the city's famous structures and landmarks. For those wanting to get up even more close and personal with the water, kayaks are also available to rent from the Riverwalk area.

Chicago is also a major tourist hub, with over 50 million tourists visiting the city every year. While much has been said about a spike in crime, everywhere you're likely to visit is both clean and very safe. The Jewish community itself is nestled



in the northern regions of the urban grid, where most neighborhoods tend to be safer and more affluent.

The city has a great personality as well. Overall, The Windy City is a happy, optimistic, and friendly place, its big city glamour coupled with midwestern charm. There is also a very lively robust arts, music, and cultural scene, and it would take several days of planning to really take in all the things to see and do.

The city is full of galleries showcasing Art of all kinds. Without even leaving the Art Institute of Chicago, you can see world-famous paintings like Monet's Water Lilies and Grant Wood's American Gothic. For those who prefer art of other kinds, there are dozens of independent galleries and studios to visit, each displaying some of the best local and international talent working today.

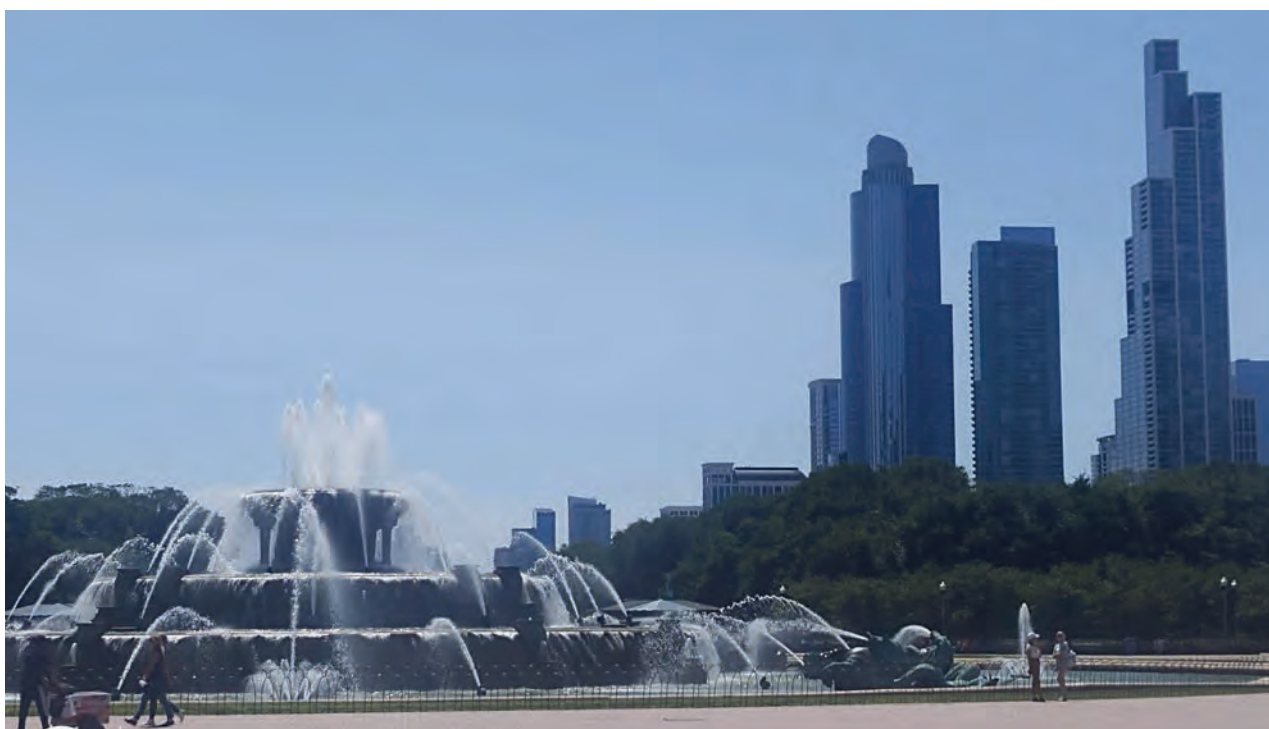
Chicago's architecture is another major draw, with the iconic skyline featuring a blend of Art Deco masterpieces from the 1920s blending seamlessly with modern skyscrapers. Once considered the skyscraper capital of the world, the city is now home to more than 100 of these impressive buildings.

