

A duo of corn mazes. Plenty of pumpkin patches. A quirky local holiday involving geese. The Juniata River Valley could be your new fall favorite locale.

Fall Events

At the Barnyard- Corn maze, hay ride, pumpkin patch. Themed weekends. Opening Sept. 8. Weekends only. 204 Barnyard Boulevard, Lewistown. 717-437-3648, www.atthebarnyard.com. Find on Facebook.

Bilger's Pumpkins- Corn maze, pumpkin patch, mums, and more. Visit with Harvey the Harvest Goose. 7468 Ferguson Valley Road, McVeytown. 717-994-1680.

Rise-N-Shine Family Farm- Pumpkin patch. 424 Barrville Road, Belleville. 717-250-5971, riseandshinefamilyfarm.com.

Sept. 20-22- Okto'bear'fest Weekend, Shy Bear Brewing, 35 Meadowbrook Lane, Lewistown. Three-day music-oriented gala. German food options and large pours of beer. Information: (717) 242-2663 or www.shybearbrewing.com.

Sept. 27-29- Goose Day Celebration- Legend has it that if you eat goose on Sept. 29th, you will ensure wealth and prosperity for the coming year. Find out what's happening this year by visiting www.jrvvisitors.com starting Sept. 1st or follow the Goose Day in the Juniata River Valley Facebook page.

Oct. 4-5- 39th Annual Big Valley Harvestfest, Mifflin County Youth Park, 110 W. Logan St., Reedsville. Two-day craft festival gives you the best of fall and winter décor. Delicious food, entertainment, and activities. Information: (814) 641-1146, www.visitbigvalley.com.



Oct. 12- Reeds Gap Annual Fall Fest, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Reeds Gap State Park, 1405 New Lancaster Valley Road, Milroy. Live falconry display and Nittany Valley Woodturners demonstrations, apple cider, homemade ice cream, activities, and music by Brush Mountain Band. Information: 717-667-3622 or Facebook.

Oct. 12- Family Fun Day at CRC, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Christian Retreat Center, 369 CRC Drive, East Waterford. Pumpkin carving, activities, wagon rides, food, and more. RSVP at CRCTIMS.ORG.

Oct. 12- Standing Stone Farm Fall Fest, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., 1 Losch Lane, Port Royal. Pie contest, pony rides, pumpkin painting, scarecrow building, rescue horses, food, vendors, and music.

Saturdays-Sundays (starting Oct. 12)- PEANUTS The Great Pumpkin Patch Express, East Broad Top Railroad, 421 Meadow St., Rockhill. Join Charlie Brown and Snoopy as you enjoy a train ride and pick your own pumpkin. Halloween costumes encouraged! For tickets, visit www.eastbroadtop.com/peanuts.

Oct. 19- Poe Paddy Fall Foliage Hike, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Poe Paddy State Park 136 Poe Valley Park Circle, Coburn. Meet at boat launch parking lot. 814-349-2460.

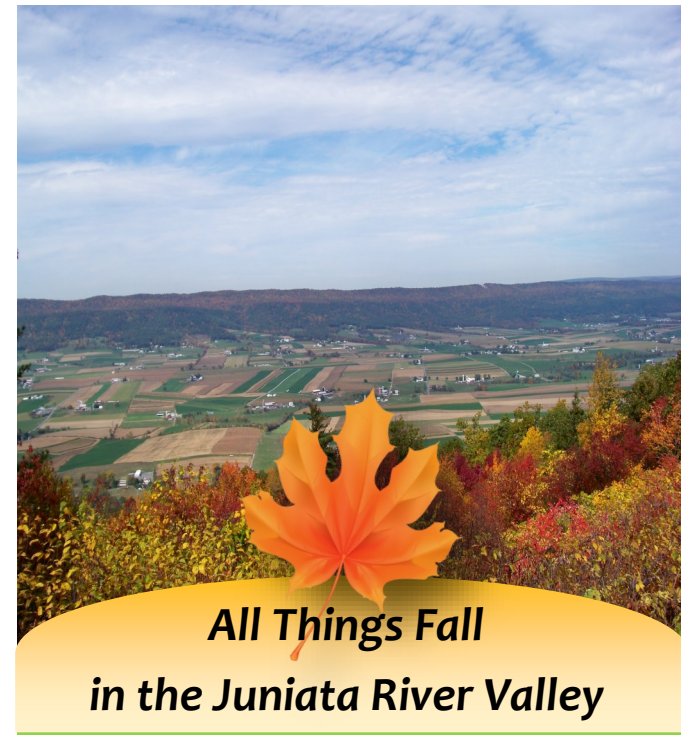
Oct. 26- Halloween in the Park, Greenwood Furnace State Park, Greenwood Road, Huntingdon. Halloween-themed games and activities, plus trick-or-treat.

Oct. 23- Lewistown Halloween Parade, 7 p.m., downtown Lewistown.

