

Halloween at Disney World:

DFB's Spook-tacular Guide



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WELCOME

It's time to gear up for Halloween in Walt Disney World. Break out your costumes, don your spooky Ears, and make your way to this Happy Haunted destination.

Yep, the fall season in Disney World is a popular time to visit – and for good reason! Disney World does start the fall season a little early, but we're certainly not complaining! Typically, whimsical pumpkin wreaths, along with festive bunting, line Main Street, U.S.A. starting in early August.

Despite the Florida heat, be sure to look all around you and really take some time to soak in the fall feeling. You'll also want to be on the lookout for goodies and ghoulies galore!

Without a doubt, the season's main event is Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween Party. This is a seasonal event requiring a separate ticket for entry held on select nights in Magic Kingdom. We share all of our insider tips to make the most of this spooktacular time of the year.

We're so happy to be scaring – I mean, *sharing!* – ALL of the festive fun for Halloween time at the Walt Disney World Resort!

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DECORATIONS

Preparation for Halloween begins with months of planning resulting in several nights where decor is added into Magic Kingdom by many talented Cast Members. Holiday Services plans every detail of the fall install season, including prepping all of the pumpkin wreaths so that Magic Kingdom can be transformed. Amazing!

No matter where you stand on the “it’s too early to decorate for Halloween” debate, Disney World’s position is pretty clear. **Halloween started to arrive at Magic Kingdom around August 10th in 2025**, with more decorations arriving over the next few days

When you arrive Magic Kingdom, you’ll be welcomed by the **iconic Jack-O’-Lanterns** in front of the Train Station and along Main Street, U.S.A.

And you’ll want to stop and see the returning scarecrows as well.

The fall-colored banners on the Main Street, U.S.A. buildings add to the festive decor.

Pumpkins sit atop rooftops as well. Make sure you pay close attention to those pumpkin designs! They’re often themed to the stores/areas they’re located near.

In addition to pumpkins and fall foliage, you might also spot festive statues and giant photo backdrops around Magic Kingdom.

This year, Fantasyland added a **pumpkin-filled surprise!**

In 2024, the decorations lasted through October 31st. Typically, a holiday transformation takes place overnight into November 1st, 2024.





ACTIVITIES

At **Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique**, kids can enjoy a magical makeover experience. This is available year-round, but it would be extra fun for your kiddo to get all dressed up during the Halloween season!

And a free **Pirate-themed experience** is available at A Pirate's Adventure: Treasures of the Seven Seas in the Magic Kingdom. Again, this is available year-round but can be an especially fun activity for pirates of all ages during the Halloween season. Ahoy, mateys!





DECORATIONS

Disney Springs typically celebrates the fall season with “Fall Into Magic” themed decorations. The windows at World of Disney will also often showcase Halloween decor.

Halloween-themed photo locations are available throughout this shopping and entertainment district. There are also Halloween-themed photo backdrops at the Photopass Studio.

EVENTS

Look for seasonal entertainment offerings such as live musical performances. In 2025, look for performances by the Squad Ghouls Acapella Group at the Waterside Stage. And in Town Center, ZomBeatz Drummers and Skeleton Stiltwalkers roam on select days. Plus, look for a roving pumpkin DJ in the Marketplace.

- **ZomBeatz Drummers** - Fridays and Saturdays starting September 5 through October 31, 2025.
- **Skeleton Stiltwalkers** - Saturdays and Sundays from September 6 through October 26, 2025, and Friday, October 31, 2025
- **Squad Ghouls Acapella Group** - every Saturday from September 6 through October 25, 2025, and Friday, October 31, 2025.
- **Roving Pumpkin DJ** - every night from August 19 through October 31, 2025



HALLOWEEN AT THE RESORTS

Disney World Resorts have year-round activities such as campfires and outdoor movies that are nice to enjoy during your fall vacation. Get ready to feel the thrills!

On Halloween, Walt Disney World resorts may offer [festive activities for kids and families](#).

