

HALF MOON BAY

COASTSIDE CALIFORNIA

PUMPKINS ABOUND ALONG THE HALF MOON BAY COASTSIDE, CA *Enjoy Pumpkin-Inspired Celebrations, Patches, Beer, and Much More!*

HALF MOON BAY, CA – AUGUST 31, 2022 - There is no better place to celebrate the wonders of the fall season than along the Half Moon Bay Coastsides. Fondly regarded as the pumpkin capital of the world, this beautiful coastal region, located 30 miles south of San Francisco, produces more than 3,000 tons of pumpkins every year. This year is especially notable as it's the 50th anniversary of the renowned Pumpkin Festival. Visitors will delight in the area's brilliant orange pick-your-own-pumpkins and scenic backdrop of rich fall colors. The local menus are brimming over with pumpkin-inspired delights such as pumpkin cheese, pumpkin gnocchi, and even pumpkin beer on tap!

Below is a summary of everything pumpkin-related along the Half Moon Bay Coastsides. To plan a trip, visit www.visithalfmoonbay.org for information on the region's cozy inns and luxury coastal resorts, renowned restaurants, farm visits, golf, wine tasting, fishing, whale watching, surfing, and much more.

Special Note: All locations are in Half Moon Bay unless otherwise noted.

- PUMPKIN PATCHES -

Pick-Your-Own Pumpkin Patches

An autumn visit to the pumpkin fields around Half Moon Bay is a popular annual tradition for many people. Spread out along Highway 92 (San Mateo Road) and Cabrillo Highway (Rt. 1), visitors will discover pumpkins in a wide variety of colors, shapes, and sizes in a beautiful rural setting. Below is a selection of local pumpkin farms open to visitors. *For information about advance tickets and reservations, contact the farm directly.*

Andreotti Farms – in operation since 1926 this family farm turns into a giant pumpkin patch with an abundance of reasonably priced gourds to choose from. In addition to providing a bounty of vegetables throughout the year, check out the “You Pick Sunflower Field” to bring home a bit of Half Moon Bay sunshine. 800 Cabrillo Highway, (650) 720-0428, www.andreottifamilyfarms.net.

Arata's Pumpkin Farm – in addition to pumpkins, this family-friendly farm features pony rides, a petting zoo, and the infamous Minotaur's Labyrinth (a two-acre hay maze that changes every year). For those who like a bit of frightening fun, check out the spine-tingling Haunted Barn. Tickets can be purchased at www.aratapumpkinfarm.com. 185 Verde Road, (650) 726-7548.

Farmer John's Pumpkin Farm – opening September 9, there's more than 60 varieties of pumpkins and squash to peruse at this famous farm. Visitors can also check out an authentic Native American teepee and take a ride on a vintage tractor. 850 N. Cabrillo Highway, (650) 730-9258.

Lemos Farm - this family farm specializes in year-round activities for children such as pony rides, train rides, a petting zoo, bounce houses, and more. From September 3 through November 20, the farm turns into “Halloween Palooza” with a haunted house, the Ghost Train, and of course, lots of pumpkins! Tickets can be purchased at www.lemosfarm.com. 12320 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-2342, www.lemosfarm.com.

Pastorino Farms – From September 15-October 31, Pastorino's transforms into a seasonal pumpkin farm with hayrides, train rides, ponies, a petting zoo, giant slides, and more. On the weekends, enjoy a haunted house and face painting. 12391 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-6440, www.pastorinofarms.com.

Repetto's - Find great prices on pumpkins plus a not-to-miss corn maze, which spans over an acre. 12592 San Mateo Road, (650) 726-6414, www.repettonurseryflorist.com.

- GLASS PUMPKINS -

Create your own glass pumpkins with [HMB Art Glass](http://www.hmbartglass.com) or stop by the mega sale held October 8 & 9 for hundreds of glass pumpkins available for purchase. For those who prefer to make their pumpkin, visit the website for classes. Located at La Nebbia Winery, 12341 San Mateo Road on Hwy. 92, (650) 283-5626, www.hmbartglass.com.

