

Be a tourist in your own backyard

October offers a bounty of fun for the whole family!

Fall is in the air, and with the change in weather comes fun fall activities. Ozaukee County has a cornucopia of fall fun to offer — from hayrides to fall harvests, from family activities to fall festivals.

Enjoy a day in the countryside at Appleland Farm Market. This



Fall treats galore can be found at Appleland Farm Market in Fredonia, **left**, and Witte's Vegetable Farm in Cedarburg, **right**.

fam-ily-owned orchard in Fredonia offers pick-your-own and prepacked apples in 15 varieties, pumpkins, a playground and wagon rides. Satisfy your sweet tooth with caramel apples, apple cider, apple-cider donuts, pie, honey and more. For more information, visit www.applelandorchard.com.

Witte's Vegetable Farm LLC in Cedarburg offers a variety of fresh seasonal produce, plus a wonderful selection for fall decorating, including carving pumpkins, unique colored pumpkins and more. Witte's produce stand can be found at 10006 Bridge Street, just two miles west

of downtown Cedarburg. For information, visit www.wittesvegfarm.com.

Fall Into Grafton is Oct. 5 and Oct. 6. This free family event held at and around Paramount Plaza in downtown Grafton features an Oktoberfest Beer Garden and pig roast on Friday night with food from Atlas BBQ and live music. Saturday, a pancake breakfast at Atlas BBQ kicks off the festivities, followed by a scavenger hunt, pumpkin painting, cookie decorating, live entertainment, the annual Pumpkin Derby, the "Pumpkin Cross" CycloCross event at Lime Kiln Park and much more. For more information, visit www.celebrategrafton.org/fall-into-grafton.

On Oct. 6, enjoy the fifth annual Autumn at the Village fall festival at the Ozaukee County Pioneer Village in Saukville, a day of fun in the country for the whole family. Tour the living history museum and a collection of structures from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s. Enjoy historic demonstrations, including candle making, wood cutting, apple pressing, corn shelling and more. Other activities include bluegrass music, children's make-and-take activities, pumpkin toss, hay wagon rides and delicious fall foods like homemade chili, soup, hot cider, pumpkin pie and, new this year, German kuchen. For admission fees and other details, visit www.ochs.co.ozaukee.wi.us

Also on Oct. 6, the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts is offering a fall celebration from noon to 4 p.m. This free family event offers fiber art crafts, a scavenger hunt, free raffle, games and more. Take in the beauty of the current exhibit and help create a community art project. Harvest/fall-themed costumes are encouraged — follow the museum on Facebook for more information.

On Oct. 12 through Oct. 14, the Cedarburg Artist Guild is hosting its Covered Bridge Art Studio Tour. This self-guided tour allows you to get up close and personal with some of Southeastern Wisconsin's finest artists and their unique work spaces — including restored barns, stores and mills. Talk with the artists, tour the studios and treat yourself to fabulous artwork in every medium. Bonus — the rural drive between studios is a beautiful autumn tour of Ozaukee County itself, and winds through farm fields and picturesque small towns, along the Lake Michigan shoreline and past the 1876 Cedarburg Covered Bridge, the only remaining wooden covered bridge in Wisconsin.



For a map and other details, visit www.cedarburgartistsguild.com.



and sweets available for purchase. There will also be a mini farmers market set up with fresh Riveredge produce, including winter squash, apples, beets, onions, carrots, garlic and more. From 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., hang out in the treetops (literally!) with tree climbing experts. For registration, fees, times, events and more, visit www.riveredgecenter.org.

The Haunt in Cedarburg is celebrating its 10th year of fear, and is open Friday and Saturday nights in October from the 12th to the 27th at the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds in Cedarburg. This indoor haunted house is a fundraiser for Ozaukee County 4-H and is wheelchair accessible. For costs, times and other details, visit www.cedarburghaunt.com.

A perfect weekend in downtown historic Cedarburg, Oct. 13 and Oct. 14. Bursting with gemütlichkeit, Oktoberfest offers authentic German food, music and entertainment, a wooden dance floor for polka fans and fun contests such as sauerkraut eating, best lederhosen/dirndl and the German spelling bee. The delightful, goofy live glockenspiel (cuckoo clock) keeps the crowd laughing as it reappears every two hours. For more information visit www.cedarburgfestival.org/oktoberfest.

Immerse yourself in the dark side of Cedarburg's history with a Gothic History Tour; Oct. 19, Oct. 20 and Oct. 26. Cedarburg will come alive with stories and live performances by costumed actors playing the ghostly citizens of old Cedarburg. This year's tour includes scenes of new tales recently discovered in the deep recesses of historic documents and newspapers. Docents lead guests on a 90-minute walking tour through new and familiar stops in Cedarburg's National Historic District and Zur Ruhe cemetery. Tickets for these PG-13 tours are available through the Cedarburg Cultural Center: in person, by phone and online at www.cedarburgculturalcenter.org.

Get out and participate in the Saukville Chamber of Commerce's Saukville Scare 5K Run/Walk Oct. 20. Start time is 9 a.m. at Grady Park. A free pumpkin pancake breakfast follows the race for all participants (\$3 for spectators), as well as costume contests, a bounce house and music. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female overall and age category winners. Register by Oct. 12 for a guaranteed event T-shirt. For registration and event details, visit www.saukvillechamber.org.

Oct. 26 and Oct. 27, participate in the ninth Annual Port Washington Ghost Walk and second annual Ghost Hunt. Celebrate Halloween in paranormal Port Washington. This two-hour ghost walk explores downtown historic haunts and creepy Union Cemetery. Interested in a more in-depth experience? Take part in both the downtown ghost walk and an actual ghost hunt led by experienced paranormal investigators. For details, visit www.visitportwashington.com.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, gather your costumed friends and hit the streets of Cedarburg for the Scary Bloody Mary Walk. You'll be the judge of which of five participating bars serves the best bloody mary, and who wins the best costume award. Tickets are available at each participating bar; proceeds benefit Cedarburg Friends of Parks & Recreation. For more information, visit www.cedarburgfriendsofparksandrecreation.org.

On Oct. 31 (Halloween night) from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., prowling the spooky streets of Cedarburg in the Cedarburg Chamber's Pumpkin Walk. Carved pumpkins line the street and costumed families creep through town, enjoying the sites and collecting treats from some store owners until 8 p.m.

Take some time to indulge your senses in fall color at two of the outstanding maple-beech natural area preserves in Ozaukee, Bratt Woods and Kurtz Woods. For more details visit owit.org. Also, take time to view the fall beauty at Ozaukee County Parks, the Mequon Nature Preserve and Riveredge Nature Center.

For information on all these activities and more, pick up a copy of the Ozaukee County Tourism Guide available at area chambers, visitor centers and partner businesses around the county, as well as kiosks on the Ozaukee Interurban Trail, or visit www.ozaukeetourism.com and follow the Ozaukee County Tourism Facebook page. On behalf of the Ozaukee County Tourism Council, thank you for helping to make Ozaukee County a wonderful place for all to live, work and visit.



Photos submitted
Join the fun on the trails at Riveredge Nature Center, then hang out in the treetops with tree climbing experts.



The beauty of fall is on display at many of Ozaukee County's natural area preserves.