People who appreciate green spaces have a lot to do as well, with over 300 parks all around the city. Visitors can also get an obligatory picture taken at the Cloud Gate sculpture in the city's Millennium Park, affectionately known to locals as "The Bean" because of its distinctive shape. Millennium Park is also host to a wide variety of free events throughout the year, as well as skating rinks, rock climbing, and art installations of all kinds.

For those who want to get in some learning during their visit to the Windy City, Cheshed L'Avrohom Kolliel at The Chicago Center has an hachnosas orchim and shul in addition to the kolliel that's hustling and bustling all day and night.

"The Chicago Center is a place where everyone comes to learn and everyone feels welcome," Aryeh, a member of the shul told The Jewish Press. "Learning begins before 5 am every morning and is still going after 5 pm every night. There are many sefrarim and always something going on here."

The Kolliel can be found at 3135 W Devon Ave, Chicago, IL, and reached by phone at 773.761.4005. [📍](#)





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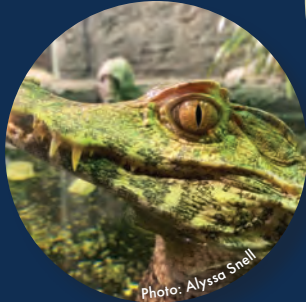


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The American Museum of Natural History's Richard Gilder Graduate School Confers Ph.D. and MAT Degrees and Announces New Facility

On Wednesday, September 14, the American Museum of Natural History held its ninth commencement under the iconic blue whale in the Milstein Hall of Ocean Life, conferring Ph.D. in comparative biology and Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Earth science degrees.

The Museum's Richard Gilder Graduate School houses two graduate programs, the Ph.D. program in comparative biology and the Master of Arts in Teaching Earth science residency program. In 2008, the first cohort of students enrolled in the comparative biology program, the first and only freestanding Ph.D. degree-granting program to be offered at any museum in the Western Hemisphere. The Museum's MAT program began in 2011 as the first freestanding museum-based master's degree program to prepare science teachers in the United States.

"In these volatile, uncertain times there can perhaps be no higher calling than to pursue science and education as our new graduates do—to pursue science's next frontiers, to teach young people to be curious and full of wonder about the world around us, to push back against misinformation, and, ultimately, to offer hope through reason, truth, learning, and discovery," said Museum President Ellen V. Futter. "The Gilder Graduate School is uniquely suited to our time when so many of our most pressing challenges—climate change, emerging disease, species and habitat loss—sit at the intersection of science and society. We proudly send our young scientists and science teachers out into a world that needs their expertise, skills, creativity, and energy more than ever."

This year's commencement celebrated four doctoral graduates in comparative biology. They are among 40 Richard Gilder Graduate School doctoral graduates to date, who are employed in science, academic, education, and museum careers, including at prestigious natural history museums

such as the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, the French National Museum of Natural History, and the Swedish Museum of Natural History; the National Park Service; numerous universities and colleges such as the City University of New York and the New Jersey Institute of Technology; and the Audubon Society.

In addition, the commencement recognized 13 MAT graduates, all of whom have already begun their teaching careers in high-needs public schools. Since the MAT program began, it has prepared 152 Earth science teachers, reaching approximately 68,000 students in high-needs schools in New York City and across the country. This year, RGGGS MAT graduates make up approximately 50 percent of the certified Earth science teachers in New York City.

