

Halloween Days Out

Spook-tacular Halloween events

We look at the best family-friendly events around Ireland this Halloween

The nights are growing darker and scarier, and you know spine-chilling fun is just around the corner because Halloween is nearly here!

So, grab your costumes, gather your little ghouls and goblins, and prepare for a frightfully fun time!

But what events are happening around the country?

Halloween storytime

Looking for a not-so-scary Halloween event perfect for the whole family? Once Upon a Time Parties brings real-life fairytale characters to life at their magical Storybook Spooktacular Show! Little princes and princesses are invited to join beloved characters such as the Princess of the Sea, the Snowflake Sisters, and the Princess of Adventure as they dive into a world of enchantment and encounter storybook villains.

25% of each ticket sold at their Swords event will be going towards the Hope For Zoe GoFundMe to

help Zoe get maintenance therapy in the USA to prevent her cancer from returning.

With amazing performances, the kids will have the time of their lives.

Shows will be held in Swords, Kilkenny, and Clondalkin, and tickets can be purchased on [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie) by searching 'Storybook Spooktacular' followed by the location of your

choice. For more information, visit @ [onceuponatimeparties](https://www.onceuponatimeparties.com) on social media or contact (089) 433 2045

Pumpkin picking and family farms

K2 Alpacas Pumpkin Patch in Co Wicklow is the perfect Halloween spot for families! In partnership



with the Down Syndrome Centre, it's a fun day out for a great cause. You can wander through the magical Fairy Walk, meet adorable alpacas, and pick out the perfect pumpkin. Plus, kids will have a blast with Halloween

games, snapping family selfies in the free photo booths, and munching on tasty Halloween treats. Some of the highlights include:

- Picking your own pumpkin with the alpacas by your side.
 - Meeting and petting the adorable alpacas.
 - Exploring the enchanted Fairy Forest.
 - Taking part in fun Halloween games.
 - Enjoying photo opportunities, including free Halloween-themed photo booths.
 - Supporting the Down Syndrome Centre with a portion of ticket sales going to the charity.
- This event has all the Halloween fun for a heartwarming cause, making it the perfect family day out!

Visit [k2alpacas.ie](https://www.k2alpacas.ie)



Navan Adventure Centre

Halloween festivals

If you're after a full day of spooky fun, Navan Adventure Centre in Co Meath has just what you need with its Halloween Fun Family Festival, perfect for kids ages 3 to 12. This festival will have your little ones grinning all day long as families can look forward to:

- A professional magic show for kids of all ages.
- A pumpkin patch with pumpkin carving stations.
- Zombie laser tag for older kids who love a challenge.
- A Halloween disco where kids can dance the day away in their costumes.
- Fun rides on pedalo boats and



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Haunted Trail at Malahide

www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie/the-haunted-trail-malahide-castle/

When: Sat 26th & Sun 27th October

Step into a world of fun-filled frights and Halloween delights at Ireland's newest interactive Halloween experience happening this October. Families are invited to wander our spooky but not scary, fully accessible outdoor trail. Enjoy spine-tingling surprises, eerie decorations, costumed characters and fantastic photo opportunities galore!

Newbridge House and Farm

<https://bookings.newbridgehouseandfarm.com/Event/SCARIES>

Join us for a frightfully fun adventure through the farm this Halloween. Discover a trail filled with spooky scarecrows. Spot as many as you can and snap a photo with our Instagram frame prop to share your spooky stroll.

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 - An adventure obstacle course, bubble-making workshop, and classic games like mini golf, football golf, and off-road pedal go-karting.

Visit navanadventure.ie for tickets

Outdoor fun

Ballymad Farm in Co Meath is gearing up for a fun-filled Halloween event with tickets at just €7.50 per person!

Each ticket includes a mini pumpkin, access to the maize

maze, a tractor ride, and a spooky woodland trail, plus loads of games and activities around the farm. If you're after a relaxed but fun day out, Ballymad Farm has the perfect mix of outdoor fun and lots of spooky Halloween excitement.

Tickets are selling fast as weekends are almost gone, but there's still availability on weekdays and the first weekend in October. Don't miss the special Doggy Day on October 31st, and for a quieter experience, check out the sensory days throughout October.

For further details and to book tickets, visit ballymadfarm.com



Arklow Bay Hotel



Malahide Castle

Halloween getaway

The Arklow Bay Hotel is the perfect getaway to embrace this Halloween season. Nestled on the Wicklow coast, the hotel offers an inviting retreat and warm haven after a day of exploring the Clissmann Halloween Pumpkin Patch or Spooky Wicklow Gaol.

For those seeking a relaxing break, the hotel's Beauty Room promises tranquillity with its range of Elemis treatments. Culinary delights await at the Pottery Restaurant, where seasonal dishes highlight local produce, delivering the true taste of autumn.

Arklow Bay Hotel is more than just a place to stay- it's an experience. Whether you're looking for a romantic break or a family adventure, The Arklow Bay offers the ideal blend of comfort, nature,

and calm this autumn season.

