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**Fall in Love with Fall at these Wisconsin Events**

*Travel Wisconsin lists events from late August through mid-November 2019*

**MADISON, Wis. (Aug. 5, 2019)** – With more than 70 fall events across the state, there's something for everyone to celebrate in Wisconsin this season. Whether you choose inside or outside or both, you can always find the fun you're looking for.

If it's the fall color and crisp air you seek, go wild at Wo-Zha-Wa Days in the Dells, Maple Fall Fest in Marshfield or Medford Area Harvest Days, then cozy up with a bowl of chili at Chilimania in Edgerton. Have fun indoors at Kohler Food & Wine Experience, the World Dairy Expo in Madison and celebrate the written word at the Chippewa Valley Book Festival. Wave goodbye to summer and hello to these upcoming bucket list events.



*Boulder Junction Harvest Festival*

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**AUGUST**

**The Blue Knights Motorcycle Show – Wisconsin Dells – Aug. 17, 2019**

Come to “The Water Park Capital of the World” for The Blue Knights Motorcycle Club’s first show in the Dells. Register to participate in the show or come as a spectator absolutely free. On top of 10 categories of show winners, enjoy an hourly raffle giveaway, a gun raffle, a hot wing challenge and more.

800-223-3557; [wisdells.com](http://wisdells.com)

**45<sup>th</sup> Annual Wisconsin State Cow Chip Throw — Prairie du Sac – Aug. 30-31, 2019**

Get your hands dirty at the Wisconsin State Cow Chip Throw. Each year, approximately 40,000 people attend to watch the chips fall where they may. New this year will be a volleyball tournament and a beer made specially for the event by Vintage Brewing. The event also features two stages of entertainment, an arts and crafts fair, food booths, 5K and 10K runs and much more.

608-643-4317; [wiscowchip.com](http://wiscowchip.com)

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Paramount Music Festival – Port Washington – Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 2019**

Celebrate the history of Paramount Records in Ozaukee County with the sweet sounds of regional and national music. More than 25 acts will be performing blues, rock, Americana and more. Enjoy The Pour, an annual beer and wine tasting, as you listen to some of Paramount Records' musical legends.

262-208-6288; [paramountmusic.org](http://paramountmusic.org)

### **La Crosse Area Bicycle Festival – La Crosse – Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2019**

From leisurely ice-cream rides, to challenging road rides or rugged gravel rides, you'll find it all at this fest. Enjoy two-wheeled bliss as you pedal through city, forest and mountain bike trails across the Mississippi River Valley. For more avid riders, consider signing up for the Gran Fondo and Gravel Enduro Series with rides varying 30-75-mile distances.

800-658-9424; [bicycle-lacrosse.com](http://bicycle-lacrosse.com)

### **Fall Fun on the Farms at Old World Wisconsin – Eagle – Weekends Sept. 7- Oct. 13, 2019**

Go on a time travel adventure and experience how your favorite Wisconsin food and drinks were made over a hundred years ago. Get a hands-on look at 19<sup>th</sup> century machines and lend a hand in the kitchen to turn cabbage into sauerkraut. Take in the fall color and sip hot apple cider from the award-winning Quednows Apple Orchard.

262-594-6301; [oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org](http://oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org)

### **Chilimania – Edgerton – Sept. 6-7, 2019**

Bring an appetite to Wisconsin's CASI-Sanctioned Chili Cook-Off, where chili cookers from across the Midwest, and as far as Texas, gather in Edgerton to sling their secret recipes. Festivalgoers can rock out to country music star Craig Morgan during Country Edge on Friday night before sampling chili on Saturday. And, don't forget to save room for the Bloody Mary and salsa competitions.

608-561-7566; [chilimania.com](http://chilimania.com)

### **Cameron Bluegrass Festival – Cameron – Sept. 6-8, 2019**

Head to Barron County for a toe-tapping, music-filled weekend. Music shows will be put on from 5 p.m. Friday until 5 p.m. Sunday and will include internationally known headliner band, Tommy Brown and the County Line Grass. Vendors, workshops and rough camping will all return for the festival's 13<sup>th</sup> year and will be supplemented by a Wisconsin Indian Head Art & Craft Fair for the first time.

