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HAVE A FRIGHTFULLY FUN HALLOWEEN IN NEW YORK STATE!

From scary to sublime, events and activities abound for all ages

Albany, N.Y. – A haunted cave ... a chilling hayride ... and the headless horseman! These are just some of the fun and exciting chills and thrills awaiting travelers in New York State this Halloween season.

Guys, Gals and Ghouls on Parade

Get set for **Greenwich Village's legendary Halloween Parade** in New York City on Oct. 31. One of the largest Halloween bashes in the country, it draws nearly 60,000 participants for a fright-inducing display of creativity – and anyone in costume is welcome to join. Starting at 7 p.m., the parade proceeds up Sixth Ave, from Spring St. to 21st St. For more information visit www.halloween-nyc.com.

Zoo Boos and Boo Zoos

Zoos usually aren't scary places ... except in Binghamton around Halloween. This year's '**Boo at the Zoo,**' taking place Oct. 21-22 at the Ross Park Zoo features exhibits placed throughout the zoo to entertain and frighten zoo-goers of all ages. 'Family Boo at the Zoo,' for families and youngsters, takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. After that it's 'Scary Boo' from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. (recommended for mature participants). For more information visit www.rossparkzoo.com.

There's more Halloween zoo fun in Syracuse Oct. 21st and 28th. '**The Great Zoo Boo**' at Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park transforms the zoo into a bustling Halloween bash with hauntingly hilarious interactive characters and sets for children and families to enjoy. The zoo's 'kooky not spooky' theme is great for families looking for Halloween fun without the fear! www.rosamondgiffordzoo.org.

Traditional Seasonal Fun

Face painting, coloring contests, apple bobbing, pumpkin painting & carving and other fun seasonal activities for children are taking place from noon to 4 p.m. at the **Ward O'Hara**

Agricultural Museum in Auburn, Cayuga County, Oct. 22. The museum's 'Old Fashion Halloween' also features a costume parade and prizes. For more information on this free event, please visit www.cayuganet.org/agmuseum.

Historical Haunts

In Youngstown, in the Greater Niagara region, experience the dark side of Old Fort Niagara's past Oct. 22-29 as ghosts and ghouls from the past walk again among the historic buildings. You'll want to dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear and bring a flashlight. For more information on **Old Fort Niagara's Haunted Fortress** visit www.oldfortniagara.org.

From a haunted fort to a haunted jail. On Oct. 28 you're invited to the Wayne County Museum in the Finger Lakes town of Lyons to take a chilling stroll through the **Haunted Jail** where spirits never sleep! There will be cider and donuts for those who make it through. The museum is housed in the former Wayne County Jail and Sheriff's residence, built in 1856 and used until 1961. \$5 admission. www.waynehistory.org

Menacing Music!

For some 'music-ghoul' fun, the Genesee Symphony Orchestra presents a "**Halloween Spooktacular**" Oct. 23 from 4-6 p.m. at the Stuart Steiner Theatre at Genesee Community College in Batavia. Join the orchestra as they get into the 'spirit' of the season by performing music with a haunted theme. www.genesee.edu/calendar/

C'mon ... Scare Me!

It's thrills by day and chills by night at **Fright Fest** at the Six Flags Great Escape Theme Park in Queensbury, near Lake George, weekends through Oct. 30. You'll be scared senseless by ghosts and goblins lurking in every corner at Skull Manor, one of the largest haunted houses in the area. The ghoulish goings-on include witch hangings, chain saw chasers, Measuring Morticians and even Malice in Wonderland. You've been warned! www.sixflags.com/greatEscape

Journey below the earth's surface Oct. 28 as Howe Caverns presents their **Annual Halloween Haunted Cave**, Oct. 28 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This 'Howe-ling' good time is a haunted cave with a cause, benefiting the Marathon for a Better Life — The Schoharie County Cancer Walk. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under. Get set for vampires and some sights from "Alice in Wonderland". Look inside an asylum. Watch the barber scene from "Sweeney Todd" and much more throughout the great cave! www.howecaverns.com/

A chilling Halloween institution in the Chautauqua-Allegheny region, **Nightmare Hayrides on Sommerville Street** in Ellicottville is a twenty five minute tractor drawn hayride that leads you down a creepy haunted path with live scary creatures. Once you have successfully finished the ride you exit off into a haunted maze that twists and turns over an acre of land. After you have

made your way through the maze you find yourself in the haunted barn featuring the 'vortex tunnel'. Weekends through the end of October. www.nightmarehayride.com

Headless Horseman Hayrides and Haunted Houses in Ulster Park, in the Hudson Valley, incorporates over forty-five acres of naturally landscaped property that includes foreboding woods, surreal ponds, fruit orchards and more. It's been named 'World's Best Haunted Hayride' by AOL News and voted America's Scariest Haunted House in the Northeast by MTV. Experience a one mile hayride, a labyrinth style corn maze, and six professionally created haunted houses. www.headlesshorseman.com/

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