SCARIER

If you are a fan of scary movies, the haunted houses that creep from the crypt across the country every Fall are just like being there. With many ghastly personalities, each tries to provide the ultimate in terror for those brave enough to enter their creaky gates.

Your undead adventure begins with a backstory. Something terrible has happened and you are about to experience the repercussions. A lot of thought goes into designing layouts that will promote maximum horror for willing victims, so unless specifically stated, they are not usually a place you want to take young kids.

Most haunted houses are open on weekends between the last two weeks of September and the end of October. Check websites or social media for exact hours. Ticket prices typically range between \$20 - \$35 per person. Many offer VIP tickets or additional attractions for an extra charge. VIP tickets skip the wait to get in.



INSIDER TIPS & TRICKS

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- Look for extras such as farm markets, corn mazes, or special Fall festivals.
- 2. Wait times to enter a venue can be long, especially closer to Halloween. Be sure to dress for the weather.
- 3. There may be lots of walking, so wear comfortable shoes, especially for outdoor venues.
- 4. Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty.
- 5. If you plan to do multiple venues in one evening, the VIP pass is worth the extra cost.
- 6. The middle of a small group is either the best or the worst place to be. It depends on your personal perspective.
- 7. Some venues offer special full-contact nights or flashlight only blackout nights. Some love this, some don't. Check the website and plan ahead!

VISIT THESE GREAT HAUNTS!

(Descriptions are provided by the proprietors or event websites. Check for changes or current details!)

LAKE EERIE FEAR FEST

3319 Milan Rd. Sandusky, OH 44870 lakeeeriefearfest.com

Fridays and Saturdays, Sept. 27th to Oct. 26th. Open from 8pm to 11pm Laser Tag, Escape rooms, and many other features available for all ages. "Lake Eerie Fear Fest features three uniquely themed haunted houses: Dead in the Water, a chilling journey through a haunted shipwreck; DarkMare, where your worst nightmares come to life; and our Ghostly Manor, with its intense scares and immersive experience."

THE HAUNTED HYDRO

1333 Tiffin St. Fremont, Ohio 43420 thehauntedhydro.com

> Haunting a 1911 Hydroelectric Power Plant. Features three haunted experiences, *The Void*, *Borderlands*, and the outdoor trail *The Fog*.

CEDAR POINT HALLOWEEKENDS

1 Cedar Point Dr. Sandusky *cedarpoint.com*

Haunt at HalloWeekends Fear is Waiting for You!
Survive immersive mazes,
spine-tingling scare zones,
thrilling shows and more.
Enveloped in darkness,
every path seems like a blind
alley. Attractions: Mazes,
Scare Zones, Shows!

SPOOKY RANCH

19066 E River Rd. Columbia Station, spookyranch.com/

Also features family-friendly Old West Pumpkin Fest

With five attractions: The Haunted Hayride, Extreme Nightmares, The Haunted Barn, Bloodslingers Saloon, and Monster Vision

J&J FIELD OF SCREAMS

5482 State Rte 61, Shelby, OH jjfieldofscreams.com

Fridays and Saturdays, Sept 21st to Oct 26th. Open from 7pm to 11pm "What stands out about J&J Field of Screams is that we are a haunted woods and haunted maze combination! We are one of only three known haunted corn mazes in Ohio! During the day we have a family maze for everyone to enjoy!"

BLOOD PRISON

100 Reformatory Rd. Mansfield bloodprison.com

Popular Haunted House located at the famous and already spooky Ohio State Reformatory. Tickets are available online only.

PANIC IN THE PINES

3525 N Bolander Rd. Genoa panicinthepines.com

Three Haunts: Hayride, Trail, and Woods. Enter if you dare into the Haunted Pine Woods

MOHICAN HAUNTED SCHOOLHOUSE

155 W 3rd St. (Rt. 39), Perrysville mohicanhauntedschoolhouse.com

Mohican Haunted Schoolhouse is back and it will be its scariest season yet! Explore an entire schoolhouse of terrors: Creepy cemeteries, a den of vampires, an unhinged art collector, mad scientists, vicious spiders, unhinged clowns, mutated zombies, and more unbelievable horrors!

