



### Discover a variety of charming “scarecrows”

SCARECROW FESTIVAL, CAMBRIA, CA

Every October, the seaside hamlet of Cambria doubles in population with the addition of 500 handcrafted scarecrows. Ranging from whimsical to spine-tingling, the scarecrows are displayed across town and attract thousands of visitors each year. Download a trail map at [cambria.scarecrows.com](http://cambria.scarecrows.com) and check out favorites like Dolly Parton, Gene Simmons, and Mister Ed, the talking horse. New this year are alien scarecrows inspired by the cantina scene in *Star Wars* as well as woodland creatures.



### Join a parade of zombies

NEW HAMPSHIRE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL,  
LACONIA, NH

During this festival, which runs from October 27 to 28, the town's streets are lined with jack-o'-lanterns and a 34-foot tower of pumpkins is lit at dusk. Attendees are welcome to add their own jack-o'-lanterns to the displays—in the past, there have been carved marriage proposals!—and walk among the dead in Friday night's Zombie Walk parade. Just have your camera ready for when the zombie herds break out in *thrilling* (hint, hint) choreographed dances.



### Make your own apple cider

OLD APPLE TREE FESTIVAL,  
VANCOUVER, WA

Washington is the nation's top producer of apples, and at the Old Apple Tree Festival (October 7), you can get a cutting (and start your own tree) from the state's oldest one, planted in 1826 at Fort Vancouver. Urban Forestry provides an explainer on getting your cutting started, and arborists are on hand to demonstrate fruit tree pruning. Not ready for the commitment? Attendees can borrow tools and pick apples from the Fort Vancouver Historic Orchard or bring their own from the grocery store (along with a clean jug) to press into cider on-site with help from nonprofit Urban Abundance.



Though the tree's trunk “died” in 2020, a new tree has grown from its original root system.