Shaped by the Museum's longstanding practice of teacher professional development as well as by its educator and scientific faculty, the 15-month MAT Earth science residency program is a full-time, fully funded fellowship focused on the preparation of teachers of Earth science to students in Grades 7 through 12. The program offers courses in both pedagogy and the physical and paleontological sciences as well as immersive classroom experience in residencies in high-needs schools at the program's partner schools in New York: Bronx Early College Academy for Teaching and Learning; Midwood High School in Brooklyn; Hunters Point Community Middle School in Queens; South Bronx Preparatory; and Roosevelt High School in Yonkers.

The MAT program was authorized as a degree-granting program by the New York State Department of Education as part of an effort to address a critical shortage of qualified science teachers in New York State and is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), the only museum-based educator preparation program to receive CAEP accreditation. In 2019, the Museum received a

five-year grant from the Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) federal initiative to expand the MAT program to enroll additional candidates each year, with the goal of preparing more highly-qualified and diverse cohorts of Earth science teachers, the second consecutive TQP grant awarded to the program. In that same year, the National Science Foundation awarded the Museum a six-year grant for the preparation and ongoing professional support of the program's 8th and 9th cohorts.

A commitment to public education and academic training has been an essential part of the Museum's mission for more than a century, and the Museum continues to offer a broad range of learning opportunities including camps and workshops, public programs, and courses for adults and education professionals.

In winter 2023, the Museum will open a new facility, the Richard Gilder Center for Science, Education, and Innovation, which will include the most comprehensive addition and modernization of educational space in decades. These purpose-built and converted classrooms are designed to meet the specific needs of formal education, as well as the needs of family and adult learners.

These new spaces include the Josh and Judy Weston Middle School Learning Zone, the High School Learning Zone, and the College and Career Readiness Zone, with adjacent renovated spaces in the existing Museum complex creating the Michael Vlock Family Learning Zone and a Teacher Learning Zone for educators. These classrooms will allow the Museum to serve students and teachers in new ways that align with national educational standards and offer high-quality science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) learning relevant to today's students and tomorrow's workforce.

SOURCE: American Museum of Natural History 📍





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Apple Picking in Local Orchard Farms

By Aharon ben Anshel, Jewish Press Staff Writer

There are many family activities to enjoy during Chol HaMoed Succos, including theme parks, indoor play palaces, indoor swimming activity centers, Jewish and non-Judaic museums and cultural attractions, and athletic facilities of all kinds, including golf, wall-climbing, roller and ice-skating. Still, almost nothing beats a family outing to climb trees to pick fresh apples and stone fruit for pie making, applesauce, and just plain good eating.

But it happens every year - can you believe that some people will read our listings of pick-it-yourself apple and stone fruit orchards and drive up without calling ahead to see whether they're actually going to be open and have apples and other fruit hanging from their trees? Of course, many will be disappointed to find their destination orchard closed after hours of travel.

Although we carefully research

and select the orchards to be listed, "things happen," such as inclement weather or fruit blight, so it's always a good idea to call ahead to make certain they're open and have lots of fruit hanging down from their trees and bushes for your family to pick from. Fewer orchards responded this year – indicative of the simple fact that Succos is somewhat later (by the Gregorian calendar) this year.

Although there are now over 150 apple and stone-fruit orchards within a 90-minute drive of most Jewish communities in the New York metropolitan vicinity, many may already be closed for family apple and stone-fruit picking or have very slim pickings indeed. The orchards listed have confirmed that they will be open during Chol HaMoed Succos again this year, but you should still call ahead to be certain. Not every orchard is open all days of Chol Hamoed – some may also be

open for pick-it-yourself during the weeks following our Succos holiday week. If you're going to an orchard not listed here, please let us know so we can invite them to be listed next year.

