

## OZAUKEE COUNTY TOURISM

# Fall fun awaits in Ozaukee County



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**Left**, three witches stir up some trouble at the Cedarburg Art Museum. **Above**, the Appleland Market in Fredonia may be known for its plethora of apple varieties, but it is also sells pumpkins.

Fall in Ozaukee County means more than just cooler weather and changing leaves. It's a season packed with music, art, theater, family fun, and plenty of pumpkins. Whether you're looking for an evening out on the town, a family adventure or simply an excuse to explore our scenic countryside, there's no shortage of reasons to explore Ozaukee.

An autumn venture to Ozaukee County wouldn't be complete without a stop at one of our many pumpkin farms, farmers markets and roadside stands. Local favorites like Buechler Farms in Belgium, Appleland Farms in Fredonia, Witte's Vegetable Stand in Cedarburg and DreamMarket in Port Washington are brimming with pumpkins, apples, squash, and other fall produce. Make the most of these crisp fall offerings, because in late November Buechler Farms and Sandhill Tree Farm will start selling wreaths, decorative porch planters and fresh Christmas trees to usher in the holiday season.

For a little theater with a spooky twist, enjoy a spirited evening at Memories Ballroom in Port Washington with their production of "Blithe Spirit," running now through Sunday. This classic comedy follows a writer who unwittingly summons the ghost of his first wife, setting off a supernatural love triangle that's as funny as it is haunting. Add in Memories' signature dinner service, and you've got the perfect night out.

Cedarburg wraps up the spooky season with its beloved Pumpkin Walk on Friday, when Washington Avenue glows with hundreds of jack-o'-lanterns. Local businesses join in the fun, creating a charming and family-friendly Halloween evening in the heart of downtown.

But the fun doesn't stop once the pumpkins fade. November in Ozaukee County is packed with ways to celebrate community, art, laughter and the start of the holiday season.

Start the month by raising a toast to creativity at the Cedarburg Cultural Center's 40th Anniversary Celebration on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. The evening features live music from 5 Card Studs, a special "40 for 40" fundraising art exhibit and plenty of opportunities to reminisce and celebrate four decades as the heart of arts, history and culture in Ozaukee County. Tickets are available at [cedarburgculturalcenter.org](http://cedarburgculturalcenter.org).

Join in honoring those who served at the heartfelt Veterans Day Appreciation Lunch and Open House on Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The National Flag Day Foundation hosts this complimentary "thank you" lunch for all veterans and community members at the Americanism Center in Waubesa.

For those in need of a good laugh, Inventors Brewpub and Edison Hall in Port Washington will host Hold My Beer Comedy Night on Nov. 14, featuring some of the best and brightest comedians from Milwaukee and Chicago. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show begins at 7 p.m. — grab your tickets early for a guaranteed good time.

Then, the holiday spirit takes over on Nov. 21 with multiple events kicking off the Christmas season across the county.

In downtown Cedarburg, the Cedar Creek Settlement kicks off its beloved Festive Friday Eves series from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. For the five Fridays leading up to Christmas, guests are invited to shop charming boutiques filled with artisan goods, enjoy live music, sip Cedar Creek Winery's wines

including the seasonal Christmas Blush, and savor cookies, cider, and samples galore. There's even gift basket drawings and Mel's Charity Cook-outs (weather permitting) to make it a true hometown celebration.

Just down the road, the Cedarburg Art Museum hosts the opening night of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Explore the beautifully decorated Wittenberg-Jochem Mansion, where each room brings to life a line from the classic poem. Afterwards, enjoy the twinkling outdoor garden, take family photos, sip warm drinks, and meet Santa's live reindeer. Tickets are \$10 (free for ages 2 and under) and advance registration is

encouraged due to limited capacity.

For something a little different, Glazed for Good in Thiensville invites you to "Defy Gravity" at A Wicked Event from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 21. Follow the Yellow Brick Road for a spellbinding evening of magical drinks, wickedly delicious treats, and sing-along fun. For more information or to register visit [glazepottery.com](http://glazepottery.com).

Thanksgiving weekend brings more festive cheer with the 45th annual Grafton Christmas Parade on Nov. 29, kicking off at 11 a.m. One of the largest holiday parades in southeastern Wisconsin, this mile-long spectacle winds through downtown Grafton with more than 100

units, including marching bands, floats, dancers, and holiday characters. Bring your blankets, chairs and holiday spirit!

December brings a flurry of holiday-related activities to Ozaukee County, including A Cedarburg Christmas (a six week celebration of the holidays including merchant events, special activities, Santa visits and Friday night luminaries and trolleys and more), the highly anticipated Cedarburg Artists Guild Holiday Art Fair (a weekend show Dec. 5 to Dec. 7 that features handmade arts and crafts, perfect for gift giving) and Christmas on the Corner in downtown Port Washington on Dec. 6.

This annual event offers

carriage rides, photos with Santa and his reindeer, hot cocoa bars, Christmas crafts, a s'mores warming zone and the only December fireworks show in Ozaukee County at 6 p.m.

From pumpkins to holiday wreaths, wine tastings to holiday laughs, Ozaukee County is your destination for fall fun and holiday cheer. Keep the magic going by following Ozaukee County Tourism on Facebook and visiting [www.ozaukee-tourism.com](http://www.ozaukee-tourism.com) for the latest updates from our local partners.

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People enjoy the wintertime fireworks at Christmas on the Corner in Port Washington.