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Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park kicks off Octoberfest Oct. 1 for four weeks of fall family fun

The mountain-top theme park in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, is celebrating autumn Oct. 1- 28 with a pumpkin patch, leaf-peeping and food and drink specials daily. On Saturdays, visitors can also enjoy hayrides, face painting and kids' games. Local oompah band Alpine Echo will perform on Oct. 13 and 20. A special farewell party for the Iron Mountain Tramway concludes the festival on Oct. 28.

Glenwood Springs, Colo. (Sept. 20, 2018) — Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park is celebrating the harvest season with a month-long, family-friendly Octoberfest. From Oct. 1 through 28, daily fun at the mountain-top theme park in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, includes a pumpkin patch, fall photo opportunities, and Octoberfest food and drink specials. There's even more fun on Saturdays from noon to 6 p.m. with hayrides, games for kids, face painting, scavenger hunts and pumpkin decorating, and an oompah band Oct. 13 and 20. This year, the last day of the festival is dedicated to saying farewell to the Iron Mountain Tramway.



In addition to the colorful maple trees and flowers in the plaza, the park features several vantage points with panoramic views of the changing colors in Glenwood Canyon and the Roaring Fork Valley. The tram, the Lookout Grille, the Mine Wheel and viewing decks at the Giant Canyon Swing and above the restaurant are some of the best places for leaf peeping and photos.

“Autumn is a fantastic time to visit Glenwood Springs and Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park. The temperatures are mild, the colors are changing, and the town and park are much less crowded this time of year,” Nancy Heard, general manager for the park, said. “We pull out all the stops so that our guests can enjoy traditional harvest season activities like hayrides, decorating pumpkins and fall-themed refreshments combined with Octoberfest favorites including an oompah band and German food and beer specials at the Lookout Grille.”



All of the park's rides are open through the end of the month, weather permitting, but the Haunted Mine Drop is particularly well-suited for the season. Halloween-themed decorations lead guests on the trails to the ride, while spooky music sets the tone for a ghostly, one-of-a-kind experience for those who dare to drop.

Polka dancing and lederhosen take center stage from noon to 4 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 13, and Sat., Oct. 20, as local oompah band Alpine Echo entertains festival-goers in the plaza. The band features Bill Rill on drums and vocals; John Pataky on accordion, drums and vocals; Joe Pologar on horns and vocals; and Gerhard Rill on strings, keyboards, accordion, horns, drums, bells and vocals.

The Lookout Grille will serve autumn favorites all month, including bratwursts and sauerkraut, pretzels, seasonal beers, spiked apple cider and fun, fall drinks for kids. The popular Bloody Mary Bar will be open and stocked with dozens of garnishes so that guests can come up with their own creative concoctions. The General Store will add pumpkin to its selection of homemade fudge and offer fudge-covered apples as well.

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Face painting, kids' games and hay rides are included with admission; pumpkins are just \$3 each. Regular admission rates apply. Tram rides cost \$16 for adults and \$11 for kids. Funday Passes, which include the tram ride, cave tours and unlimited turns on all open rides, cost \$54 for adults and \$49 for kids 3 to 12.

The last day of the festival also marks the final day for the current Iron Mountain Tramway, which is being replaced over the winter. The community is invited to say farewell to the 15-year-old tram that's carried more than two million guests to and from the park since it opened in 2003. Tram rides that day will cost just \$10, a throwback to the price when the tram opened, and the festivities will include free cake, prize drawings and photo opportunities.

Through Oct. 28, the park is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. More information about the park, including hours of operation and a list of which attractions are open, can be found at GlenwoodCaverns.com or by calling 800-530-1635 or 970-945-4228, ext. 0.

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Located in scenic Glenwood Springs, Colo., midway between Aspen and Vail, Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park offers a one-of-a-kind mountain-top adventure. The Adventure Park features a gondola ride, walking and wild tours of Glenwood Caverns and Historic Fairy Caves, dining, and year-round attractions including an Alpine Coaster, Haunted Mine Drop, 4D Motion Theater and Laser Tag Arena. Seasonal offerings include the Giant Canyon Swing, Glenwood Canyon Flyer, Soaring Eagle Zip Ride, Cliffhanger Roller Coaster, Wild West Express family coaster, a climbing wall, gemstone sluice box mining, a Ferris wheel ride and a holiday light display. Ideal setting for groups and birthday parties. Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park operates the Iron Mountain Hot Springs now open on the bank of the Colorado River in Glenwood Springs.