

ODC 
CONNECTIONS
September



Treats and Trails

Saturday, October 26, 2019 –
2:00-7:00 PM

This annual trick or treating event is fun for the entire family! It's an opportunity to walk the trails of the Outdoor Discovery Center for a safe and non-scary Halloween event. There will be wildlife encounters, games and lots of candy. Don't miss a barrel ride or seeing the live birds of prey. People are encouraged to wear their costumes!

All the trails are wheelchair, stroller and wagon-friendly.

No registration required

Fee: \$10 per family

PARKING PLAN: One way roads on 142nd Ave (eastbound) and 56th Street (northbound) with street parking

Quick Read about why outdoor play is so important from Harvard Medical School

[Why outdoor play is essential](#)

Local Options For Outdoor Fun

Grab some donuts and cider and go Apple picking. Try a variety of kinds. When you get home use some of the recipes below to make fun apple snacks or even an apple pie! Call ahead for varieties being picked and prices.

<https://www.overhiserorchards.com/>

<https://cranesupick.com/>

Sept. 21-22 [Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster](#)

Oct. 4-5 [Zeeland Pumpkinfest](#)

Recipes

[Apple Donuts](#)



[Apple Chips](#)



Craft



Have fun collecting a paper bag of items while on a nature walk. At home use craft glue to make 'Leaf people' on pieces of paper or cardboard. If you have time, write or tell stories to each other about you 'leaf peoples' adventures. With older students try frisbee golf at Saugatuck state park.

Great places for fall hikes:

[Van Raalte Park](#)

[Saugatuck State Park](#)

[New Richmond Bridge Park](#)

[Outdoor Discovery Center](#)

Extension: Go to your local library and check out books about fall to take on your hike. Lay out a blanket part way through the hike to rest while reading some fall books in a beautiful natural environment.

Coupon

\$1 off Fishing Pole Rental. Come fish our fully stocked (catch and release) pond in the Eldean family Play Area at the ODC. What a great way to spend time outdoors as a family! NO fishing licence required. Admission to the ODC is always Free.

Bring in or mention this offer while visiting the ODC visitors center. Bait included with rental. Expires 9/30/19