

Fall Activities in Wisconsin

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As the weather gets cooler and the leaves change color, I start to think about the fall activities that are right around the corner. In Wisconsin especially there are a lot of fun activities to do in the fall season.

The most common example of a fall activity is picking apples, and to know a good place to pick apples is either to explore, look it up or just have a place. Same with pumpkin patches, hayrides and corn mazes. It also depends on how far you want to travel to get to these activities. Back home I would travel about an hour and a half to go apple picking because the journey to that place is so much fun. Plus, I got to feed apples to cows.

An event I went to a lot as a youth sadly has passed by the time the article is posted, which is the Apple Festival in Gays Mills. I implore you to check it out if you're ever in the area because while it's not a gigantic festival it's an amazing festival for those who love apples. I remember trying an apple pie milkshake there and it honestly was pretty good, but there are fun apple-themed events, so if you're an apple fan you should definitely check out this festival and go next year. In Two Rivers they'll be having their Applefest soon and while I never have been to it, it's not that far from campus (closer than Gays Mills by a long shot). In comparison, the Two Rivers Applefest is only one day but even if you go to the Applefest there are still places to visit nearby like parks.

Speaking of festivals, the Cranberry Festival is a festival that takes place in numerous places around Wisconsin. During St. Norbert College's long weekend, Stone Lake will have its Cranberry festival but during the last full week of September, Warrens County has its cranberry festival. I love the cranberry festival that I went to a few years ago and honestly, if you're a fan of cranberries then you have to go.

Of course, it wouldn't be fall without the classic haunted house. While we have Terror on the Fox here in the Green Bay area, there's also the Green Bay Fear Haunted House.

A favorite activity of mine to do this time of year is to go to the NEW Zoo in Suamico. They decorate for the fall season and it's also not a bad price for a good few hours of enjoyment. It's a simple activity that isn't far from our campus and the animals are always fun to watch. The NEW Zoo has gathered new animals and also is connected to an adventure park where you can walk above the area on a canopy tour and learn more about the zoo's history but also the environment around the area. But, if you want to feel the spirit of trick or treating while at the zoo there is also the "Zoo Boo" that they host every weekend before Halloween in October.

Also nearby is the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary if you're on a budget. This wonderful place has many creatures and is open all year round. There are many walking trails nearby, and more native animals to learn about in Wisconsin. If you like geese it's also a great place to see a lot of geese and I mean a lot. It is a part of the Bay Beach area and if you're around Green Bay for long weekend that is when they'll be having their annual craft fair. Whether you're looking to buy crafts or get inspired this craft fair is amazing with the variety of items that people sell.

While these are only things that someone can do while in Wisconsin there's so much more to explore. Every year there is a new variety of things to try and it all can't be covered in one article but check it out. I only have touched upon outdoor activities, but there are many museums to go to and food places to try. That's the beauty of this area! There's so much to do and see that it takes exploring.