715-458-0181; [pioneervillagemuseum.org](http://pioneervillagemuseum.org)

### **Villa Louis Carriage Classic – Prairie du Chien – Sept. 6-8, 2019**

Gallop to the finest carriage driving competition in the Midwest. Set sight on over 100 new and restored carriages led by horses and ponies. Watch as participants are tested on both arena and obstacle competitions, measuring overall impression and ability to maneuver cross country

obstacles. Admission to the event also includes a guided tour of the recently renovated Villa Louis mansion.

608-326-4436; [carriageclassic.com](http://carriageclassic.com)

**Sputnikfest – Manitowoc – Sept. 7, 2019**

Land in Manitowoc at the same spot where a piece of the Russian Sputnik IV fell right on the corner of an intersection. Show off your inner alien at the Cosmic Costume Contest or enter your pet in the Alien Pet Costume Contest. If you don't want to dress up, snap a picture with the group of Star Wars characters. Sputnik landed here... why don't you?

920-686-3090; [manitowoc.org](http://manitowoc.org)

**Artrageous Weekend – Wausau – Sept. 7-8, 2019**

With four simultaneous art events held throughout Wausau, this weekend is truly art-rageous! Take advantage of the free shuttlebus to experience Art in the Park, Festival of Arts, Center for the Visual Arts and Birds in Art. Visitors can browse and purchase work in a variety of artistic styles and participate in free hands-on art activities, including art projects geared at children ages 3-12.

715-842-1676; [wausaufoa.org](http://wausaufoa.org)

**Mid-Lakes Tractor Show & Thresheree – Manitowoc – Sept. 7-8, 2019**

Experience agricultural nostalgia during this interactive outdoor event in Manitowoc. Whether making butter in the Cheese Factory, watching antique farm machines at work or experiencing 25 different interactive historic structures, there's always something exciting happening at the Thresheree! Back again this year is the pretend cattle auction.

920-732-1562; [mid-lakesrusticiron.org](http://mid-lakesrusticiron.org)



*Manitowoc Mid-Lakes Tractor Show & Thresheree*

**Wisconsin Game Fest – Chippewa Falls – Sept. 7-8, 2019**

Travel north for fun, outdoor activities including youth shooting and archery, recreational vehicle riding and watching the North America Diving Dogs. Observe and shop at indoor and outdoor exhibits and displays, enjoy buck and bear trophy scoring, or take a break at the petting zoo.

715-579-7127; [wgamefest.com](http://wgamefest.com)

**Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival – Elkhart Lake – Sept. 13-15, 2019**

Vroom, vroom! This year, the Formula Ford's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will headline the Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival and is expected to attract 200 drivers from the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the UK. Fans can enjoy close-up views of race cars and street cars. Follow the road course re-enactment tour that travels along the same public roads used for racing before Road America was constructed.

920-892-4576; [roadamerica.com](http://roadamerica.com)

**Gemueticlichkeit Days – Jefferson – Sept. 13-15, 2019**

Prost! Gemueticlichkeit Days honors German heritage by uniting the community around traditional activities, authentic music and, of course, grub. Groove through polka hop lessons, test strength in the festival's first ever Beer Stein Holding contest and savor a Sauerbraten Sandwich. Those seeking friendly competition can rev their engine in the chainsaw competition or bring their appetite to the sauerkraut eating contest.

920-674-4511; [gdays.org](http://gdays.org)

**Wo-Zha-Wa Days Fall Festival – Wisconsin Dells – Sept. 13-15, 2019**

There's only one way to describe this three-day, family-fun spectacular – Wo-Zha-Wa.

The weekend is chock-full of excitement with a flea market, arts and crafts fair, community run and 100-unit parade. Don't miss out on the carnival rides and the Race For The Future, Wisconsin's oldest long distance run.

800-223-3557; [wisdells.com](http://wisdells.com)



*Egg Harbor AleFest*

**Egg Harbor AleFest – Egg Harbor – Sept. 14, 2019**

Raise a glass to Egg Harbor AleFest with over 100 different craft beers to sample. Rock out to Green Bay's premier party band Brass Differential and take advantage of the complimentary trolley transportation to and from the festival grounds and around Egg Harbor.

