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Local Corn Mazes

CHATFIELD FARMS

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 15-Oct. 29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Chatfield Farms Location

8500 W Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton

It's time to "seas" the day as you dive in to explore our seven-acre corn maze. This year's maze has a sea-creature theme for fun twists and tricky turns. Visitors under the age of 10 can explore the corn mini-maze. General admission tickets are not available Friday – Sunday during Corn Maze. Last entry is 5 p.m. Halloween masks and costumes are not permitted on the premises. Tickets must be purchased in advance for a specific time.

ANDERSON FARMS

6728 County Rd 3 1/4, Erie

The maze at Anderson Farms is open day and night and is never haunted. The maze is divided into four sections; they will be indicated on your punch card. Do one section or complete all four! There are six checkpoints hidden in each of the three larger sections of the maze, totaling 18 checkpoints.

THE PATCH IN ELIZABETH

Opens Sept. 23, 2023

39980 Fox Trot Cir, Elizabeth

Our maze is carved into a whopping 4 acres of tall corn stalks! We put activity stations along the paths with fun facts and quizzes to help you choose a direction for your exploration. We also plant a mini-maze for younger guests.

COTTONWOOD FARMS

Sept. 23 - Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

10600 Isabelle Rd., Lafayette

Bring the whole family for a walk in the corn maze. Our two acre corn maze provides the real feel of being on the farm. Cut by hand, not by tractors, it allows our paths to be narrower, and the experience more personal. Listen to the corn rustling in the breeze as it dries down in preparation for harvest. Hear how the corn mutes the sounds of the outside world. Let your little ones lead the way as you try to find the exit.

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Fall Festivals & Fall Drives: Perfect Colorado Pair

Surrounded by leafy beauty and residents who share a healthy appetite for a good time, Coloradans have no choice but to join the gold rush and celebrate every autumn weekend. Pair one of our fall festivals with a dazzling fall drive to find yourself wealthy with good memories and loads of stunning photos.

Autumn Gold Festival + Peak-to-Peak Scenic Byway

Beer, brats, local musicians and some of the most kaleidoscopic foliage on the Front Range make adding Estes Park's Autumn Gold Festival (Sept. 23-24) to your autumn itinerary a no-brainer. Scarf down comfort fare like funnel cake and corn on the cob and listen to the sounds of bugling bull elk, who gather in the area annually during the start of the rutting (breeding) season to show off for their entourages. Meanwhile, the deciduous beauties that populate the Continental Divide douse the Peak to Peak scenic byway in gold and auburn. Travel from the former mining enclaves of Black Hawk and Central City to Estes Park, the eastern gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park.

Salida Bike Fest + Collegiate Peaks Scenic Byway

Known as a utopia for cycling devotees, Salida has some of the most diverse and challenging biking terrain in the Rocky Mountains. And the town's rad tribute to biking, the Salida Bike Fest (Sept. 16-17), offers several ways to experience what the area has to offer, including The Salida 76 (a 76-mile gravel-bike ride), the Monarch Crest Crank mountain-bike challenge, kids' bike decorating, cruiser rides and so much more. Surrounded by a dozen of the state's 58 fourteeners (peaks higher than 14,000 feet), Salida represents some of our highest country — and has spectacular scenery to match. The aptly named Collegiate Peaks scenic byway meanders below fourteeners like mounts Princeton and Yale and

through the towns of Buena Vista, Salida, Nathrop and Poncha Springs. Look for large stretches of remaining summer greenery flecked with bits of sunny yellow foliage, making the peaks look like they've been sprinkled with gold.

Durango Autumn Arts Festival + San Juan Skyway

The Durango Autumn Arts Festival (Sept. 16-17) invites visitors to admire the works of local and national artists as well as nature's canvas, when gold and red trees illuminate the San Juan Mountains. At the fest, hands-on creative activities keep tots occupied, while a sampling of craft beers and locally made goodies ensure you're well fed. For a divine sampling of southwest Colorado's oh-my-goodness landscapes, drive the San Juan Skyway. Wind through the famed high-country towns of Telluride, Durango and Ouray amid dramatic cliffs, reflective lakes and the 5-million-acre San Juan and Uncompahgre national forests.

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Chili & Beer Festival + West Elk Loop

The intoxicating sights, smells and flavors of autumn shine at Crested Butte's Chili & Beer Festival (Sept. 9), when locals celebrate the arrival of fall with steaming pots of chili and Colorado beer (Is there any better way?). The price of admission includes unlimited tastings of hearty stews made by local chili experts and drafts from breweries like Durango's Steamworks and Denver's Jagged Mountain. Take a break from feasting and hop on the West Elk Loop, a journey through Paonia, Gunnison, Crested Butte and Carbondale. View glittering aspen stands in three national forests, and secure a new background pic for your phone on McClure Pass, where fiery scrub oaks contrast with yellow and orange shrubs.

