

Top Pumpkin Patches in Phoenix 2017

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Looking for fun-filled fall festivities? There's no better way to celebrate the fall season than joining some of Arizona's top pumpkin patches. Several farms, orchards and ranches in the Valley are holding family-friendly festivals and entertaining guests with hayrides, corn mazes and much more.



Mother Nature's Farm

The Pumpkin Patch at Mother Nature's Farm, rated Arizona's best in the New Times, will be open from Oct. 1 through Oct. 31 in Gilbert. The family-owned farm is stocked daily with fresh pumpkins, ranging from one ounce to 500 pounds. The farm entrance is \$10 per child, including an OZ pumpkin, an individual bag of stickers for decorating your pumpkin, an air bounce, a hayride, a straw bounce, the opportunity to feed animals and Alexander's Adventure Maze. Adult tickets are \$5 to tag along and ride the hayride. More information is available by visiting <http://www.mothenaturesfarm.com/pumpkinpatch.aspx>.

Apple Annie's Orchard

Head out to Apple Annie's Orchard and pick from your own pumpkin patch, Opening Oct. 1 through Oct. 31, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., families and kids will be able to find their own perfect pumpkin, take a wagon ride and enjoy a peaceful walk around the orchard's patch. Pumpkins range in price from \$3 to \$25 depending on the size. Apple Annie's is a family farming operation located in Willcox. More information is available at <http://www.appleannies.com/apples-annies-about.htm>.

Tolmachoff Farms

Let the memorable fall season begin at Tolmachoff Farms and experience the ultimate corn maze and pumpkin days, from Oct. 1 to Nov. 5, Tuesdays through Sundays. Families will walk through a six-acre corn maze, a mini corn maze, and a haunted maze featuring new chilling scenes every year. Farm admission is \$12 and includes a family mini maze, a petting zoo, play areas, a jumping pillow, and a bounce house. Please visit http://www.tolmachoff-farms.com/corn_maze_pumpkin_patch_glendale_arizona.html to download a \$2 off coupon for pumpkin days and corn maze.

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MacDonald's Ranch

From Oct. 1 to Oct. 31, MacDonald's Ranch will be hosting its annual Pumpkin Patch, open six days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Scottsdale. Tickets are \$10 adults or children, Monday through Friday, and \$12 each Saturdays and Sundays. Families and kids will be able to visit the petting zoo, learn to pan for gold, explore the hay maze, enjoy Western games and more. Pony rides will be available as well. For more information, visit <http://www.macdonaldsranch.com/pumpkin-patch.htm>.

Bucklelew Farm

The 29th annual Buckelew Farm festival features three corn mazes, jumping castles, kids zip lines, unlimited wagon rides and more, every Saturday and Sunday in October, starting Oct. 7. The farm gets spooky at night with its flashlight nights and haunted corn fields, featuring live zombies and ghouls galore. Visit <http://bucklelewfarm.com> for discounts on admission prices. The farm is located 30 minutes from downtown Tucson.

Rocker 7 Farm Patch

If you're ready to pick out the biggest pumpkin and create a spooky jack-o-lantern, explore Rocker 7 Farm Patch this fall in Buckeye. Guests will take strolls through the sunflower field, hop on hay wagon rides and learn a bit about Arizona agriculture at the educational barn. The 2017 Fall festival is open Saturday, Oct. 7 through Sunday, Oct. 29. Friday admission is \$9 and weekend admission is \$10. Click here to buy your ticket. <http://rocker7farmpatch.com/farm-patch-fun/>.



Schnepf Farms

Take your family out this October to Schnepf Farms, voted by Phoenix Magazine, New Times, Sunset Magazine and others as 'The Best Fall Family event in the Valley.' Schnepf's Farms in Queen Creek hosts its annual Chili Party Food, occurring every Thursday through Sunday, beginning Oct. 5. In addition to its great fall festivities, the farm will captivate the audience with a new show this year, Gypsy Time Travelers, offered Thursdays through Sundays. Admission tickets are \$20 at the gate or \$15 at any Fry's Food Stores. Click here for more information. <http://www.schnepffarms.com/event/pumpkin-chili-party-2/>

Marana Pumpkin Patch

Celebrate fall season at Marana's Pumpki Patch this October! The farm has plenty of surprises in store for locals this year, from its 50-acre field to two unique corn mazes. Kids will look forward to jumping on the farm's huge jumping pillows and warm up their bellies after with delicious festive food. Ponies, miniature donkeys and goats will also be waiting for them at the petting zoo. Marana Pumpkin Patch will open up on Oct. 7 through Oct. 29 for its annual pumpkin patches visits. Tickets are \$10.50 Monday through Thursday, and \$12.50 Friday through Sunday. Find out more info on the festival at <http://maranapumpkinpatch.com>.

Mortimer Family Farms

Mortimer Family Farms celebrates its annual Pumpkin Fest & Corn Maze Sept. 29 through Oct. 29, in Dewey. The festival's centerpiece is a 15-acre pumpkin patch and 15-acre corn maze. Every year, the Mortimer family comes up with a fun and interesting idea on how to cut the corn with an amazing picture in the center of the maze. Unique to the farm is its annual Pumpkin Chunkin', held on Oct. 14, that allows competitors to launch pumpkins across the farm. Admission tickets are \$10, Monday through Thursday, and \$15 Friday through Sunday.

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Freeman's Farm Fall Festivities

Freeman's Farm awakens to a fall filled with great festivities for its guests. The family-owned and -operated boutique pumpkin patch in Chino Valley welcomes fall with multiple performances as well as wagon hayrides, horse presentations and pumpkin patches. The festival will remain open every Saturday and Sunday in October. For more information, call 928. 636.5714.

Pioneer Harvest Fest

This family-friendly experience will entertain people of all ages with its pumpkin patch, hay rides, gold panning, live music, pony rides and more. Every family will get a free pumpkin with entry. The fest is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 14-15; 21-22 and 28-29. Tickets are on sale until Oct. 8. To purchase your ticket, click here. <https://pioneerharvestfest.com>

Vertuccio Farms

At Vertuccio Farms in Mesa, it's time for the annual corn maze and fall festival! From Oct. 2 to Nov. 5, visitors will enjoy a seven-acre corn maze, a new mini golf course, a mini zip line, duck races, pumpkin bowling and more. Tickets are \$9 Monday through Thursday, and \$10 Friday through Sunday. Don't miss out on the opportunity to take a perfect picture with your favorite pumpkin. For more information on the farm, visit <http://vertucciofarms.com/fall-festival/>.