- PUMPKIN GETAWAY –

The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay is offering the *Autumn Awaits* package that includes the *Spirit of the Season Pumpkin Facial* (80 minutes), a pumpkin macaron welcome amenity, a Half Moon Bay Art Glass pumpkin keepsake, breakfast for two, and overnight valet parking. Rates start at \$1370 per night, inclusive of the resort fee. Available from October 1 through November 30, 2022. For reservations, [click here](#). One Miramontes Point Road, (650) 712 7000, www.ritzcarlton.com. Media Contact: Shelly Auyeung (650) 712 7007, shelly.ayueung@ritzcarlton.com.

- CULINARY DELIGHTS -

Pumpkin Candy!

Step back in time and indulge in a piece of Americana at [Small Town Sweets](#). This fall season enjoy a wide selection of pumpkin treats including homemade pumpkin pie fudge, pumpkin spice malt balls, pumpkin spice caramels, pumpkin spice meringues, and pumpkin pie saltwater taffy. There's also an ample selection of chocolates, candies, licorice, and gourmet popcorn. 617 Main Street, (650) 713-0782, <https://smalltownsweetshmb.square.site>.

Pumpkin Treats

Voted the “Best Bakery in Half Moon Bay,” [Moonside Bakery and Café](http://www.moonsidebakery.com) is the place to go for delectable housemade pumpkin goodies. A sampling of their “Everything Pumpkin” menu includes sweet loaf, muffins, croissants (pumpkin and cream cheese filled), scones, cheesecake, mousse cake, French macarons, and pumpkin-shaped cookies. There's even pumpkin pancakes and pumpkin-seeded bagels! Of course, no celebration is complete without their scrumptious pumpkin pie. 604 Main Street, (650) 726-9070, www.moonsidebakery.com.

Pumpkin Ravioli

Head to Cal-Italian restaurant Mezzaluna this fall for homemade ravioli stuffed with fresh pumpkin and served in a sage and butter sauce. Opened more than 25 years ago, this Half Moon Bay mainstay offers southern Italian dishes with a California flair, serving only the highest quality meats, fish, and produce, with much of it locally sourced. 459 Prospect Way, (650) 726-8108, mezzalunabythesea.com.

Pumpkin Pie

James Beard award winning Duarte's Tavern, a family run establishment since 1894, is serving up their signature pumpkin pie starting October 1. Enjoy American country cooking, spiced by the Portuguese roots of the Duarte family. Not to miss: a bowl of their famous artichoke and green chili soup and a slice of olallieberry pie with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. 202 Stage Road, Pescadero, (650) 879-0464, www.duartestavern.com.

Pumpkin Cheese

Harley Farms, home to award-winning goat cheese, is offering its seasonal Pumpkin-Spice Fromage Blanc, a deliciously creamy and light cheese with a subtle pumpkin tang. 205 North Street, Pescadero, (650) 879-0480, www.harleyfarms.com.

Pumpkin Gnocchi

Sam's Chowder House is cooking up a variety of festive specials this pumpkin season including house-made pumpkin gnocchi in lobster cream sauce and delicious pumpkin cheesecake with bourbon whipped cream and toasted pecans. 4210 Cabrillo Hwy., (650) 712-0245, www.samschowderhouse.com.

- BREW NEWS -

Pumpkins are Brewing

Head to Half Moon Bay Brewing Company for its famous Pumpkin Harvest Ale, available September 1 at the restaurant on tap and in 16oz cans. This Pumpkin Harvest Ale is a yearly fall specialty: a full-bodied Amber Ale made with locally grown Sugar Pie pumpkins and roasted with a secret blend of spices added to the brew kettle. The finished result is a subtle Pumpkin pie spice flavor balanced by a biscuity maltiness. There will also be pumpkin-inspired soups and salads on the menu. 390 Capistrano Road, (650) 728-2739, www.hmbbrewingco.com. Media Contact: Laura Acton, laura@hmbbrewingco.com.