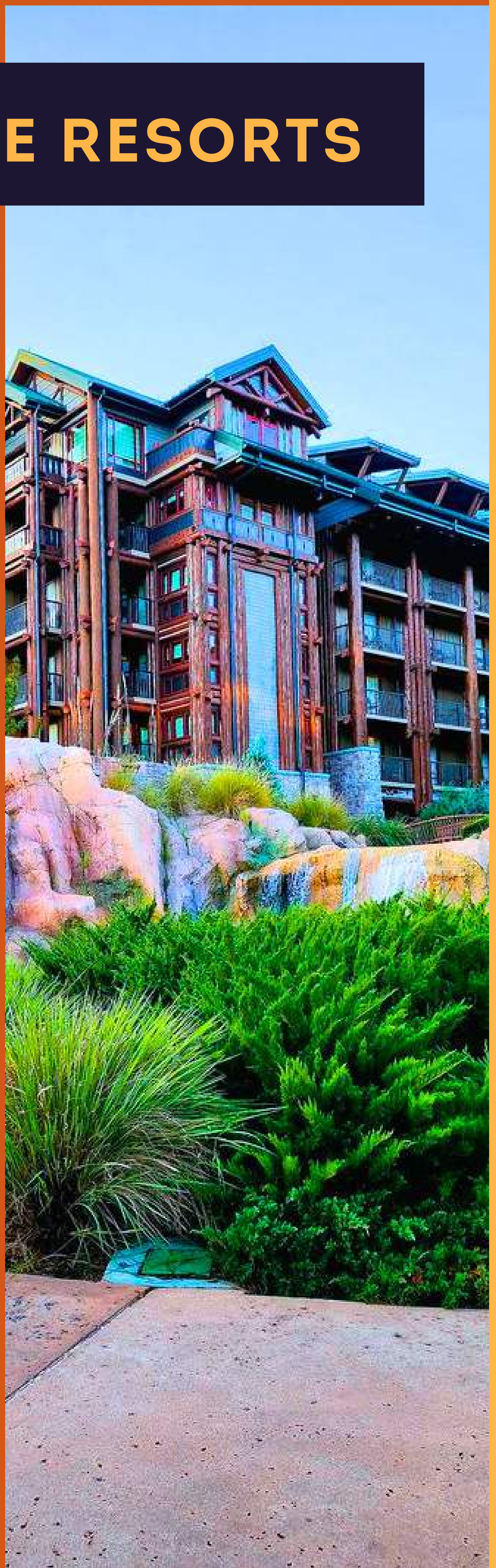
Past activities have included:

- Costume contests
- Trick-or-Treating
- Arts and Crafts, including Create Your Own Slime

Some activities such as poolside games are for resort guests only. Check the Resort Activity Calendar for more information.

Other activities may be listed as being offered for all those visiting Disney World.

If you are visiting from an offsite location or driving your own vehicle from another Disney hotel, be aware that **parking at the Disney World resorts is often only allowed for non-resort guests IF they have a dining reservation**. Unless you have a dining reservation, we suggest parking at one of the theme parks or Disney Springs and taking Disney World transportation to the resort.





OUTDOOR MOVIES

Check your resort's activity schedule for the films playing during your visit.

Movies Under the Stars typically start showing Halloween films in October.



Past movies shown include:

- The Nightmare Before Christmas
- Halloweentown
- Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl
- Z-O-M-B-I-E-S
- Hocus Pocus
- The Haunted Mansion
- Coco
- Monsters, Inc.
- Tower of Terror
- Twitches



PUMPKIN CARVINGS/DECORATIONS

Some of the best carved/decorated pumpkins in Disney World don't even require a park ticket to be seen! Select Disney resorts challenge their Cast Members to [pumpkin carving contests](#) and guests get to see their amazing carvings on display. Be sure to vote for your favorite. You can typically find them at the Laughing Place.

S'MORES & CAMPFIRES

At many Disney Deluxe Resorts, campfires are created on select nights for resort guests. S'mores packs are usually sold, or you can bring your own fixin's.



