



Five Must-Do Fall Experiences in Butler County, Ohio

West Chester, Ohio (August 19, 2026) – Travelers seeking an authentic fall escape this autumn should consider a trip to [Butler County, Ohio](#). Located between Cincinnati and Dayton, the destination is filled with family-owned and -operated farms, attractions, festivals, and foods that celebrate the best of the season (especially if you love pumpkins!). Read on for five notable experiences visitors can enjoy here from September through the end of October.



Giant pumpkin carving at Operation Pumpkin & Art Festival.

Credit: Travel Butler County

1. Operation Pumpkin & Art Festival

Considered one of the largest pumpkin festivals in the world, [Operation Pumpkin & Art Festival](#) is a three-day event held in Hamilton from October 9-11. The festival brings in both seasoned champions and first-timers who carve between 150 and 200 pumpkins, including giant specimens that can weigh more than 1,000 pounds. Festivities also include pumpkin, fruit and vegetable weigh-offs; Lil' Miss Punkin contests for kids ages 3 to 8; a pet parade and costume contest; and nearly 200 artisans and food vendors.

2. Family Fun on the Farm

For those seeking U-pick pumpkin patches, corn mazes, hayrides, sunflowers, fall treats and more, visitors can choose from a variety of local farms. Visit [Niederman Family Farm](#) in Liberty Township to sip on apple cider slushies, navigate a 4-acre corn maze and pick a perfect pumpkin. During [Barn-N-Bunk](#) Fall Festival Weekends, the farm will feature a variety of specialty events from wood carving to helicopter rides to a costume contest. [Jackson Family Farm](#) in Middletown opens its working farm on weekends from September 26 through October 25 for pumpkin picking, kid-friendly activities, and an opportunity to meet and feed farm animals. For a mix of sunflowers and pumpkins, [Burwinkel Farms](#) in Ross will host a Sips in Sunflowers event weekend September 25 and 26. They also host daily Fall Family Fun days from the end of September through October, including three different mazes, a scarecrow search, hayrides, and visits to its pumpkin and sunflower fields.



Fall views at Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park & Museum.

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3. Scenic Leaf-Peeping

A visit to Butler County offers plenty of opportunities to witness fall's vibrant colors along hiking trails. Some notable leaf-peeping stops include Oxford's [Black Covered Bridge](#), one of the longest covered bridges in Ohio, and [Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park & Museum](#) in Hamilton for its 400 acres of colorful trees intermixed with more than 80 monumental sculptures.

4. Sweet Fall Eats

Travelers will be able to get their fix of cinnamon, pumpkin, caramel apple and maple flavors throughout a visit to Butler County. First stop, visit [Hyde's Restaurant](#). The local diner is best known for its freshly made pies including pumpkin, apple, cherry and pecan. To continue on a sweet-tooth journey, visit local mom-and-pop donut shops as part of the [Butler County Donut Trail](#) to try seasonal favorites including pumpkin spice, maple bacon and apple cake donuts (to name a few). Stop at 12 of the 14 participating shops to earn a T-shirt.

5. Haunted Haunts & Horrors

Butler County has its share of spooky fun, too, from [Nightmare Manor](#), a haunted house in Middletown, to urban legends within Hamilton. For the most spine-chilling experience, visit [Land of Illusion – Haunted Scream Park](#) in Middletown. Celebrating its 30th season, the park offers a variety of

terror-inducing attractions including the Middletown Haunted Trail, considered the longest and scariest trail in the Midwest.

For more information on Butler County and to plan a fall trip, please visit
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