



Fall into sweater weather and cider donuts come autumn in Greater Des Moines. From a-maize-ing pumpkin patches and apple orchards to colorful parks and scary good haunted houses, the options for fall fun are bountiful!

DAY 1					
ACTIVITY:	CATCH THIS: MORNII	NG WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:		
Drake Diner	<ul> <li>A Des Moines landmark since opening in 1987.</li> <li>Come for the charm and stay for the Whole Hog omelet and coffee refills.</li> </ul>	Mon - Wed: 8 a.m 9 p.m. Thur - Sat: 8 a.m 10 p.m. Sun: 8 a.m 9 p.m.	1111 25th Street, Des Moines drakediner.com		
Mars Café	► Third Wave coffee shop offering craft coffee drinks that are out of this world.	<b>Daily:</b> 7 a.m 5 p.m.	2318 University Avenue, Des Moines mars.coffee		
The Dam Pub	▶ 90s themed pub perfect for a hearty lunch. Nosh on timeless classics like chicken and waffles and a Barq's Root Beer float.	Mon - Thur: 11 a.m Midnight Fri - Sat: 11 a.m 2 a.m. Sun: 11 a.m 10 p.m.	2710 Beaver Avenue, Des Moines dampubdsm.com		
West End Architectural Salvage	► This business had its own show on the DIY Network and features salvaged treasures and inspiration for your next home project.	Mon - Fri: 9 a.m 5 p.m. Sat: 9 a.m 4 p.m. Sun: Noon - 4 p.m.	22 9th Sreet, Des Moines westendsalvage.com		
Jester Park	<ul> <li>More than eight miles of trails, and a scenic 5-mile Lakeshore Trail.</li> <li>Hiking, an equestrian center, golf course, nature center, natural playscape, and elk and bison herds.</li> </ul>	Summer Hours: 6:30 a.m 10:30 p.m. Winter Hours: Sunrise to sunset	12130 NW 128th Street, Granger jesterparknaturecenter.com		
Brenton Arboretum	► Rolling hills, tall prairie grass, a natural playground, and a labyrinth make this place to lose yourself in your thoughts.	<b>Daily:</b> 9 a.m Sunset	25141 260th Street, Dallas Center thebrentonarboretum.org		
Easter Lake Park	► Hidden gem on Des Moines' southside with 178-acre lake, swimming beach, and boat rentals.	Summer Hours: 6:30 a.m 10:30 p.m. Winter Hours: Sunrise to Sunset	2830 Easter Lake Drive, Des Moines catchdesmoines.com/things- to-do/outdoor/lakes		









DAY 1 - CONTINUED					
ACTIVITY:	CATCH THIS:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:		
Ledges State Park	<ul> <li>Sandstone cliffs, dense forest paths, and creek crossings.</li> <li>Spectacular views and photo ops for capturing lowa's breathtaking fall foliage.</li> </ul>	<b>Mon - Sun:</b> 4 a.m 10:30 p.m.	1515 P Avenue, Madrid alltrails.com/parks/us/iowa/ ledges-state-park		
Zombie Burger + Drink Lab	<ul> <li>GORE-met burgers and zombie chic décor.</li> <li>Pair with a spiked cereal milk shake if you dare.</li> </ul>	Mon - Thurs: 11 a.m 9 p.m. Fri - Sat: 11 a.m 10 p.m. Sun: 11 a.m 9 p.m.	300 E Grand Avenue, Des Moines zombieburgerdm.com		
The Slaughterhouse	► Enter this haunted experience if you dare. Known for its jump scares and extreme storylines – sure to make you scream.	Visit website to select a time and to purchase tickets.	500 Locust Street, Des Moines slaughterhousedm.com/		
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ACTIVITY:	CATCH THIS:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:		
Center Grove Orchard	<ul> <li>▶ Popular pumpkin patch and apple orchard with activities.</li> <li>▶ Includes everything from potato sack slides, corn mazes, and sunflower meadows to hayrides, pumpkin patches, and cider donuts.</li> </ul>	Mon - Thur: 8 a.m 9 p.m. Fri - Sat: 8 a.m 10 p.m. Sun: 8 a.m 4 p.m.	333 5th Street, West Des Moines stkildadsm.com/collective		
Howell's Pumpkin Patch	► Enjoy the pumpkin patch, corn maze, the kiddie korral for young children, the Halloween gift shop, fall foods, and even wagon rides.	Open Year Round Daily: 10 a.m 6 p.m.	3145 Howell Court, Cumming, IA howellsgreenhouseandpumpkin- patch.com		
Iowa Orchard	➤ Specialty apple orchard in Urbandale.	See website for hours of operation.	9875 Meredith Drive, Urbandale, IA iowaorchard.com/ iowa-orchard-tours-and-activities		