920-868-3717;  
[eggharbordoorcounty.org](http://eggharbordoorcounty.org)

**Thirsty Troll Brew Fest – Mount Horeb – Sept. 14, 2019**

Calling all craft beer fans. The Thirsty Troll Brew Fest continues to grow and will feature 30 craft brewers serving over 125 different beers. Take a break from beer tasting to participate in the Masskrugstemmen Troll Strength Competition by holding a full liter beer stein with a straight arm parallel to the ground.

608-437-5914; [trollway.com](http://trollway.com)

**Whooping Crane Festival – Princeton – Sept. 14, 2019**

Fly to the Whooping Crane Festival to learn about this previously endangered bird. Kids can build their own birdhouses and see an interactive hands-on bird show. Shop around the artisan and vendor area for one-of-a-kind gifts or go on a field trip to the EAA Aviation Museum to see an Operation Migration ultralight plane.

920-295-3877; [cityofprincetonwi.com](http://cityofprincetonwi.com)

**Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival – Cable and Hayward – Sept. 14, 2019**

Strap on your helmets for this thrilling, off-roading adventure. Hit the trails and enjoy the beautiful and challenging rolling, glacial terrain as thousands of fat tire bikers test their endurance and agility. For the less extreme, there's the children's bicycle parade and rodeo, bicycle toss, log pull and bicycle bowling.

715-798-3594; [cheqmtb.com](http://cheqmtb.com)

**Fat Tire Ride – Lake Geneva – Sept. 14, 2019**

Take the road less traveled and hop on your bike to explore Lake Geneva, Fontana and Williams Bay during this 21.5-mile ride where costumes are encouraged. Go at your own pace for amazing views of Lake Como and Geneva Lake. Afterwards, relax with live music, a raffle and a pig roast. 262-248-6008; [fattireride.com](http://fattireride.com)

**International Fall Festival – Eau Claire – Sept. 14, 2019**

It's a small world after all at the International Fall Festival, the largest and most historic festival in Eau Claire. The South Barstow District will come alive with international live music, authentic Native American dancing and more than 100 different ethnic food and craft vendors celebrating the diverse cultural makeup of the city. 715-839-4914; [downtowneauclaire.org](http://downtowneauclaire.org)

**Bacon Bash – River Falls – Sept. 14-15, 2019**

Bacon lovers rejoice. The nation's largest free bacon festival will feature over 35 different finger lickin' dishes, because what isn't better with bacon?! Porktacular events and activities include the pig calling/pig impersonation contests, pet costume contest and World Food Championship Cook-Off Competition. Festival goers will go oinkers over the Pig Pardon, where plush pigs are flung from rooftops and plastic pigs float down the Kinnickinnic River.

715-425-2533; [riverfallsbaconbash.com](http://riverfallsbaconbash.com)



*River Falls Bacon Bash*

**Maple Fall Fest – Marshfield – Sept. 14-15, 2019**

Take part in Friday's Fall Street Dance before indulging in maple syrup galore. Munch on maple syrup-infused products dished out by grilling experts Mad Dog & Merrill and throw on your cowboy boots for lessons by Central Wisconsin Country Dancers. Cheer on during the maple dessert and maple syrup judging contests and browse 150+ handmade arts and crafts vendor booths. Don't miss the Marshfield Cranberry Century Bike Tour on Sunday.

715-384-3454; [visitmarshfield.com](http://visitmarshfield.com)

**Oktoberfest – Chippewa Falls – Sept. 20-22, 2019**

Oktoberfest in Chippewa Falls brings Germany to Wisconsin. Kick back in a biergarten while listening to Glockenspiel performances and a myriad of polka bands. Get in on the action with competitions including stein holding, sauerkraut-eating or keg rolling.

715-723-0331; [gochippewafalls.com](http://gochippewafalls.com)

**Wind Power Windsurfing Championships – Fond du Lac – Sept. 20-22, 2019**

Visit Fond du Lac for the largest windsurfing race in the Midwest and Great Lakes region. Check out top athletes from across the U.S. and Canada as they face off in the 30-mile race across Lake Winnebago in this highly competitive sport.

