

Travel Trends

Fall Has A Lot To Offer In The Valley Forge Area

(NAPSA)—Fall can be a lot of fun in Valley Forge and Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The area offers a wide variety of fall festivities for the whole family. History, shopping and recreation lead the list of what not to miss, as suggested by the Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Colonial music, storytelling, crafts, games, and even a dog show will be featured during the Founder's Day Fall Festival at Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge National Historical Park. Asher's Chocolates Retail Store, in Souderton, will hold its free Fall Festival the same day, with face painting, a moon bounce, hot dogs, and lots of chocolate.

Butler Avenue, in nearby Ambler, comes alive with activity for its Oktoberfest. Music, artists, crafters, sidewalk sales, hayrides and, of course, beer will make for a grand celebration.

Visitors can go from experiencing the German heritage to the Pennsylvania German traditions celebrated at the Apple Butter Frolic at Mennonite Heritage Center, in Harleysville. There you can sample food and see demonstrations of antique farm equipment and folk crafts.

Laerenswaert is a German phrase meaning "worth learning" and at Peter Wentz Farmstead, visitors will learn by doing the same tasks that kept the farm running back in the 18th century. The Laerenswaert Colonial Craft Fair will take place in Worcester, Pa. Along the same lines, there's the All Hallow's Eve Fall Festival



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Picking pumpkins is one of the many fall activities that families can enjoy in Valley Forge and Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

at Pennypacker Mills, in nearby Schwenksville. There, guests can shuck corn or crush apples with a cider press, the way farmers did a century ago. You can get spooked listening to Haunted Stories by the Bonfire while roasting marshmallows.

Enjoy the outdoors while exploring handmade fine crafts and the artisans who created them at the Pennsylvania Guild Fine Craft Fair. The fair, at Montgomery County Community College, in Blue Bell, also features music, food and children's activities.

Hayrides to the pumpkin patch are part of Freddy's Fallfest at Freddy Hill Farms, in Lansdale. It runs every weekend in October and also offers pig races, pony rides, a farm zoo, funnel cake and more.

To learn more about these and other seasonal activities and festivals, visit www.valleyforge.org or call (610) 834-7990.