Most orchards will supply bags and baskets for your fruit, but you should bring your own containers to be sure; most have picnic tables and seating for your family's al-fresco lunch meal. Some may have Kosher packaged snacks and drinks for purchase, but it's always best to bring along your own just in case they don't. Don't forget to bring disposable plastic tablecloths, although we've advised them to supply them. Wear comfortable shoes, boots, or sneakers – and dress warm, in layers – you can remove that extra sweater when you work up a sweat climbing ladders after the low-hanging fruit gets removed.

Once you're there, the farmer's staff will weigh your bags after picking, tell you which varieties of apples, pears, or other produce that you've actually selected, and often supply cooking and baking recipes. I recommend that you buy copies of apple cookbooks which you'll find at many of the orchards you're visiting as well as at most Judaica stores. The cost per pound for the fruit will always be substantially less than supermarkets – and much fresher than you can find in the city because you just picked it yourself right off the tree branches. Many of the orchards are organically certified.

If you have any suggestions or comments about this feature to help us for next year, please e-mail them to - arthurklass@jewishpress.com,

and don't forget to tell the orchards that **The Jewish Press** sent you. Of course, we would appreciate any photos you may wish to share of your family's lovely "commune-with-nature," and we'll publish them during the weeks to come after Chol Hamoed Succos.

The orchards are listed in order by the state in which they're located, then alphabetically by the orchard's name.

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut Apple Marketing Board can be reached at 860-713-2503, and a listing of Apple Orchards in Connecticut can be found at: www.ctapples.org/growers

Drazen Orchards, 215 Wallingford Rd., Cheshire, CT 06410, 203-272-7985

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Street, Oldwick, NJ 08858,
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Rte. 517, Glenwood, NJ , 07418,
973-764-4732
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07825, 908-362-8151

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**New York Apple Association, POB 350, 7645
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nyapplecountry.com (see advertisement)**
Apple Dave's Orchards, 82 Four Corners Rd.,
Warwick, NY 10990, 845-986-1684
Cedar Heights Orchard, 8 Crosby
Lane, Rhinebeck, NY 12572,
845-876-3232
Concklin Farm U-Pick, 2 South Mountain Rd,
Pomona, NY 10940, 845-354-0369
Fishkill Farms. 9 Fishkill Farm Rd, Hopewell
Junction, NY 12533, 845-897-4377
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State Rte 32, Modena, NY 12548,
845-883-7825 (see advertisement)**
Philip Orchards, 270 Route 9H, Claverack, NY
12513, 518-851-6351
Stone Ridge Orchard, 3120
Rte. 213, Stone Ridge, NY 12484,
845-266-3979
Wright Farms, 699 Route 208, Gardiner, NY
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There are at least 150 apple and stone
fruit orchards located within a reasonable
drive from New York City, and this year
most of them are doing quite well, with lots
of juicy low-hanging fruit just waiting to
wind up in your delicious pies and desserts.

Unfortunately, however, most farmers simply
haven't had time to respond to our e-mails and
phone calls. The New York State agriculture
departments and grower's associations have
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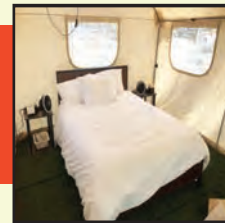


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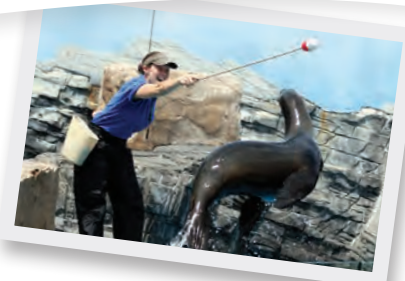
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10 Amazing Places to View Fall Foliage in Pennsylvania

With the fall season in swing, Pennsylvania is an amazing place to experience the vibrant colors of fall. Easily accessible from New York or New Jersey, PA is home to a variety of autumn landscapes just waiting to be explored.

Areas to check out the foliage are broken up into three zones, based on when they're at their most spectacular.