- SHOPPING -

Festive Main Street

Half Moon Bay's Main Street is a shopper's dream with blocks of locally owned boutiques, galleries, and restaurants. In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Pumpkin Festival, local artist Julie Engelmann has been commissioned by the City of Half Moon Bay to paint a large mural on Cunha's Country Store. The 40-by-30 foot work will incorporate images of local symbols such as pumpkins, artichokes, a beautiful ocean sunset, and more. To celebrate the fall season, Devlin Espeleta, a Bay Area artist, has hand-painted many of the store windows with cozy autumn scenes. On October 31st, the third annual *Trick or Treat on Main Street* invites kids downtown for the afternoon, where they can pick up a free trick-or-treat bag in Mac Dutra Park and collect candy from merchants. Bags are distributed between noon and 2 p.m., and most shops are open until at least 5 p.m. <https://visithalfmoonbay.org/downtown>.

Cozy Fall Accents

Capture the delicious tastes and smells of autumn at Juno's Little Mercantile. Spiced pumpkin latte candles from Voluspa, hand-poured in elegant floral textured glass vessels, will warm the senses for hours. Pumpkin Spice Simple Syrup from Meadowland is handcrafted to sweeten the fall days, and makes the perfect addition to coffee, desserts, and whiskey cocktails. 435 Main Street, <http://junosmercantile.com>.

Pumpkin Garden

From September 29 – Oct 31, Garden Apothecary's Corner Garden will be home to a pumpkin patch with a variety of gourds from local farmer friends. Enjoy unique garden displays with flowers, rare plants, and creative ideas for outdoor spaces. 601 Main Street, www.gardenapothecary.com/collections/garden.

Hometown Pumpkins

Head to Hometown for Posh pumpkins made with hand-dyed velvet and stems from local farms. Also be sure to pick up a delicious-smelling Nest pumpkin chai candle. Of the many seasonal items, dog-owners will love the pumpkin-themed bandanas. 416 Main Street, hometownhmb.com, (650) 713-0816.

The Magic of Fall

The Robin's Noel, a new store in Half Moon Bay, is featuring seasonal decor, gifts, and a variety of collectibles perfect for autumn. Make the season magical with dozens of pumpkin-themed items such as planters, wreaths, candles and more. 330 Main Street, (650) 726-0200, www.therobinsnoel.com.

- SPA -

Sprit of the Season Pumpkin Facial

Offered exclusively during the fall in honor of pumpkin season, The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay's signature treatment utilizes a nourishing pumpkin enzyme masque from a 100% natural plant-based line high in beta carotene and vitamins A and C. The facial includes cleansing, exfoliation, a seasonal mask and moisturizing hand treatment. Enjoy the ultimate skin care experience that leaves skin smooth, plump and hydrated. 80 minutes, \$330. Guests can include a micro-current or ampoule treatment for an additional charge. One Miramontes Point Road, (650) 712 7000, www.ritzcarlton.com. Media Contact: Shelly Auyeung (650) 712-7007, shelly.auyeung@ritzcarlton.com.

About the Half Moon Bay Coastside

The Half Moon Bay Coastside is a charming seaside respite located 45 minutes south of San Francisco. Nestled between the Santa Cruz Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, this breathtaking region consists of four distinct areas - the North Coast, Half Moon Bay, the South Coast and the Redwood Region. Featuring the best of Northern California all in one place, visitors will enjoy miles of white sandy beaches, redwood forests, a historic downtown filled with local artisan shops, beautiful state parks, fields of wildflowers, and trails along ocean bluffs and mountain ridges as far as the eye can see. A sampling of activities includes horseback riding on the beach, farm fresh dining, shopping, biking, hiking and world-class golfing and surfing.

For more information on visiting Half Moon Bay, visit www.visithalfmoonbay.org or call (650) 726-8380. Like our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter @visithmb and Instagram @visithalfmoonbay.

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