DAY 2 - CONTINUED					
ACTIVITY:	CATCH THIS:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:		
Hessen House	<ul><li>A German style bier-hall known for their hefeweizens.</li><li>Pass the Boot" is a must!</li></ul>	<b>Sun - Thur:</b> 10:30 - Midnight <b>Fri - Sat:</b> 10:30 a.m 2 a.m	101 SW 4th Street, Des Moines hessenhaus.com		
The Hall DSM	► German-style beer hall with four food menus, 54 beers on tap, and board games for the kids.	<b>Mon - Wed:</b> 3 - 9 p.m. <b>Thur - Fri:</b> 3 - 11 p.m. <b>Sat:</b> 11 a.m 11 p.m.	111 S 11th Street, West Des Moines thehalldsm.com		
Iowa Taproom	<ul> <li>More than 100 all lowa beers on tap.</li> <li>Elevated bar food includes tenderloin strips and lowa ham balls.</li> </ul>	<b>Mon - Sat:</b> 11 a.m Midnight <b>Sun:</b> 11 a.m 10 p.m.	215 E 3rd Street, Suite 100, Des Moines iowataproom.com		
Molly's Cupcakes	► Try the Pumpkin Spice or Caramel Apple cupcake for the full fall experience.	<b>Wed - Sun:</b> 10 a.m 8 p.m.	215 E 3rd Street, Suite 101, Des Moines mollysdsm.com		
Ken's Speakeasy	➤ Sip whiskey surrounded by dark wood and Templeton Rye whiskey barrels on the wall.	<b>Wed - Sat:</b> 5 p.m Midnight	215 E 3rd Street, Suite 100 Des Moines iowataproom.com/kens		
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ACTIVITY:	CATCH THIS:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:		
Scenic Route Bakery	► Specializes in strong coffee and baked fresh daily sweet pastries. We recommend the Oatmeal Stuffed Roasted Apples.	<b>Mon - Sat:</b> 7 a.m 4 p.m.	350 East Locust Street, Suite 104, Des Moines scenicroutebakerydsm.com		
Living History Farms	► Learn about how lowans transformed prairies into productive farmland. 500-acre open-air, interactive museum, throughout four different time periods.	<b>Fri - Sat:</b> 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. <b>Sun:</b> 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale <i>Ihf.org</i>		
The Palms Theatres & IMAX	<ul> <li>Eat while you enjoy a brand new movie.</li> <li>One of the largest IMAX theaters in the midwest, and reclinable comfy chairs.</li> </ul>	Refer to website for showtimes.	200 Northeast Westgate Drive Suite 1300, Des Moines fridleytheatres.com/ location/47961/The-Palms- Theatres-and-IMAX-Showtimes		









DAY 3 - CONTINUED					
ACTIVITY:	CATCH THIS:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:		
Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden	► Enjoy meandering through the exotic plants in the perpetually 80-degree conservatory.	<b>Tue - Sun:</b> 10 a.m 5 p.m	909 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines dmbotanicalgarden.com		
Alba	► East Village stalwart serves elevated yet unfussy dishes in an elegant atmosphere.	<b>Mon - Thur:</b> 4 - 10 p.m. <b>Fri - Sat:</b> 4 - 11 p.m <b>Sun:</b> 4 - 10 p.m	524 E 6th Street, Des Moines albadsm.com		
HoQ	➤ Focusing on local farms, HoQ puts together delicious global flavors.	Mon - Wed: 11 a.m 2 p.m., 5 - 7:30 p.m. Thurs: 11 a.m 2 p.m., 5 - 9 p.m. Fri: 11 a.m 2 p.m., 5 - 10 p.m. Sat: 10:30 a.m 2 p.m., 5 - 10 p.m.	303 E 5th Street, Des Moines hoqtable.com		
Harbinger	▶ James Beard nominated restaurant serving progressive multi-course meals that will wow!	Mon - Thur: 10 a.m 8 p.m. Fri - Sat: 10 a.m 9 p.m. Sun: 10 a.m 8 p.m.	2724 Ingersoll Avenue, Des Moines harbingerdsm.com		
Good News, Darling	► Small, experimental, and detail focused cocktail parlor. Known for using premium ingredients to create intricate cocktails.	Thur: 6 p.m. – Midnight Fri – Sat: 6 p.m. – 1 a.m.	717 Locust Street, Des Moines goodnewsdarling.com		
The Bartender's Handshake	► Cool, hipster cocktail lounge with a funky patio and without the attitude.	Mon – Tue: 2 p.m. – Midnight Thur – Fri: 2 p.m. – Midnight Sat – Sun: 11 a.m. – Midnight	3615 Ingersoll Avenue, Des Moines thebartendershandshake.com		









## **DON'T MISS THESE FALL EVENTS**

**Iowa's Latino Heritage Festival** (Late September)

Sleepy Hollow – Renaissance Fair and Scream Park (September and October)

**Des Moines Oktoberfest** (Late September)

**Adventureland Oktoberfest** (Late September)

World Food and Music Festival (Mid-September)

Night Eyes – Blank Park Zoo (Mid-October)



