Discover the Surprisingly Haunted Side of 'Forgottonia' This Fall

Discover haunted trails, Halloween thrills, fall festivals, pumpkin patches and family-friendly adventures throughout Unforgettable Forgottonia this October.



October in Unforgettable Forgottonia

MACOMB, IL, UNITED STATES, October 1, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Looking for a fall getaway with a little more mystery? Visitors to Macomb and Unforgettable Forgottonia can discover a surprisingly haunted side of the region this October, with ghost stories, local legends, haunted attractions and historic sites that offer plenty of stories to tell after the sun goes down.

But the spooky season isn't all about scares. From colorful fall festivals and pumpkin farms to apple cider donuts and family-friendly attractions, Forgottonia offers plenty of ways to celebrate the season.

Explore Macomb's Haunted Side

One of the easiest ways to discover Macomb's supernatural side is the Haunted Macomb self-guided tour. The interactive experience takes visitors throughout the community, sharing stories of ghosts, unexplained happenings and local legends along the way. Visitors can explore at their own pace, making it an easy addition to an October itinerary.

The Haunted Macomb Trail was inspired by the work of the late Garret Moffett, author of Haunted Macomb. Moffett's book helped preserve and bring attention to the stories, legends and unexplained happenings that have become part of Macomb's history. His work continues to inspire visitors and locals interested in exploring the city's haunted past.

Explore the Haunted Macomb Trail

For those who prefer their scares up close, the Bushnell Haunted House will be open October 16–17, 23–24 and 30–31, offering plenty of thrills as Halloween approaches.

The region's paranormal stories extend beyond traditional haunted attractions. Paranormal author Michael Norman, known for his Haunted book series, has documented stories of strange happenings throughout the region. Local folklore surrounding Argyle Lake State Park includes its own tales of mysterious creatures and reported werewolf or “Dogman” encounters, adding another layer to the area's reputation for the unusual.

Visitors can also explore the area's history during the Atkinson/McCord Cemetery Tour at Argyle Lake State Park on Saturday, October 24, from 10 a.m. to noon. Led by park staff, the historical walking tour explores the cemetery located on the park's property and offers a glimpse into the people and stories connected to the area's past. Participants should be prepared to walk approximately a half-mile over moderate terrain.

Celebrate the Beauty of Fall

For those who want to experience the season without the scares, Moon Over Macomb Fall Festival on Saturday, October 17, brings autumn to life in the heart of downtown. Macomb's historic Courthouse Square comes alive with colorful decorations, family fun, local art and small-town charm, offering a festive way to celebrate the beauty of fall.

Yesternight Pumpkin Farm is open September 19 through November 1, giving families plenty of opportunities to enjoy a classic fall outing throughout the season. Visitors can embrace the traditions of autumn, explore the farm and take in the sights and atmosphere of pumpkin season.

Camp’s Orchard is another must-stop for anyone looking to savor the flavors of fall. The orchard offers house-made apple cider donuts and frozen cider slushies, making it a delicious stop for visitors exploring Macomb and the surrounding area.

While You're Here, Play Macombopoly

If you're coming to Macomb to enjoy the spooky season, make sure to leave time to explore Macombopoly, the larger-than-life, app-powered Monopoly experience in downtown Macomb.

Inspired by Macomb's connection to Monopoly creator Lizzie Magie, Macombopoly transforms downtown into a one-of-a-kind, 170,000-square-foot interactive game experience. It's an easy addition to a fall itinerary and gives visitors another reason to explore the city's historic downtown.

Whether you're looking for Halloween thrills, local legends, colorful fall traditions or an adventure the whole family can enjoy, Macomb offers a memorable way to experience the

season.

For more information about things to do, places to stay, restaurants and events in Macomb and throughout Unforgettable Forgottonia, visit VisitForgottonia.com.

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About Macombopoly
Macombopoly is a larger-than-life, app-powered Monopoly experience played on the downtown square of Macomb, Illinois. Set on the historic Courthouse Square, the 170,000-square-foot experience pays tribute to Lizzie Magie, the Macomb-born inventor who created The Landlord's Game in 1903, the direct predecessor to the Monopoly board game. The game is powered by eATLAS and free to play. More at visitforgottonia.com.

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Visit Unforgettable Forgottonia is the destination marketing organization for McDonough County and the surrounding region of west-central Illinois, promoting the area's history, attractions, and experiences to visitors from across the state and beyond. More at visitforgottonia.com.

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