Northern Zone: Peaks in early October

Central Zone: Peaks in mid-October

Southern Zone: Peaks in late October

PINE CREEK GORGE - ZONE 1 PENNSYLVANIA WILDS

Almost 50 miles long and 1,000 feet deep, the Pine Creek Gorge features a brilliant fall display of deep reds, yellows and purples in early October. Some of the best fall views of the canyon can be found at Leonard Harrison or Colton Point State Park.

Fall Foliage Insider's Tip: The historic Pine Creek Rail Trail is a gem of the Pine Creek Gorge and offers a tremendous way to view fall foliage. Voted by USA Today as one of the "10 great places to take a bike tour," this 60-mile trail travels through the gorge for an up-close and personal look at foliage for hikers, bikers or equestrians.

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST - ZONE 1 PENNSYLVANIA WILDS

Scenic drives through the hardwood forests of McKean County in northern Pennsylvania provide spectacular fall foliage touring. In the Allegheny National Forest, visitors can hike hundreds of acres of trail ways, ranging from short birding trails to the challenging North Country Trail. Throughout, the Allegheny National Forest region offers a variety of scenic vistas, mountains, brilliant colors and wildlife viewing opportunities.

Fall Foliage Insider's Tip: For a unique way to experience the awe-inspiring views of the Allegheny National Forest, take an open cockpit bi-plane tour in a beautifully restored, vintage 1943 Boeing Stearman or float along the Allegheny River by boat, kayak or canoe and sightsee along 27 miles of water trails.

BIG POCONO STATE PARK - ZONE 2 UPSTATE PA

Big Pocono State Park, located at the top of Camelback Mountain in the Pocono Mountains region, is home to breathtaking views in the fall season by foot or by car. The best place for viewing foliage is at the park's summit, where a scenic overlook offers views for miles from the popular Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and beyond.

Fall Foliage Insider's Tip: Try an offshore foliage paddling experience with guided Fall Foliage River Tours. Experienced guides take visitors along the Delaware River in kayaks for a leisurely



paddle to experience the fall colors mirrored on the river's surface.

OIL HERITAGE REGION - ZONE 2 GREAT LAKES REGION

Known as the birthplace of the first commercially successful oil well, this 50-mile area in the heart of Pennsylvania's Great Lakes Region is also a prime spot to experience the bright shades of yellow, red and orange lining the hillsides. Boasting attractive Victorian towns, outstanding historical artifacts, scenic views and cultural traditions, the Oil Heritage Region displays its original oil country charm each autumn. The region also offers three recreational trails and the scenic Oil Creek State Park's numerous day-hike trails.

Fall Foliage Insider's Tip: Ride an open-air car aboard the Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad to view the season's exquisite colors throughout the region. This three-hour tour runs special fall foliage excursions throughout October to enjoy fall foliage at its best, taking a ride through the "valley that changed the world."

PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK - ZONE 2 GREAT LAKES REGION

Pennsylvania's Great Lakes Region displays many beautiful autumn colors along the shore of Lake Erie at Presque Isle State Park. Discover the magnificence of this 3,200-acre peninsula as it curls into the lake offering a wide variety of fall experiences. Home to more than 4 million visitors each year, Presque Isle offers the leisurely 14-mile Karl Boyes Multi-purpose National Recreation Trail for walkers interested in leaf sightseeing along the Bay. There also are 11 miles of hiking trails throughout the park for those who want a more up-close view of the fall colors.

Fall Foliage Insider's Tip: For an offshore foliage experience, take advantage of the "Lady Kate," a 65-foot Great Lakes vessel that ventures out onto the waters of Lake Erie for a 90-min-

ute tour and an incredible view of the shoreline. Riders can relax while learning about the area's ecology, history, nature and more with the boat's knowledgeable guide.

GREAT ALLEGHENY PASSAGE - ZONE 2 LAUREL HIGHLANDS

For those exploring the scenic Laurel Highlands region in search of autumn colors, there's perhaps nowhere better to do so than on a biking excursion along the Great Allegheny Passage that was completed in June 2013. Known as the longest rail-trail in the east, the Laurel Highlands' section of the Great Allegheny Passage is filled with scenic overlooks, viaducts and plenty of spectacular foliage.

