

OZAUKEE COUNTY TOURISM

'Fall' in love with Ozaukee County's September activities

As we start to look toward the end of summer, we want to remind you that it's time to "Fall" in Love with Ozaukee County!

There's plenty to do on not-so-nice days, from museums, historic sites and shops to restaurants, breweries and wineries — so don't fret about the changing weather, we have you covered!

For the most part though, Wisconsin's warm days and cool evenings make outdoor activities even more fun this time of year.

Farmers Markets on Tuesdays in Thiensville Village Park, Saturdays in downtown Port Washington and Sundays in Veterans' Park in Downtown Saukville will be open until the end of October, and we will still be able to get lots of amazing seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables including apples, beets, root vegetables, squash, cabbage, onions and pears, just to name a few.

You'll likely also be able to find locally made honey, cheeses and maple syrup! Witte's Vegetable Farm in Cedarburg and Appleland Farm Market in Fredonia are great places to visit for produce, pick-your-own and locally sourced products, and DreamPort Harvest Market in Port Washington offers a welcoming downtown storefront that brings fresh, organic, sustainable and truly local quality products to the community.

If you're looking for festivals and events in September, we've got plenty to offer! Check out the Lakeside Beer Gardens in Upper Lake Park in Port Washington on Saturdays through mid-October from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., featur-

ing beer, bands and food. The Cedarburg Art Museum offers a beer garden every Thursday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. through Sept. 15, featuring live music, food trucks and cold beer from the Lakefront Brewery Carriage Tap House.

What better way to celebrate the start of the fall season than attending the Sunflower Festival at Appleland Farm Market in Fredonia! On Saturday and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., you can enjoy the beautiful blooming sunflowers and take advantage of the many great photo opportunities.

They will be featuring the ever-popular U-Pick honeycrisp apples and Handmade Ozaukee's first Maker's Market. Sunflower Festival admission is \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Each ticket includes admission, wagon rides to the sunflower fields (weather permitting), and one complimentary sunflower. Admission for U-Pick Apples and Handmade Ozaukee's Maker's Market is free.

The Taste of Mequon on Saturday, Sept. 10 from noon to 9 p.m. is sure to have something for everyone. This event, held in front of the Mequon City Hall, features live music, good food, artists, crafters, vendors and games.

If you're a blues music fan, you won't want to miss the Best Dam Blues Fest in Thiensville Village Park on Sept. 16 from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Sept. 17 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. The event highlights myriad Blues artists from the Midwest and beyond along with libations, food trucks, craft vendors and more!

Celebrate a sweet and savory weekend at the 49th



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Above, sunflowers abound at Appleland Farm Market in Fredonia. **Right**, the Cedarburg Art Museum's beer gardens will run until Sept. 15.

Annual Wine & Harvest Festival in historic downtown Cedarburg. The festival opens Saturday, Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. and goes until 6 p.m. (with the Main Stage open later that evening until 8:30 p.m. playing live music) and Sunday, Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. You'll find a great cornucopia of artists and vendors, food, wine, entertainment, pumpkins and lots of family fun on every corner!

Finish the month strong and dive into October by attending Harvest Festival at Buechler Farms in Belgium from Friday, Sept. 30 to Sunday, Oct. 2. The event offers vendor shopping, kids' activities, a petting zoo, wagon rides, music, food, beverages and so much more! That weekend is also Belgium's Centennial event, offering additional activities at Buechler Farms on Saturday and the Village Hall on Sunday.

Don't forget, the Ozaukee Interurban Trail is open year

round for biking and hiking, and is really beautiful this time of year.

For you mountain bikers, did you know that we have two great trails in Ozaukee County? Pleasant Valley Trails in the town of Cedarburg has a training trail, a 1-mile beginner trail, a 1-mile intermediate trail and an advanced trail.

The trailheads to the Port Washington Trails are at Upper Lake Park and Guenther Park in Port Washington. The main loop is a unique trail as it is located in the heart of the city of Port Washington. Designed to



flow next to the Interurban Trail, this trail features some challenging turns and climbs along off-camber sections to challenge riders. This trail follows Sucker Creek and crosses the creek several times during the ride.

There are plenty of days left to go disc golfing in Lime Kiln Park in Grafton, Tendick Nature Park in Saukville and Marie Kraus Park in Fredonia. Many of our county parks have canoe and kayak access, fishing, hiking and nature trails and amazing wildlife viewing and birding

sites. September is a great month for golf too, and Hawthorne Hills and Mee-Kwon County golf courses are perfect for the novice or seasoned golfer.

We hope that you love this time of year in Ozaukee County as much as we do! For more information about all of these wonderful events and locations, visit our website at www.ozaukeetourism.com. Be sure to like us on Facebook at @OzaukeeCounty-Tourism to stay in the know and learn more about our amazing county!

Ozaukee Autumn Open is Sept. 12

SAUKVILLE — The Ozaukee Autumn Open — Scramblin' for Funds charity golf outing is returning for a 15th year.

The tournament will kick off on Monday, Sept. 12 at Hawthorne Hills Golf Course in Saukville. Four-person teams will be hitting the links in support of the Community Services Navigator program launched in 2021 to help struggling residents access the services they need to thrive. The goal is to raise \$50,000 to fund a shared care coordinator for four

ter Steel, it includes two tickets to see the Packers play in London. Hotel and travel vouchers are included. The second raffle included a foursome at the four premier private country clubs in Ozaukee County.

For a list of prizes and details, go to www.unitedwayno.org/raffle. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.

The annual Ozaukee Autumn Open is a partnership between Ozaukee County and United Way of Northern Ozaukee. Proceeds



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The grape stomp is a fan favorite at Cedarburg's Wine & Harvest Festival.