Call (0402) 26200 to discuss your stay or email reservations@arklowbay.com

Medieval haunts

Malahide Castle, with a history dating back to 1185, is a must-see for families this Halloween season. Once home to the Talbot family for nearly 800 years, the castle is steeped in stories and surrounded by a beautiful estate just 10 minutes from Dublin Airport and 13km from Dublin City Centre.

Visitors can enjoy a guided tour of this medieval castle, explore Lord Milo Talbot's walled botanical garden, and visit the Butterfly House or the wooded West Lawn. The magical Fairy Trail provides little ones with hidden fairy houses, sculptures, and interactive enchantment. Adults can

take a break at Avoca's café terrace or explore the Museum Shop for some retail therapy.

Or visit Newbridge House & Farm. Located in Donabate, North County Dublin, just 10 minutes from Dublin Airport, Newbridge House & Farm is a perfect autumn family day out. Built in 1736, this 18th-century Georgian house was the country residence of the Archbishop of Dublin, Charles Cobbe.

Explore the 350-acre estate, tour the interactive working farm, and enjoy an educational discovery trail featuring rare breeds of animals. Visitors can also wander through the walled garden and orchard or explore the immersive Servants Quarters and Cookery School in the Courtyard Kitchen.

Visit malahidecastleandgardens.ie and newbridgehouseandfarm.com

Piltown PUMPKIN PATCH
Ballymad Farm, Piltown rd, Drogheda, A92 HK44

Tractor ride | Maize Maze | Spooky trail | Games + more!

€7.50pp (under 2s go free) | Dates available during October
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Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow A63 DX08

in Partnership with the Down Syndrome Centre



Book your Halloween visit now

A fun day for all of the family

What's in Store?

- Pick your own pumpkin
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Ages 3+

Eventbrite.ie "Storybook Spooktacular" followed by your desired location.

26th/Oct Swords
27th/Oct Kilkenny
28th/Oct Clondalkin



Once Upon A Time Parties



Now in its 16th year the Spirits of Meath Festival is back for 2024



The Spirits of Meath Festival is a culmination of all of the events and activities in the region. This year, we have over 100 events over 30 days bringing more visitors than ever to our region. Start planning your **Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival 2024** where there will be more fun by day and frights by night!



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The Púca Festival, Lú Festival of Light Drogheda The Samhain Festival Kells

County Meath is well known as the home of Halloween. More than 2,000 years ago, at the ancient Hill of Tlachtga, near Athboy, the Samhain Fire Festival began, celebrating this time of harvest and transition, with feasting and games as the long winter nights approached. Businesses around the county have been celebrating our close association with Halloween for many years. To this day the Boyne Valley has remained the home of Halloween, the modern equivalent of Samhain. This year, the people of the Boyne Valley will gather again to celebrate one of Ireland's oldest traditions- and we have amazing events to keep you entertained when you visit. The festival begins on the 4th of October and runs right through until the 10th of November. Keep reading for details of our "Fun by Day" and "Fright by Night" events.

The spirit of Púca is back, bringing more mischief and merriment than ever before! From 31st October to 3rd of November, visitors from near and far are being welcomed back for a week of music and mythology.



The festival will take place across County Meath with festival hubs of Athboy and Trim Tickets for all the events are now available on their website Home - Puca (pucafestival.com)



Halloween at Red Mountain Farm- booking is required.

A visit to our Halloween event includes: Play in the Halloween barn. Visit our farmyard friends. Win prizes for wearing your best costumes. Take your photo in the witches' den. Play in our indoor/outdoor play areas, sandpits, drive our toy tractors and more! Have fun at our spooky art table. Take a spin on the Ghost Carriage if you dare! *Hop in to the blue barrel express. *Hop on the horse and carriage* Tickets available for €2.50*

**Halloween at Funtasia Theme Park!
Pumpkin Patch Festival** -for Children and families of all ages Calling all little witches, wizards, and pumpkin enthusiasts! Hop aboard our enchanting Pumpkin Express, a whimsical train ride that whisks your family away to a world of autumn magic. Upon arrival, dive into the pumpkin patch of your dreams, where children can pick the perfect pumpkin and transform it into a jack-o'-lantern masterpiece.



Family Halloween Waterpark Party. An enchanting evening filled with vibrant lights, swirling mist, and a lively DJ setting the perfect spooky vibe. Experience Pirate's Cove Waterpark transformed into a Halloween haven, complete with festive drinks, treats, and exciting surprises around every corner. Event Highlights: Pumpkin Picking & Carving: decorate your own pumpkin. Arts & Crafts Area: Get creative with Halloween-themed crafts. Spooky Tales. Games & Prizes Themed Treats. Capture the fun with themed photo spots

It's time for another season of fang-tastic Halloween fun here at Emerald Park!