920-922-2550; [fdl.com](http://fdl.com)

**Wine & Harvest Festival – Cedarburg – Sept. 21-22, 2019**

Celebrate fall at the Wine & Harvest Festival in Cedarburg, complete with scrumptious artisan food, award-winning wines and a large variety of arts and crafts for sale. The Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off is a must-see, as is the Giant Pumpkin Charity Regatta featuring gigantic, decorated pumpkins. Wine lovers can join in the “Grape Stomp,” or sip delicious wines at Cedar Creek Winery. Listen to live music and get a festive bite to eat at the food court — the Cranberry Wraps or Harvest Apple Brat are both fan favorites.

262-377-9620; [cedarburgfestival.org](http://cedarburgfestival.org)

**Oktoberfest USA – La Crosse – Sept. 26-29, 2019**

Whether you're German or just looking for an excuse to wear some lederhosen, you are welcome at the largest Oktoberfest in the country. Drawing over 150,000 visitors, this celebration includes epic parades, multiple stages of live entertainment and an authentic German beer garden. Enjoy plenty of traditional brews and food across both the Northside and Southside Grounds.

608-784-3378; [oktoberfestusa.com](http://oktoberfestusa.com)

**Octoberfest – Appleton – Sept. 27-28, 2019**

Join over 100,000 people in Appleton for this massive one-mile-long block party. The festival kicks off with the License to Cruise classic car show featuring over 400 classic cars, live music and great food from local restaurants. On Saturday, come enjoy live music at every corner of College Avenue and enjoy delicious German food and a wide variety of beer.

920-734-7101; [octoberfestonline.org](http://octoberfestonline.org)

**Apple Festival – Gays Mills – Sept. 27-29, 2019**

The Apple Capital of Wisconsin knows how to honor its namesake. Apple Festival celebrates the apple harvest with a parade, a carnival and a bounty of other fun activities. Take a swing at the horseshoe tournament, browse the flea market and watch kiddos participate in the ¼ mile Kids Fun Run.

608-735-4341; [gaysmills.org](http://gaysmills.org)

**Warrens Cranberry Festival – Warrens – Sept. 27-29, 2019**

Visit the “Cranberry Capital of Wisconsin” for the world's largest cranberry festival, honoring Wisconsin's state fruit. Take a tour of a cranberry marsh and walk down into the bog to see how cranberries grow. There's over three miles of shopping filled with local arts and crafts and farmers' markets. Compete in a variety of cranberry-themed contests, sample farm produce from more than 90 food booths, and end the day with the tasty fest favorite, the cranberry cream puffs.

608-378-4200; [cranfest.com](http://cranfest.com)

**Beef-A-Rama – Minocqua – Sept. 28, 2019**

Mooo-ve on over to Minocqua for the 55<sup>th</sup> annual Beef-A-Rama celebration. Kick off the day by throwing on your cow costume and participating in the Rump Roast 5K and 10K walk/run. Then join 12,000 other beef-lovers downtown for the Prime Choice Craft Show, Beef Eating Contest and Cow Pie Plop. New this year – keep your eye out for street performers roaming through town to entertain festivalgoers.

715-356-5266; [minocqua.org](http://minocqua.org)



**Fall Color (Biking) Festival – Whitewater – Sept. 28, 2019**

Hop on your mountain bike for some heart-pounding fun at the John Muir Trails. Ride solo, participate in the unicycle ride, or team up with little ones for the parent/child tag team race. Kids can enjoy face painting at the activity tent while parents kick back in the beer garden.

Proceeds support future trail maintenance and development.

262-495-8600; [fallcolorfestival.org](http://fallcolorfestival.org)

**Geneva Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show – Fontana – Sept. 28-29, 2019**

Set sail to this classic and vintage boat show with unique boats from across the country. Kick the weekend off with a cruise to tour three incredible estates on Geneva Lake and enjoy a cocktail dinner reception at night. On Saturday, each boat on display, both in the water and on land, will be entered to win one of over 20 unique awards for the weekend.

630-802-2698; [genevalakesboatshow.com](http://genevalakesboatshow.com)

**Green Lake Harvest Fest – Green Lake – Sept. 28-29, 2019**

Clear your calendar for two days chock-full of fall fun. Fuel up with some grub from local restaurants, explore the farmer's market and craft fair and make a bid at the silent auction before competing in the corn hole tournament. Kick back and watch the parade followed by live music.

