



From Frights to Delights: Halloween Comes to Bowling Green

Bowling Green, Kentucky (September 17, 2026) – Looking for a Halloween season that has equal parts tricks and treats? [Bowling Green](#) is brewing up a season of haunted happenings, fall festivities and plenty of treats, with something for every kind of Halloween fan. Whether you're ready to face your fears or would rather stick to pumpkin patches, Kentucky's third-largest city has a little hocus pocus for everyone.

This year, visitors (and residents!) can turn their fall adventures into prizes with the brand-new **Tricks and Treats Trail**, a fun way to experience the season's best attractions. Pick up a trail passport and visit participating Halloween and fall attractions throughout Bowling Green, collecting stamps on your pumpkin passport along the way. The more stops you make, the more autumnal-themed prizes you can collect.

If a good scare is your idea of fall fun, Bowling Green has plenty of ways to get your heart racing. Horror has deep roots here – after all, this city is the hometown of [John Carpenter](#), the legendary filmmaker behind *Halloween* and other horror classics. Fans can travel the “Reel Sites, Real Scary” driving tour to see Carpenter's childhood home, places around town that that inspired locations and mentions in his films, and other notable spots. Visitors can channel a little of that hometown horror energy while exploring Bowling Green's frightful experiences.

At [Skeleton's Lair Scream Park](#), four attractions – including haunted woods, a hayride, haunted house and 3D maze – promise a full night of frights. The park also offers special event weekends and horror movie guest appearances that add even more thrills throughout the season.

For something a little more mysterious, join paranormal researcher Dr. Tamela Smith for the [Hilltop History and Haunts Tour](#) at Western Kentucky University. The 90-minute walking tour shares eerie stories, unexplained encounters and the darker side of some of the university's most notorious

spots. Meanwhile for the 18+ crowd, [UnSeen BG](#) brings local history and haunted tales to the streets with its 1.5-mile walking tours.

Even the underground has a few tales to tell in this city. At Lost River Cave, the [Lost Tales of the Underground](#) tour combines dark history and ghostly legends with a walk through the valley and a boat ride through the cave. Thankfully, for the faint of heart, no jump scares happen on this tour.



Lost River Cave offers a fun Scarecrow Trail during the day, but their Lost Tales of the Underground tour embraces things that go bump in the night once the sun goes down.

But not every Halloween adventure needs a creepy backstory or a scream for a good time. At Lost River Cave's [Scarecrow Trail](#), quirky scarecrows decorated by local families and businesses take over the grounds for a free, family-friendly fall tradition. At [Beech Bend](#), the first-ever Boo at the Bend brings weekly family-friendly Halloween fun with hayrides, park rides, trick-or-treating, a hay maze and more. And autumn arrives at [Jackson's Orchard & Nursery](#) with pumpkins, apples, hayrides, corn mazes and weekend Pumpkin Fest activities. Because the orchard is open seven days a week throughout the fall season, there are plenty of opportunities to stop in for seasonal favorites like fried apple pies, apple cider slushies and caramel apples.

For a little taste of fall in a cup – or a cone -- head to [Chaney's Dairy Barn](#) for a trip through the corn maze followed by a scoop (or two ... or three) of seasonal pumpkin ice cream. But not to worry, Bowling Green's fall flavors don't stop at the farm! [Spencer's Coffee](#) gets into the season with fall drinks and a tempting lineup of seasonal baked goods ... with one clear winner. Their pumpkin chocolate chip cookie is a local favorite, having sold nearly 8,400 of them last fall!



Spencer's fall lineup is one to celebrate!

Lastly, for a celebration that's more festive than frightening, [Harvest Festival](#) returns downtown on Thursday, October 17, for its 10th anniversary. The free event brings together local vendors, entertainment and fun for a spirited celebration of the season.

Be sure to keep an eye on the trees while you're here. Bowling Green's famously rare white squirrels can look almost ghostly as they dart through parts of town, tiny and quick apparitions that might just be the most adorable Halloween sighting of all!

Whether you're looking for a good scare or simply a good time, Bowling Green has plenty of ways to celebrate the season. So, grab a trail passport and get ready ... it's time to get trick AND treating!

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