Our well-loved family friendly treasure hunt, Tricky Trail, is back for 2024. Enjoy a frightfully fun family day out and get ready to experience some spooky storytelling, eccentric experiments, magical performances and more. There may even be a few frights in store...Pick up your Tricky Trail map before you embark on a terrific treasure hunt. Collect every lost item along the way, prepare to meet an array of wildly interesting characters and take part in some spooky fun and games...
October: 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st



Howl-o-ween is calling as After Dark returns for 2024!

Get ready to take on your favourite park attractions at night the most thrilling of attractions, such as the legendary Cú Chulainn coaster, Endeavour, The Rotator, Dino Dash, Flight School, Air Race, Power Surgeand NEW FOR 2024, the land of Tír na nÓg which includes Na Fianna Force, The Quest, and The Celtic Dreamer. Soar the sky, beware of twists and turns and roar your way through our thrill-seeking attractions this Halloween. It's guaranteed to be a ghoulish affair! Please be aware After Dark is a no scare event. Price: avail of the discounted early bird rate and save. This is a limited time offer with limited tickets available. You can book now on their website

Pooka Spooka at Causey Farm

Enjoy traditional games and crafts, scarecrow corn maze, mirror maze, magician, hayride and limb throwing and lots more in Causey Farm's popular Halloween family event. Suitable for families with children aged 2-12. Open October & November www.causey.ie - Pooka Spooka (Causey)



Ghost of the Manor at Causey Farm

A Haunting Halloween Experience for older children (9+ years) This ancient mansion was home to many souls who have long since passed on ... but as Halloween approaches, their peaceful rest is disturbed... Some of the former inhabitants can be seen wandering through the house, trying to put their affairs in order or even to avoid their inevitable ends. . www.causey.ie - Ghosts of The Manor (Rockfield)

Farmaphobia at Causey Farm.

Our tormented and twisted minds have been working overtime to ensure that Farmaphobia will return for Halloween 2024. With 5 Terrifying Haunts spread over 100 Acres of Fear, Ireland's BIGGEST Halloween Event is not to be missed. Oct 4th - Nov 2nd 2024

Farmaphobia is strictly 13+ and all 13-16-year olds must be accompanied on site by an adult. Tickets must be booked in advance on the Causey farm website www.farmaphobia.com - Farmaphobia (Causey)



Samhain Spirits in the Spire of Lloyd!

Samhain Spirits of the Spire of Lloyd! Kells, Co Meath
We are running two afternoon Samhain Special tours for midterm break this year. Meet our good and bad witches..... up the narrow spiral staircase we go!! (164 steps) On a highly significant archaeological site. Pumpkins and Cobwebs will light up the dome, before the storytelling of Samhain or The Great Fire Festival Spirits of Meath Celebrate with the Druid, bards, poets princes and people from all over. Listen to stories of the Goddess of Tlachtga, Jack O Lantern and The Puke of Lloyd. How many bonfires can you see?



In the beautiful gardens of **The Loughcrew Estate** full of history, beauty, fantasy, and atmosphere making the visit a magical experience. Enjoy their newly introduced woodland walk with 400 years old trees feel you are in touch with nature, or simply have a coffee at the tearooms. They are also running a Halloween event



Trick or Treat Trails on the Loughcrew Estate | Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival

A Family event suitable for all ages running daily 12 midday to 6.00 pm from Sat 26th October until Wednesday 30th October...

This Halloween prepare for a scare at the Spooktacular Trick or Treat Trails on the mysterious Loughcrew Estate... Follow the trail to find The Candy Man who has treats for all the children but beware of Maleficent who will try to trick the children. Halloween Refreshments available in the Loughcrew Coffee Shop.

Tlachtga Abhaile Walking Tour of Athboy by Tlachtga Abhaile

Exclusive Weekly Walking tours over the Spirits of Meath Festival 2024 A walking tour of Athboy, guided by Tlachtga herself, telling her story and the origin of Halloween and visiting the historical landmarks of this heritage town. Athboy is cited as one of the earliest sites of Halloween. Unearth the story of the authentic origins of Halloween in Ireland with a guided walking tour, Learn all about the celebration of the Celtic new year, which involved lighting fires, feasting on the harvest, music, gathering and storytelling. Delve deep inside the history and the folklore of the origins of Halloween and its links to Tlachtga.



All dates time and costs are available on the website: <https://spiritsofmeath.ie/whats-on/> <https://www.discoverboynevalley.ie/whats-on>



Samhain Festival of Food & Culture returns to Kells, Co. Meath for its sixth year from 7th -10th November. This year, Samhain Festival is delighted to be partnering with Sheridan's Irish Food Fair for the first time to deliver an epic weekend of events and activities all celebrating Irish food and culture. The Sheridan's Irish Food Fair began in 2009 as a gathering of their suppliers and has grown into one of the biggest food events of the year.

Follow @samhainfestivalkells on social media to keep up to date with the latest news on the festival. On announcement of the festival programme, tickets will be available to book online at www.foodcultureireland.ie.

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