920-294-3231; [visitgreenlake.com](http://visitgreenlake.com)

**Spirit of the St. Croix Art Festival – Hudson – Sept. 28-29, 2019**

Calling all art aficionados! Arrive at Lakefront Park to view more than 80 juried artists display their work. Partake in interactive demos, stroll along the banks of the St. Croix River while listening to live music, and enjoy food from local restaurants.

715-386-8411; [discoverhudsonwi.com](http://discoverhudsonwi.com)

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Snowmobile Grass Drags and Swap Meet – Wausau – Sept. 28-29, 2019**

No snow? No problem. At this event, snowmobiles are put to the test before the harsh Wisconsin winter with 40 classes of full throttle drag racing on grass – including vintage, modified and youth snowmobile races. Cheer on your favorites as the mini-trucks and mini-rods race at the dirt pull track. Pick up a ride or gear of your own at the largest snowmobile and ATV/UTV swap meet in Wisconsin.

715-571-9768; [trailmatesclub.com](http://trailmatesclub.com)

**Wade House Civil War Weekend – Greenbush – Sept. 28-29, 2019**

Charge over to Wade House Civil War Weekend to experience an 1860s clash of arms. Watch as Union and Confederate troops set up camp, conduct drills and offer a variety of demonstrations. Walk through an authentic civil war camp and learn about the life of a soldier during the 1860s. Don't miss Abraham Lincoln's press conference where he'll give everyone an update on the situation of 1861, the prospect of losing Missouri, the war effort and trials to come.

920-526-3271; [wadehouse.wisconsinhistory.org](http://wadehouse.wisconsinhistory.org)

**OCTOBER**

**Racine Zoo Lantern Festival – Racine – Oct. 1- Dec. 31, 2019**

Take a stroll around the Racine Zoo and immerse yourself in the incredible works of art. From tigers, lions, pandas, exotic flora and a colossal dragon, Racine Zoo will be transformed into a world of illumination. To top it off, an array of food and drink vendors will make the Lantern Festival a truly unforgettable event.

262-636-9189; [racinezoo.org](http://racinezoo.org)

**World Dairy Expo – Madison – Oct. 1-5, 2019**

Get a moo-ve on to the World Dairy Expo in Madison. As the largest dairy-focused trade show in the world, this expo features all things dairy. Herd your crew to the educational seminars and virtual farm tours to learn more about livestock and dairy. Talk to over 850 industry experts and dairy vendors at the trade show and make sure to check out the newly expanded educational offerings. Grab a grilled cheese and end the day watching one of the best-known dairy cattle shows in the world featuring more than 2,400 head of cattle.

608-224-6455; [worlddairyexpo.com](http://worlddairyexpo.com)

**Chain O' Lakes Blues Festival – Waupaca – Oct. 4-5, 2019**

You'll feel anything but blue at the annual Chain O' Lakes Blues Festival. This year's musical lineup includes Reverend Raven & The Chain Smoking Altar Boys and the lively Toronzo Cannon who will perform on the beautiful shores of the Waupaca Chain O' Lakes.

715-258-7343; [waupacamemories.com](http://waupacamemories.com)

**Bayfield Apple Festival – Bayfield – Oct. 4-6, 2019**



Bite into the autumn harvest by touring the orchards and wineries of the Bayfield Fruit Loop. Sample local apple-themed treats from over 60 local food vendors and enjoy the Grand Parade featuring live music by a 400-person band followed by the coronation of the 2019 Apple Queen. View the breathtaking fall colors during the Peel Out 5K and 10K trail run at Mt. Ashwabay.

715-779-3335; [bayfield.org](http://bayfield.org)

*Bayfield Apple Festival*

**Fall Fresh Art Tour – Pepin and Pierce Counties – Oct. 4-6, 2019**

This year, the Art Tour features 30 artists along 18 stops, including two historic buildings not typically open to the public. This self-guided tour showcases the inspiration that prompted the artistic community of painters, potters, sculptors, photographers and more to migrate to the area in the 1970s.

