Vibrant

Fall unfolds in colorful splendor

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Fall in the Catskills offers classic family-friendly activities such as pumpkin and apple picking, harvest festivals and hay rides, as well as Oktoberfests, motorcycle rallies and farm tours to delight all ages.

Fall foliage peaks in the Catskills around late September into early October, offering brilliant colors amid the blue skies, mountain peaks and river valleys of the region.

Kick off your autumn adventure in Saugerties at the Hudson Valley Garlic Festival in late September, a two-day extravaganza featuring musicians and performers, food vendors, children’s programs and crafts, as well chefs lectures.

Continue your autumn revels at one of the many vineyards, wineries and cideries around the New Paltz area. The unofficial wine trail features 14 stops where visitors can sample wines and ciders made in the Hudson Valley, including Stoutridge Vineyard in Marlboro, a state-of-the-art solar powered sustainable farm winery, and distillery specializing in regional wines.

In the mountains, autumn arrives in mid-September with the roar of motorcycles riding to the Catskill Mountain Thunder event at Blackthorne Resort in East Durham. One of the largest motorcycle festivals in Upstate New York, riders will enjoy stunt shows, rodeo games, vendors and a bike show with cash prizes during the four-day festival. The merriment continues with the annual Color in the Catskills and Oktoberfest celebrations at Hunter Mountain throughout October.

Don’t miss the annual Harvest Festival at Bethel Woods, a celebration of the region’s bounty. Find farm-fresh goods, a variety of handcrafted items such as jewelry and artwork, as well as education programming, workshops and live music. Held on Sundays in September, the festival coincides with annual wine and craft beer events.

Take a scenic drive along Catskill Route 30 for fall foliage shots, and explore charming villages and towns along the East Branch of the Delaware River, or head to Arkville and hop aboard the Rip Van Winkle Flyer at the Delaware & Ulster Rail Road. The scenic excursion train offers unique dining and leaf peeping opportunities through the end of October.

Whatever you do, enjoy autumn’s vibrant colors in the Catskills and discover more activities at VisittheCatskills.com