



Get Spooky in These Halloweentowns Around the U.S.

All the Jack-O-Lanterns you could ever ask for.

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It's the most wonderful time of the year. | PHOTO COURTESY OF EMMA CRAWFORD FESTIVAL

New Year's Eve is for grown-ups. Valentine's Day is for high schoolers. But Halloween is for everybody.

You can celebrate it at all ages and in all places, whether you're trick-or-treating in something your grandma sewed, toilet papering your algebra teacher's house, or realizing how little money your algebra teacher must have been making and penitently volunteering to organize the local hayride. Eventually you can sew costumes for your grandkids and haunt your enemies as a ghost. Halloween is forever.

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Regardless of which phase of the Halloween life cycle you're in, nothing beats a good old-fashioned small-town Halloween festival. For all the corn mazes, apple bobbing, pumpkin carving, and costume contests you can handle, head to one of these small towns across the US.



See over 5,000 carved pumpkins at the Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular. | PHOTO BY MISSY WADE, COURTESY OF ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO

Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular

Providence, Rhode Island

There are more than 5,000 carved pumpkins at the Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular—some weighing over 2,000 pounds!—as well as a zip line you can ride over the whole party, which looks especially fun after dark. The festivities take place at Roger Williams Park Zoo—rain or shine—which means good family fun all around. This year, they're celebrating the last 150 years in music, playing hits from the 1860s through today (hopefully, they will not snub the *Monster Mash*) while guests explore scores of musician-themed Jack-O-Lanterns. As a heads up, you'll need to grab [tickets](#) in advance online.