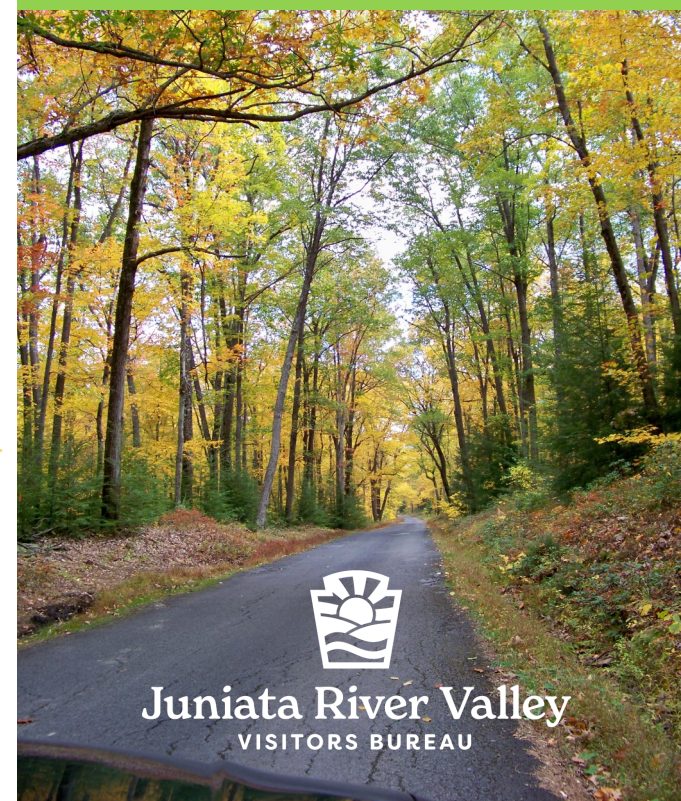


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State Parks & Campgrounds

Poe Paddy State Park- 1087 Poe Paddy Drive, Woodward, 16882. 717-667-3622.

Poe Valley State Park- 136 Poe Valley Park Circle Coburn, 16832. 814-249-2460.

Reeds Gap State Park- 1405 New Lancaster Valley Road, Milroy. 717-667-3622.

Greenwood Furnace State Park- 15795 Greenwood Road, Huntingdon, 16552. 814-667-1800.

Little Buffalo State Park- 1579 State Park Road, Newport, 17074. 717-567-9255.

Buttonwood Campground- 1515 E. River Road, Mifflintown. 717-436-8334, www.buttonwoodcamp.com. Find on Facebook.

Waterside Campground & RV Park- 475 Locust Grove, Lewistown 17044. 717-248-3974, www.watersidecampground.com. Find on Facebook.

Across the Juniata River Valley in the fall, the leaves turn into beautiful shades of red, orange and yellow. We have gathered up a few of our favorite places where you can take advantage of the scenery to the absolute fullest.

Jack's Mountain- This view gives leaf peepers the chance to see into two different valleys. Big Valley is to the North, and Ferguson Valley and McVeytown is to the South. Turn onto PA-655 Belleville. Turn left onto Wills Rd. and continue on Jack's Mountain Rd to the top. From Rt 522, McVeytown turn right onto Jack's Mountains Rd & continue to the top of the mountain.

Penns View Overlook- From State College follow Rt. 45 east. About 5 miles after Spring Mills follow signs to Poe Valley State Park and/or Poe Paddy Picnic Area. Cross Penns Creek on the Millheim Pike and head up the mountain. Turn left on Pine Swamp Road and left on Poe Paddy Drive. Penns View is at the top of the ridge.

Big Valley Vista- Siglerville/Milheim Pike. From Siglerville, follow signs to Poe Valley State Park. See unobstructed views of Big Valley.



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Trails

Towpath Trail at Lewistown Narrows Canal Park- 3 mile hiking trail with informational signs throughout the trail explaining the history of the Pennsylvania canal.

Alan Seeger Natural Area- Travel down Stone Creek Road, Huntingdon for about 7.4 miles. You will see Alan Seeger Natural Area on your left. Starting at the parking area, walk a short distance along Stone Creek Road until you see a sign showing the route of the trail.

S.H. Rothermel Walking Trail- the multi-purpose recreation trail along the Juniata River in Mifflin County offers views of the Juniata River and the Victory Park Veterans Mural.

Coopers Gap- Claimed to be the best singletrack experience in PA and Rothrock State Forest, the trails flow non-stop allowing riders to ride all day. Parking area along Coopers Gap Road, Reedsville.

Take A Drive Down...

- Rt. 322/ Lewistown Narrows
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- Take a drive through Big Valley, Located on Route 655, Belleville. Make sure you give yourself plenty of time, because you will want to stop at many places along the way!
- Ferguson Valley Road- From Burnham to Aitkinson Mills
- New Lancaster Valley Road- A Large area of woodland that lays adjacent to Reeds Gap
- Victory Park - A Veterans Memorial Park located along the Juniata Valley River. The path is lined with vintage style street lamps and Zelkova trees. It's beautiful in every season but the leaves on the trees in the fall are a show stopper.