SCAVENGER HUNTS

Look for fun activities such as scavenger hunts. In the past, Wilderness Lodge has featured a [Pumpkin Patch Scavenger Hunt](#). There are so many fun activities happening at the Disney World resorts. You'll want to check the Activities Schedule once you arrive, so that you can plan your vacation around not-to-be-missed events. The schedule will list the activities being offered, along with the date, time, location, and whether or not there is an extra fee to participate.



- Build-Your-Own Haunted Mansion Headband
- Halloween Tumbler and Bat-Wing Mug
- The Scream Team hoodie
- Winnie the Pooh Halloween Collection
- Pink Mickey Ghostie Hat

The gift shops at Disney Resorts often have Halloween gift sets/baskets available as well. If you're looking for a special treat for a loved one, these are unique gifts.

MERCHANDISE

Merch will materialize at gift shops in all four parks, Disney Springs, and the resort hotels (in a more limited fashion) for the 2025 spooky season.

The **lineup** can include things like:

- Haunted Mansion Ghost Host Spirit Jersey
- Haunted Mansion Purple Wallpaper Minnie Mouse Ear Headband
- Haunted Mansion Loungefly Mini Backpack
- Halloween Mickey, Minnie and Stitch Plushes
- Donald Duck Halloween Glow-in-the-Dark Big Face Tote
- Stitch-O-Ween T-shirt
- Disney 100 Mickey Donald Goofy & Pluto Halloween Costumes T-shirt
- Trick or Treat Candy Co. Sweatshirt
- A two-sided Boogie's Trio tee





[Mobile Merchandise Check-Out](#) can be utilized at select stores and allows you to purchase your items without having to wait in those long check-out lines.

But if you're celebrating from home, you don't have to be left out of the fun, just visit the [DFB Store](#).

Plus, you'll find PLENTY of Disney Halloween merchandise that you can [buy online](#)! You can also buy LOTS of items from [ShopDisney online](#)!



DISNEY'S FORT WILDERNESS

Fort Wilderness [goes all out for Halloween](#). In the past, we've seen a pet parade, pumpkin carving contest, beach bash, hallo-glow pool party, geocaching challenge, golf cart parade, scavenger hunt, tie-dye activity, and more!

CHIP 'N' DALE'S CAMPFIRE SING-A-LONG

Head over to Fort Wilderness for Chip 'n' Dale's Campfire Sing-a-long each evening, where guests participate in a sing-a-long with Chip and Dale while roasting marshmallows over the fire (you can purchase a s'mores kit nearby). This is followed by a Disney movie outdoors!

- Contact Fort Wilderness or call **(407) WDW-PLAY** (407-939-7529) for details before you work this into your plans. You'll want to find out what movies are playing, and if the weather has canceled the show.



GOLF CART PARADE

Fort Wilderness usually celebrates with a [Golf Cart Parade](#) on October 30th and 31st (this parade is limited to those who are actual guests of the campground).

DECORATIONS

Stop by in October to see how guests have decorated their cabins and campsites. Campers create some truly elaborate Halloween displays! Stop by for some snacks and stroll around to see some [epic Halloween décor](#).



Around Fall and Halloween, access to the resort can be limited due to the popularity of seasonal events. If visiting is important to you, consider booking an advance dining reservation or staying at the campground to ensure entry.



WALDORF ASTORIA ORLANDO

On Halloween weekend, the Waldorf Kids Club typically features fun activities such as crafts, pumpkin relay races, and more!

FOUR SEASONS

Take a fall break! Look for the stunning and kid-friendly Four Seasons to add Halloween-theme offerings. Your kids will love participating in the activities, which may include things like poolside trick-or-treating, spooky scavenger hunts, and pumpkin decorating.

Family-friendly Halloween movie favorites will likely be featured on the billboard-sized dive-in movie screen overlooking Explorer Island Pool.

See if any seasonal snacks are available at Lickety Split. You may find things like pumpkin cupcakes, chocolate-dipped strawberry ghosts, mummy cake pops, and monster doughnuts.

Enjoy special character dining experiences that will be fun for the whole family.

Adults can enhance their stay with seasonal spa treatments.

