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Local Corn Mazes

CHATFIELD FARMS

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

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

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. Let your little ones lead the way as you try to find the exit. Many people value the experience so much that they turn around and go in again.

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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. Here are a few combos to keep in mind.

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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Sept. 6: Fight Procrastination Day

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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.

–<https://www.colorado.com/articles/fall-festivals-fall-drives-perfect-colorado-pair>

Fall Birding Festival at Barr Lake, 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.

– <https://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo>

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.

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Palisade Fruits and Produce

Colorado peaches are most famously grown in the town of Palisade, and they are known for being extra juicy and extra sweet, thanks to the long sunny days and cool summer nights in Colorado, which help all those delicious fruity sugars develop. Palisade peaches have a long history as a Colorado classic, and it all starts with a man named John Harlow. After the Ute tribe were forcibly removed from their ancestral home in the Western Slope in 1881, colonizers began developing a town known as Palisade. The farmers there quickly realized just how rich and nutrient-filled the soil was, but while it was great for vegetables and grains, there wasn't nearly enough rainfall or water for fruit trees, which shriveled up and died very quickly. But John Harlow, who planted some of the area's earliest peach trees with his wife in 1882, was a determined man. He spearheaded a canal project to divert water from the Colorado River and irrigate the region, and though it took years for his project to come to fruition (pun intended!), it worked. By the beginning of the 20th century, more than twenty-five thousand pounds of peaches were being shipped from Palisade to regions across the country each year.



Once they figured out irrigation, farmers began planting more fruits, like apples, pears, grapes, apricots, and cherries, cementing Palisade and the surrounding area as Colorado's most famous and most productive agricultural hub. Today, Palisade is home to orchards, farms, and vineyards galore.

—<https://www.coloradoinfo.com/blog/>

The Best Homemade Applesauce

After tasting the pure apple flavor of this homemade sauce, you just might never go back to the store-bought kind. Supermarket applesauce can be loaded with added sweeteners and flavorings. We use only a little sugar, plus lemon juice, salt and cinnamon, providing a balanced flavor and the perfect amount of sweetness.

Ingredients:

- 4 lbs assorted apples, (Golden Delicious, Honeycrisp, Gala or McIntosh - about 8), peeled, cored & chopped
- 1/4 cup sugar
- Kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon


Directions:

Combine the apples, sugar, 1 cup water and 1/2 teaspoon salt in a large pot. Bring to a simmer over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally. Reduce the heat to medium-low. Cover with a tight-fitting lid and cook until the apples are very soft, 18 to 20 minutes.

Stir in the lemon juice and cinnamon. Let cool for 5 minutes or so, then transfer the apple mixture to a blender, filling no more than halfway. Remove the center cap from the lid and place it on the blender. Cover the lid with a folded kitchen towel to catch splatters and pulse until smooth. Alternatively, puree in the pan with an immersion blender.

Transfer the applesauce to a bowl and refrigerate until cool, about 1 hour. Store leftover applesauce in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 5 days.

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Teen After Hours: Lights Out Glowstick Games

Friday, September 15, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Columbine Library

These after-hours events are for the 12-18 crowd, with loads of activities and a chance to hang out with friends. There's always something fun happening when the library shuts down! Registration is required. Registration opens September 1 at 12:00 a.m.

–<https://jeffcolibrary.bibliocommons.com/v2/events>

38th Annual Summerfest Festival

Come out and join us on September 16, 2023 at Clement Park for one of the longest standing, family-fun community events – the Summerfest Festival. Celebrating our 38th anniversary, Summerfest Festival is one of South Jeffco's largest community events to help support our local Foothills Parks & Recreation District. A fun and exciting lineup of local food and culture, family fun, kids activity fair, business and craft expo, car show, craft beer tasting and more.

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