Morrison Ciderfest + Lariat Loop Scenic & Historic Byway

The residents of Morrison hope for a bountiful apple harvest to facilitate their growing cider festival (Sept. 30), which has encouraged families to sip from steaming mugs together and partake in activities like horseshoe tournaments and pony rides since 1989. Minutes from Denver, Morrison is a lovely gateway to the foothills. The city is connected to Golden, Idledale, Kittredge and Evergreen via the Lariat Loop, which offers easy access to mountain foliage near the Mile High City, as well as delights like Buffalo Bill's Museum and Grave, the Coors Brewery tour and Golden Gate Canyon State Park.

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Little Jam Free Concert: Deja Blue

Saturday, September 16, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Sterne Park, 5800 S. Spotswood St., Littleton

Bring your family and friends, and a blanket or lawn chairs and dance along with live music. Food trucks, craft beer, wine and bottled water will be available for sale.



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If I were a bird, I would fly about the Earth seeking the successive autumns.
—George Eliot

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J&K Roofing is hosting a bed build day with non-profit Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), Denver chapter. This is a day to volunteer and have fun building beds for children in our community who don't have a bed to sleep in. Open to the public. No experience needed. Bring your family, neighbors, business acquaintances and friends. Saturday, September 16, at J&K Roofing headquarters, 13000 W 43rd Drive, Golden. You can donate or register online at <https://shpbeds.org/chapter/co-denver/>. Come join us. It's going to be a great day! "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!"



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Colorado Wildlife Events and Festivals

FALL BIRDING FESTIVAL AT BARR LAKE

Barr Lake State Park, Brighton

(early-September)

Fly over to Barr Lake State Park to celebrate the fall bird migration, an experience worth sharing with others. Be entertained at this festive community event filled with food, fun, and lore—something for everyone. Plan for a day packed with free food and activities. The Fall Birding Festival is free, but a valid parks pass is required for each vehicle that enters the park.

For more information about the Fall Birding Festival, call Barr Lake Nature Center at 303-659-6005 or send an e-mail to barr.lake.nature.center@state.co.us.

LIVING HISTORY DAYS

AT STAUNTON STATE PARK

(early-September)

Meet at the Group Picnic Area (10am-3pm) to view the local historic group's displays and try square dancing! From there, embark on a treasure hunt to find the Reynold's Gang's gold! The treasure hunt meanders through the historic Cabin District and ends at the original Staunton Cabin (35min. hike). Folks dressed in historic garb will greet visitors with cowboy music and Johnny cakes with lemonade. Enjoy demonstrations such as a Mountain Man campsite, trapping and hunting, medicinal and edible plants, as well as games, crafts and blacksmithing.

ANNUAL CELEBRATING BIRD MIGRATION

Waneka Lake and Greenlee Wildlife Preserve, Lafayette

(late-September)

Explore the wonderful world of birds in a beautiful place! See a live hawk and other birds of prey up close and view birds in the wild through spotting scopes and binoculars. Learn about migration, marshes and the role avian friends play in our lives. Enjoy art projects and a scavenger hunt.

The 1/3 mile walking path between the parking area and Greenlee Wildlife Preserve will feature several local organizations with great activities and displays to offer! This free, public event is suitable for all ages and will also feature an array of fine door prizes.

This program begins at the Waneka Lake East parking lot, where Emma St. ends at Caria Drive in Lafayette. For more information, contact Martin Ogle at Martin@EntrepreneurialEarth.com or 720-612-0506.

ESTES PARK ELK FESTIVAL - Estes Park

(late-September/early-October)

A two-day festival, as described on the event's website: "Elk Fest offers visitors a chance to view elk during the rutting season in the wild, as well as expand their knowledge of elk. Learn more about elk, their habitats, and how to observe them in the wild. Held in Bond Park, located in downtown Estes Park, Elk Fest will offer bugling competitions, educational areas, seminars, music by the Elktones, Mountain Man Rendezvous, Native American storytelling and music, guided elk viewing tours, and vendors that offer art from oils and pastels, hand made elk-ivory jewelry, scrimshawed antler knives, elk antler lamps and chandeliers, elk hide pillows, silver and gold jewelry, and elk antlers." Find out more from the Estes Park Elk Fest website, including schedules and costs (for elk viewing tours), or write to the event organizers.

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