715-577-8894; [freshart.org](http://freshart.org)

**Fermentation Fest – Reedsburg – Oct. 4-6, 12-13, 2019**

Fermentation Fest brings together farmers, chefs, artists, poets and performers to celebrate agriculture, food and the arts. Taste everything from sauerkraut to hot sauces, chocolate to coffee, beer to wine, and learn about their fermentation processes.

608-524-2850; [fermentationfest.com](http://fermentationfest.com)

**Windigo Fest – Manitowoc – Oct. 4-6, 2019**

Celebrate all things Halloween in Manitowoc for Windigo Fest. Compete in the costume contest, take in spooky performances and music, or catch the parade. Don't miss unique events like the dark arts exhibits or the historical cemetery bus tour.

920-683-3268; [windigofest.com](http://windigofest.com)

**Apple Affair – Galesville – Oct. 5, 2019**

Bring the apple of your eye to Galesville's Apple Affair. Enjoy the designs and the coziness of the quilt show. There's also scrambled egg omelets made in one of the largest skillets you will ever see. Hop on a bike for the Apple Affair Bike Tour with distances from six to 75 miles or participate in the event's first ever color run. Taste the caramel apples, apple cider and the famous 10-foot apple pie baked in a 12-foot oven, and come prepared to purchase apples and apple treats served by local orchards.

608-582-2868; [galesvillewi.com](http://galesvillewi.com)

**Kickapoo Reserve Dam Challenge – La Farge – Oct. 5, 2019**

Kick your athleticism into gear at the Kickapoo Reserve Dam Challenge Triathlon. Compete solo, or in a team of two or four, as you paddle down the winding Kickapoo River, bike up and down the hilly Driftless area and run through the Kickapoo Valley Reserve. Participate in this one-of-a-kind race while taking in one of Wisconsin's most scenic rural landscapes.

608-625-2960; [kvr.state.wi.us/Home](http://kvr.state.wi.us/Home)

**Stone Lake Cranberry Festival – Stone Lake – Oct. 5, 2019**

Cran you believe it's the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Stone Lake Cranberry Festival? Over 300 vendors sell thousands of pounds of delicious cranberries and craisins. See where the magic happens with a guided bus tour of the cranberry marshes. Show off your baking skills in the cranberry baking contest or get your cran fix with a cranberry pancake breakfast, pie social and bake sale.

715-865-5038; [stonelakecranberryfestival.com](http://stonelakecranberryfestival.com)

**Cranberry Fest – Eagle River – Oct. 5-6, 2019**

Whether you're craving cranberry pancakes, cranberry brats or a slice of the "World's Largest Cranberry Cheesecake," this fest has you covered. Balance out the cranberry cuisine by browsing more than 300 arts and crafts booths, participate in the Early Bird Berry Bog Jog or take a cranberry marsh tour. The festival will sell approximately 10,000 pounds of cranberries, along with cookbooks offering new and unique ways to use the state fruit.

715-479-6400; [eagleriver.org](http://eagleriver.org)

**Nekoosa Giant Pumpkin Fest – Nekoosa – Oct. 5-6, 2019**

Ever wondered what a pumpkin looks like falling from the sky? Look no further. The main event of this fest is a gigantic pumpkin hoisted to the top of a 100-foot crane and dropped spectacularly to the field below. There will also be artistic pumpkin carvers, a carnival and a car and tractor show.

715-570-7133; [nekoosagiantpumpkinfest.com](http://nekoosagiantpumpkinfest.com)

**Shawano Country Miles of Art Fall Festival – Shawano – Oct. 5-6, 2019**

Traverse Shawano and Menominee counties, "Shawano Country," during fall foliage as you follow a self-guided tour of local artists' studios and galleries. Set your sights on murals, barn quilts, live music and dancing.

715-524-2139; [smartwisconsin.com](http://smartwisconsin.com)

**Rural Arts Road Trip – Calumet County – Oct. 11-12, 2019**

Travel the scenic roads of Calumet County on this three-day, self-guided road trip, featuring one-of-a-kind artwork from 35 new and returning artists at eight locations. Eclectic art pieces range from stained glass windows and watercolor to oil paintings and hand-wrought silver jewelry. On-site demos give visitors a peek at the creative process. Along the tour, try local and organic foods, like grass-fed beef, artisan cheeses and handcrafted ice cream.

