

## 2025 FAMILY-FRIENDLY FALL ACTIVITIES

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### GO APPLE PICKING

- **Perry Lowe Orchard** (near Wilkesboro) will take you on a hayride to the best apple picking spots. Plenty of kid and teen activities (apple cannon!) are available and the store has apple treats including apple cider slushies and donuts.
- **The Orchard at Altapass** (Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 328, near Linville) has a u-pick heirloom variety orchard and hosts live music on weekends. Get a slice of warm apple pie and visit the butterfly garden too!
- \*Prefer hard cider? Visit **Molly Chomper Hard Cidery** in beautiful Lansing (near West Jefferson)

### JUMP IN THE LEAVES

**Price Park Picnic Area** (Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 297, near Blowing Rock) is the perfect location to make a leaf pile! Don't forget to bring a rake and a picnic to enjoy. \*Tip: head over after 11am so the leaves have time to dry

### VISIT A CORN MAZE & PUMPKIN PATCH

- **Ashe County Corn Maze** (near West Jefferson) features a 4-acre maze, fall activities (pumpkin bowling!), food trucks
- **Harvest Farm Corn Maze** (in Valle Crucis) features a maze and beautiful pumpkin patch
- **Lantern Farm** (on Blue Ridge Parkway near Cascades falls) features a maze, pumpkin patch, animals and treats
- **C&J Pumpkins & Corn Maze** (in Boone) take a hayride, u-pick in a large pumpkin patch, kids activities too

### TAKE A LEAF-LOOKIN DRIVE

- **Country backroads-** Stop by the visitor center for a map or find mapped routes at [NCHighCountryFall.com](http://NCHighCountryFall.com)
- **Blue Ridge Parkway-** open sections 280.9-317.5 (Blowing Rock-Linville Falls) and 244.7-238.5 (Sparta) will have amazing leaf-looker views!
- **Barn Quilt Trails-** Avery County, Ashe County and Alleghany County have maps to barns throughout the countryside

### EAT TOO MUCH CANDY

- **Mast General Store Candy Barrel** (in Boone or Mast General Store Annex in Valle Crucis) has all the retro favorites
- **Ashe County Cheese Kandy Korner** (in West Jefferson) has old fashioned candy and fudge
- **Kilwins** (in Blowing Rock and West Jefferson) has fall favorite flavors. Try the homemade pumpkin and maple fudge, candies and pumpkin ice cream

### WATCH THE HAWK MIGRATION

- **Mahogany Rock** (Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 235) is a great overlook with a steady wind current
- **Grandfather Mountain** guests are invited to count hawks with on-site naturalists during the month of September

### TAKE A SCENIC RIDE

- **Wilderness Run Alpine Coaster** offers a thrilling downhill look at the leaves daily
- **Sky Valley, Hawksnest and High Gravity Ziplines** offer canopy tours for all ages
- **Sugar Mountain Resort** hosts scenic lift rides October 11-12 (during OcktoberFest)
- **Beech Mountain Resort** hosts scenic lift rides Fri-Sun, 10am-6pm through September

### ATTEND A FALL FESTIVAL

- **Mountain Heritage Festival:** September 20, Sparta
- **Art on the Mountain:** September 27, West Jefferson
- **Autumn Market and Fall Festival:** September 27, Boone
- **Brushy Mountain Apple Festival:** October 4, North Wilkesboro
- **Oktoberfest:** October 11-12, Sugar Mountain
- **Valle Country Fair:** October 18, Valle Crucis
- **Woolly Worm Festival:** October 18-19, Banner Elk