



2007

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. October 1 - 31, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Life of a Pumpkin" tours on weekdays from 9 to noon; reservations req'd (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 1930 Model A. 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 6 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 or visit 222.pumpkinstation.com

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/specialsafe

Coast Highway 101, Downtown Encinitas

Stu Miller's Pumpkin Patch

Pick a pumpkin, enjoy kiddie rides and reserve a tour daily in

October, 9 a.m. to 9 pm

-4455 Manchester Avenue, Encinitas (760) 436-1824

-1187 W. San Marcos Blvd, San Marcos (760) 471-4605



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). Daily in October, Mon-Thurs 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sun 9 a.m.-9 p.m. For info: (858) 566-7466 or visit www.pumpkinstation.com

-Westfield Shopping Town, Mission Valley

1640 Camino Del Rio North at Mission Center Road

-Plaza Bonita Shopping Center

3030 Plaza Bonita Road, National City

-900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista

-Westfield Plaza 415 Parkway Plaza, El Cajon

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. Sept. 23-Oct 31, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fri & Sat until 9 p.m. For information: (619) 390-9571

Wildcat Canyon & Willow Rd, Lakeside

Wholesome Heritage Farm

Pick your own pumpkin from the patch at this family-owned farm - then stop and see the ostrich, emus, camels and other barnyard animals. The farm stand has organic fruits and vegetables grown on the premises. Open daily in October, noon-6 p.m. For more info: (760) 746-8822 or visit www.helpsavethefarm.com

Highway 78 and San Pasqual Road, Escondido

Happy Halloween

HAUNTED TRAIL OF BALBOA PARK

Wind your way along the dark and scary "Haunted Trail of Balboa Park," after dark from Sept. 28 to Oct. 31. Cost \$13.99. Info: (619) 231-0131 *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 starting Sept 13th. Thurs thru Sun 9 p.m.-11 p.m. Open 'til midnight on October 31st. For more info call (619) 297-7511.

FRIGHTMARE ON MARKET STREET

Spooky special effects get top billing at this classic Gaslamp Quarter haunted house at 530 Market St.. Sunday, Wednesday & Thursday; 7-11 p.m. Friday & Saturday; 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Adults \$12.99. For more info call (619) 696-scare.

HAUNTED HOTEL

"Where the movies come to life" Located on the corner of 4th Avenue and Market Street. September 28 thru October 31. Hours: Sun, Wed, Thurs; 7:00 -11 p.m. Fri and Sat; 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. For info: (619) 231-0131 or www.hauntedhotel.com

SCREAM ZONE

A haunted wonderland of ghouls, goblins and blood-curdling screams spans more than 10 acres of terror. Dates: Sept. 28-29, Oct 5-7, 12-14, 18-21 and 24-31. Hours: Sun-Thurs 7 to 11pm & Fri-Sat 7pm to midnight. Cost \$13.99 to \$26.99. For info (858) 755-1161 or www.thescreamzone.com.

MIRA MESA MONSTER MANOR

Light Fright, which takes place earlier in the day from noon to 4 pm, is for younger children; Oct 21, 22, 28 and 29. Night Haunt takes place after dark from 7-10 pm; Oct 13, 14, 20 and 21 and Oct. 27-31. Located next to Target shopping ctr. (858) 693-8536

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

