



2008

Pumpkin Patches and Scary Places in San Diego

If you thought San Diego was just sunshine and surfing, think again. California's most southerly city has a bone-chilling history of ghosts, goblins and haunted locales!



Bates Nut Farm

Founded in 1921, this family-owned farm is one of the county's favorite pumpkin patches, complete with a petting corral, picnic spots, hayrides and pony rides. Daily in October, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Live entertainment weekends 12-3 p.m.; (760) 749-3333 or visit www.batesnutfarm.biz.

15954 Woods Valley Road, Valley Center

Mountain Valley Ranch

Meet the farm animals and pick your pumpkin in the patch or in the barn, which has a collection of antique farm tools and a corn maze. Daily in October, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (760) 788-8703 or visit www.mountainvalleyranch.com

842 Highway 78, Ramona

Pinery Pumpkin Patch Tours

Wander through pumpkin patches, or arrange a tour for your child to enjoy. Walk through an 8-foot-tall living corn maze and mingle with farm animals. Daily every day in October. Call (858) 566-7466 or visit www.pumpkinstation.com

**-Rancho Bernardo, 13421 Highland Valley Rd, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
-Bonita, 5437 Bonita Road, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Pumpkin Central

There are hundreds of pumpkins and gourds under the big tent at this location, just across the street from the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Costume shop with outfits for the whole family. Carnival rides, games, snacks and a petting zoo. Sept. 29-Oct. 31, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. (888) 302-8733.

1555 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar Fairgrounds

Pumpkin Lane Safe Trick-or-Treat

Find candy, kids' games, crafts, music and row after row of spectacularly carved pumpkins. October 31st from 5-8 p.m. For info: (760) 943-1950 or visit www.encinitas101.com.

Coast Highway 101, Downtown Encinitas

Victorias Gardens Pumpkin Patch

In the fall it's all about the pumpkins - and the corn maze, flower maze, barnyard animals, pony rides, hay rides, and fun jump. The farm stand has fruits and veggies from local growers. Open daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; (619) 390-9571 or www.victoriasgardens.com

**Wildcat Canyon & Willow Rd, Lakeside at
13120 Willow Road, Lakeside**



Pumpkin Station

This pumpkin theme park at the mall features hundreds of pumpkins - plus train and boat rides, swings, a petting zoo and giant, inflatable slides. Free (group tours are available at \$6.50 per person; reservations suggested). Open daily in October hours vary by location. For info: (858) 566-7466 or visit www.pumpkinstation.com

-Westfield Shopping Town, Mission Valley

1640 Camino Del Rio North at Mission Center Road

Monday-Thursday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Sunday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

-Plaza Bonita Shopping Center

3030 Plaza Bonita Road, National City

Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Sunday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

-900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista

Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Sunday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

-Westfield Plaza 415 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon

Monday-Thursday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Sunday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Van Ommering Farm Pumpkin Patch

Pick your own pumpkin from the patch at this family-owned farm - then stop and see the barnyard animals. Open Tuesday - Saturday in October, 10-7 p.m. For more info: (619) 390-2929 or visit www.omaspumpkinpatch.com

14950 El Monte Rd., Lakeside, CA 92040



HAUNTED TRAIL OF BALBOA PARK

Wind your way past graveyards and ghosts down the dark and scary "Haunted Trail of Balboa Park," Open Wed-Sun in Oct. 7p.m. to Midnight. Cost \$13.99. Info: (619) 231-0131 www.hauntedtrail.net *not recommended for young children

GHOST TOURS AT THE WHALEY HOUSE

The Whaley House has a spooky history and is one of only two certified "haunted" houses in California. Open for tours Sun - Tues 10 - 5pm and Thurs-Sat 10 - 10pm. Closed Wed.; (619) 297-7511 or visit www.whaleyhouse.org

FRIGHTMARE ON MARKET STREET

Spooky special effects get top billing at this classic Gaslamp Quarter haunted house at 530 Market St.. Sunday, 7pm-11pm; Wed & Thur 7pm - 11pm; Fri & Sat 5 pm to 1am; (619) 231-3611.

HAUNTED HOTEL

Where horror films come to life, prepare to be petrified! Located on the corner of 4th and Market in the Gaslamp Quarter. Open in October, Wed-Sun, 7pm to midnight; (619) 231-0131 or www.hauntedhotel.net

SCREAM ZONE

A haunted wonderland of ghouls, goblins and blood-curdling screams spans more than 10 acres of terror. Dates: Sept. 28-29, Oct 16-19, and 23-31. Hours: 7pm to midnight; (858) 755-1161 or www.sdfair.com/screamzone

MIRA MESA MONSTER MANOR

Light Fright, which takes place earlier in the day from noon to 4 pm, is for younger children; Oct 17-18, 24-26, and 28-31. Night Haunt begins at 7pm. Located in the Target shopping ctr. www.monstermanor.org.

San Diego's Famous Haunted Locations:

- The Whaley House has been called America's most haunted house.
- Visitors to Old Town can explore a historic cemetery and experience chills and ghostly visions.
- The Star of India, the world's oldest active ship, is also home to ghosts and goblins