920-286-0971; [ruralartsroadtrip.com](http://ruralartsroadtrip.com)

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sheboygan Children's & Teen Book Festival – Sheboygan – Oct. 11-13, 2019**

This year's book festival theme is "Out of This World," with extra surprises and events to celebrate the 10-year anniversary. The festival will kick off on Friday night with Latin GRAMMY winner Mister G leading a bedtime concert, followed by a parade Saturday morning with a cast of book characters. In addition to the outstanding presenters for the Children's Book Fest, there is a phenomenal group of authors/illustrators for the Teen Book Fest, including Matt de la Peña, New York Times Bestselling and Newbery Medal-winning author, and M.T. Anderson, National Book Award finalist, winner of the Boston Globe Horn Book Award and L.A. Times Book Award for Young Adult fiction.

920-458-6144; [sheboyganchildrensbookfestival.org](http://sheboyganchildrensbookfestival.org)

**Harvest Fest – Boulder Junction – Oct. 12, 2019**

Relish in the best parts of fall at Harvest Fest. Kids can join Granny Autumn for activities and games while adults can shop and exchange their local receipts for a chance to win prizes. Enjoy fall-favorite foods like caramel apples and chili, and peruse a seasonal produce sale with pumpkins, fall flowers, honey and squash. Top off the day with a glass of wine at the Cranberry Gift Shop.

715-385-2400; [boulderjct.org](http://boulderjct.org)

**Oktoberfest Celebration – Lake Geneva – Oct. 12-13, 2019**

This Oktoberfest has something for everyone. Keep busy with the bounce houses, pony rides, live entertainment and Knochkerball. Recharge at the beer tent featuring Hoffbrau brews and fill up on brats, potato pancakes and cider donuts. And, nothing says fall like a free pumpkin giveaway.

262-248-4416; [visitlakegeneva.com](http://visitlakegeneva.com)

**Pumpkin Patch Festival – Egg Harbor – Oct. 12-13, 2019**

Don't miss Egg Harbor's biggest event of the year. This family-friendly festival in the heart of Door County enchants with pumpkin and scarecrow displays, live music and carnival rides. Keep your eyes peeled for a magician roaming throughout Harbor View Park.

920-868-3717; [eggharbordoocounty.org](http://eggharbordoocounty.org)

**Great Pumpkin Train – Green Bay – Oct. 12 & 19, 2019**

All aboard for Halloween fun at the National Railroad Museum. Patrons can ride the Museum's train to the pumpkin patch, where everyone is welcome to select



*Green Bay Great Pumpkin Train*

a pumpkin of their own. Admission includes indoor live entertainment, crafts and games for children of all ages.

920-437-7623; [nationalrmmuseum.org](http://nationalrmmuseum.org)

**Kohler Food & Wine Experience – Kohler – Oct. 17-20, 2019**

Channel your inner foodie at this four-day extravaganza of food, wine and fun. This immersive culinary experience brings together regional and local chefs and winemakers for hands-on cooking demos, pairing sessions and signature evening soirees. The “Activation Village” is back to engage wine experts from around the world in interactive sampling sessions. Don't forget to grab an Old-Fashioned made with signature KOHLER Dark Chocolate Brandy.

920-457-8000; [americanclubresort.com](http://americanclubresort.com)

**Wisconsin Book Festival – Madison – Oct. 17-20, 2019**

Ready your bookmarks for the Midwest's premier literary event in Madison. The four-day festival brings up to 15,000 visitors to experience literature, spoken word and artistic performances from local literary talent along with nationally recognized voices.

608-266-6318; [wisconsinbookfestival.org](http://wisconsinbookfestival.org)

**Wisconsin Science Festival – Statewide – Oct. 17-20, 2019**

Calling all aspiring scientists. This four-day, statewide extravaganza unites science lovers through hands-on exhibitions, demonstrations, performances, tours and workshops. The festival aims to promote innovation and discovery among the next generation of global citizens.

608-316-4382; [wisconsinsciencefest.org](http://wisconsinsciencefest.org)

**Milwaukee Film Festival – Milwaukee – Oct. 17-31, 2019**

Grab your popcorn and a seat at the 6<sup>th</sup> largest film festival in the country. This fest showcases recognized national and international fiction and documentary films, including some by local filmmakers. The festival expects to screen more than 300 films across 18 program categories.