Fall Foliage Insider's Tip: Not far away, visit Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater for stunning fall vistas. Fallingwater, known as one of the most influential houses of the 20th century, stretches over a 30-foot waterfall and offers spectacular views with its unique angles and large windows. On your way there, take the route less traveled and witness the colors of autumn as you weave through the rolling hills on a relaxing fall drive. Complete with stops at quaint towns, scenic state parks and can't-miss restaurants, you'll never want to leave the Laurel Highlands!

THREE RIVERS HERITAGE TRAIL - ZONE 2

PITTSBURGH AND ITS COUNTRYSIDE

Take in views of the beautiful Pittsburgh skyline and the picturesque countryside that display incredible colors every autumn. Incorporated into the new edition of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail map is the Three Rivers Heritage Trail Interpretive Signage Guide. Pittsburgh's dramatic landscape and history are portrayed in dozens of signs located along the riverfronts. From the Pittsburgh Pirates, Mister Rogers, Andy Warhol and the steel industry, let the Pittsburgh region explain itself to you while touring one of the best

Fall Foliage Insider's Tip: Tour the battlefield on horseback for a unique look at the autumn trees with guided tours from Hickory Hollow Horse Farm in Gettysburg. Visitors can enjoy one to four-hour guided trail rides through the battlefield grounds complete with knowledgeable guides to point out little-known facts and tucked away scenic spots that can only be found on horseback.

WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC PARK - ZONE 3

PHILADELPHIA & THE COUNTRYSIDE

In 1776, General George Washington and his army crossed the Delaware River in the frigid cold of winter. At that site today is Washington Crossing Historic Park, an interpretive center that not only tells the story of Washington's famous crossing, but also preserves the early 19th century history of Taylorsville, where the crossing of the Delaware occurred. With historic sites, wildflower areas and nature trails, it's also an excellent place to discover the October foliage of Bucks County in suburban Philadelphia. Harvest festivals and related events throughout the autumn season add to the fall experience at the park.

Fall Foliage Insider's Tip: Bowman's Hill Tower at the Washington Crossing Historic Park is 125 feet tall and offers a 14-mile view of scenic Bucks County. Guests are sure to enjoy this excellent "bird's-eye view" atop a grand observation tower that offers an expansive view of the Delaware River area and the foliage surrounding the region in October.

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urban trail systems in the country.

Fall Foliage Insider's Tip: While in Pittsburgh, don't miss a ride on the Duquesne or Monongahela Incline to see the views from atop Mount Washington. Filled with observation decks that overlook the city and its countryside, this 450-foot hill is an excellent vantage point for foliage.

**ROTHROCK STATE FOREST - ZONE 2
THE ALLEGHENIES**

In the heart of the Alleghenies region, the parks and vistas that encompass Rothrock State Forest provide dramatic foliage areas that can be accessed in a variety of ways. Mountain bike along the trails surrounding the majestic Seven Mountains area, hike numerous trails throughout the forest, or explore from the lowest points from a boat on Raystown Lake. All offer grand foliage viewing experiences.

Fall Foliage Insider's Tip: For a truly spectacular (and easily accessible) scenic viewpoint in Rothrock, visit the overlook atop Tussey Mountain along PA Route 26 at the Centre/Huntingdon County line. The view overlooks the State College area and several surrounding townships in Centre County.

**GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK - ZONE 3
DUTCH COUNTRY ROADS**

Gettysburg National Military Park is a must-see for any fall excursion, providing the perfect scenic backdrop for visitors experiencing this historic battlefield. Explore the sights and sounds of battlefield reenactments, monuments, memorials and true history. Gettysburg offers guests a part of the nation's past all year, but provides optimal trekking treasures in the fall.

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