414-755-1965; [mkefilm.org](http://mkefilm.org)

**Fall Gallery Night & Day – Milwaukee – Oct. 18-19, 2019**

For over 30 years, Fall Gallery Night & Day has showcased some of Milwaukee's most unique art talents. Explore businesses, stores and restaurants throughout multiple downtown Milwaukee neighborhoods. Chat directly with artists about their works of art at each location.

414-273-1173; [historichirdward.org](http://historichirdward.org)

**Fall Art Tour – Baraboo, Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Spring Green – Oct. 18-20, 2019**

Take a self-guided tour through studio spaces at this exclusive fall event. Step into a former brewery, an old, public school building and an Amish log cabin for a unique view of these artists' spaces. Spend the weekend soaking up the beautiful rolling hills, autumn colors and artwork at over 55 private studios – many of which are only open for this event.

608-987-3787; [fallarttour.com](http://fallarttour.com)

**Madeline Island Fall Festival – Madeline Island – Oct. 19, 2019**

Flock to Madeline Island for a unique take on a fall celebration. Bring the whole family to check out artist demonstrations, watch a vintage car show and join a bird-watching hike. Take it a step further with hands-on activities like pumpkin decorating, bird house-making and a pumpkin pie-eating contest. Local shops and restaurants will also have special activities and sales.

715-747-2801; [madelineisland.com](http://madelineisland.com)

**Chippewa Valley Book Festival – Eau Claire – Oct. 21-27, 2019**

This book festival packs 20 events into seven days. Celebrate the written word with local and national author readings, book signings, meals with authors and workshops for writers of all ages. In attendance will be Art Cullen, editor of the Storm Lake Times in Iowa, who won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize, and Rebecca Makkai, author of *The Great Believers*, one of The New York Times' top 10 books for 2018. The 2019 festival will feature more than 20 authors at area libraries, schools and other community locations.

715-839-5004; [cvbookfest.org](http://cvbookfest.org)

**Medford Area Harvest Days – Medford Area – Oct. 24-27, 2019**

Bring the family to Taylor County for a weekend of outdoor fun including a 5K run/walk to kick things off on Thursday; Adult Trick-Or-Treat on Friday night; and on Saturday, come hungry for the chili and dessert contest and kid's candy drop. Friday offers kids activities and a scavenger hunt, and the weekend will culminate with a parade on Sunday.

715-748-4729

**Jack O' Lantern Days – Fish Creek – Oct. 25-27, 2019**

Witches and goblins of all ages can join in on this hometown Halloween festival. Get decked out in Halloween garb for the costume contest, rove around for town-wide trick-or-treating and don't forget to make a mask before hopping on the Door County Trolley during one of their nightly ghost tours – spooky.

920-868-2316; [visitfishcreek.com](http://visitfishcreek.com)

**NOVEMBER**

**Old-Fashioneds Up North – Eagle River – November 9, 2019**

Whet your whistle as Northwoods bartenders put their skills to the test in an Old-Fashioned-making competition. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided and there will be live entertainment with a supper club theme throughout the evening.

800-359-6315; [eaqleriver.org](http://eaqleriver.org)

**Holiday Harvest Wine & Food Festival – Prescott, Stockholm, Pepin – Nov. 9-10, 2019**

Lean into the holiday season by exploring 11 wineries on a self-guided tour along the Great River Road Wine Trail, all in the name of wine. Each ticket holder receives a wine trail glass and a six-bottle wine tote at the first winery visited. Grab your glass, and sample delicious wines and ciders paired with local food. Reduced price tickets for designated drivers are available.

715-448-3502; [greatriverroadwinetrail.org](http://greatriverroadwinetrail.org)



**Trainfest – West Allis – Nov. 9-10, 2019**

All aboard. America's largest operating model railroad show expects to attract over 20,000 visitors this year. Whether you want to ride, operate or build a train, this event is sure to impress. New this year is the launch of Trainfest Builders, where children ages 5-10 can bring their trains and set them up in imaginative displays; children ages 11-14 can create a model railroad that links to other modules.

262-820-3566; [trainfest.com](http://trainfest.com)

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