

# You Don't Have to Go Far To Find a Haunted House

Omaha's haunted houses approach horror in varying degrees.

While some feed on claustrophobia and disorientation, others scare with Gothic expanse. Other events feature, for the younger set, fairy tale characters or nature walks.

Following is a list of haunted houses and other Halloween events in Omaha and other communities in Nebraska and western Iowa.

■ **Hell's Depot.** Theatrical environment filled with characters and fiends inspired by Anne Rice's Vampire Lestat novels. Live bats, live rats, vampires.

**Address:** 1009 S. 10th St., in the basement of the historic Burlington Station.

**Hours:** 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays until Halloween; 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays until Halloween; 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 30 and 31.

**Admission:** \$6 (\$5 with coupon).

**Information:** 341-3824.

**Sponsors:** Z-92 and the Reader, to benefit the Omaha Literacy Council.

■ **11th Annual Mystery Manor Haunted House.** Witches' grotto, bats in the belfry, Dracula who materializes out of the dark and 65-foot Slide of Doom.

**Address:** 716 N. 18th St.

**Hours:** 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays; 7 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. Open through Oct. 31.

**Admission:** \$5; discount coupons at area Kwik Shops.

**Information:** 572-3520.

**Sponsor:** Prevent Blindness Nebraska.

■ **Scream-in-the-Dark.** This haunted house includes the Lost Mine, Witchcraft Alley and hayrack rides.

**Address:** Bellevue Berry Farm, 48th Street and Cornhusker Road, Bellevue.

**Hours:** 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**Admission:** \$5; hayrack ride, \$4.

**Information:** 331-2763.

**Sponsors:** Benefit for the Metropolitan Sports Foundation.

■ **The Stone Castle of Terror Haunted House.** Jurassic Death Park, Six Doors of Doom, Strobe Nightmare, Freddy's Return, Snake Pit and Toxic Terror.

**Address:** 48th and Leavenworth Streets.

**Hours:** 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays; 7 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. Open through Oct. 31.

**Admission:** \$5; discount coupons at the Omaha Community Playhouse.

**Information:** 551-8477.

**Sponsor:** Omaha Community Playhouse to benefit the Stage Door volunteer program.

■ **Trick or Treat With the Stars.** Treats, prizes, costume contest. Stars include Bart Simpson, Cinderella and the Fairy Godmother and Three Little Pigs.

**Address:** Olsen Auto Center, 808 N. 102nd St., just west of the Westroads Shopping Center.

**Hours:** 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 26.

**Admission:** Optional \$1 donation for Child Saving Institute.

**Sponsor:** KPTM Fox 42, Olsen Auto Center, Ibsen's Costumes, Fun Mart, Wendy's, Union Pacific Railroad and Hy-Vee Food Stores.

■ **The Year of the Scream.** This haunted-house setup includes screaming young ghouls prepared to ambush patrons in dark hallways.

**Address:** Upper level, Southroads Mall, across from Southroads 4 Theater, Bellevue.

**Hours:** 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 31. Kids' matinees, noon to 2 p.m. Saturday and Oct. 29.

**Admission:** \$4.

**Information:** 291-3449.

**Sponsor:** Bellevue D.R.E.A.M. Inc.

■ **Halloween With the Wild Things.** Nature hikes along trails lighted with jack-o'-lanterns. Costumed woodland creatures will talk about themselves.

**Address:** Fontenelle Forest, 1111 Bellevue Blvd. North, Bellevue.

**Hours:** Hikes every 20 minutes from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 27 through Oct. 29, for younger children. "Wild Things Gone Especially Wild," for children in sixth grade and older, Oct. 30, same hours.

**Admission:** Fontenelle Forest Association members, \$4; nonmembers, \$5.

**Reservations (required):** 453-5615.

**Sponsor:** Fontenelle Forest Association.

■ **Nightmare on 84th Street: Lucifer's Lumber Yard.** Lots of scary lumber. Members of four Papillion-LaVista school organizations will be the haunters.

**Address:** 84th and Second Streets in downtown Papillion.

**Hours:** 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays through Oct. 31; 6:30 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. Closed Mondays.

**Admission:** \$5.

**Information:** 339-3411.

**Sponsors:** Proceeds will go to the Papillion-LaVista school organizations involved.

■ **Haunted Jail.** A spook palace in the Pottawattamie County Historical Squirrel Cage Jail. Refreshments available.

**Address:** 226 Pearl St., Council Bluffs.

**Hours:** 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays; 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through Oct. 30.

**Admission:** adults, \$3; children ages 5 to 11, \$2; younger children, free.

**Information:** 323-2509.

**Sponsor:** Westend Optimist Club.

■ **Zoo Party.** A costume party at the Henry Doorly Zoo will feature safe trick-or-treating among the creatures, for children younger than 12.

**Address:** 3701 S. 10th St.

**Hours:** Noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 30.

**Admission:** Free with zoo admission: adults, \$6.50; senior citizens, \$5; children ages 5 to 12, \$3.25; children ages 4 and younger, free.

**Information:** 733-8401.

**Sponsor:** Henry Doorly Zoo.

■ **Never Ending Nightmare.** Special features of this haunted house include rooms filled with mazes, monsters, spooks and special effects.

**Address:** 15th and California Streets.

**Hours:** 7 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays; 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays. Open through Oct. 31.

**Admission:** \$5.

**Information:** 457-5657.

**Sponsor:** Habitat for Humanity.

■ **Nightmare on Walker Street.** This haunted forest includes a witches' grotto, gypsy camp and Dracula's graveyard.

**Address:** 17th and Walker Streets, Carter Lake.

**Hours:** 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 28.

**Admission:** \$4.

**Information:** 347-5687.

**Sponsor:** Carter Lake Omaha Boys Club.

■ **Trick or Treat on 10th Street.** Trick-or-treating at 20 mock houses inside the Western Heritage Museum. Also: storytelling, crafts, games, fun house.

**Address:** 801 S. 10th St.

**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 28 and 29; noon to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30 and 31.

**Admission:** trick-or-treaters, \$3; adults, \$2; costumed adults, \$1; museum members, free.

**Information:** 444-5072.

**Sponsors:** Western Heritage Museum, Omaha School of Gymnastics.

■ **The Bradys on Zombie Island.** Zombies have stolen Peter's brain in this dinner-theater Halloween spoof on the "Brady Bunch" television series.

**Address:** Diner Theater, 6064 Maple St.

**Hours:** 7 p.m. Oct. 26 through Oct. 31.

**Admission:** adults, \$7; students and senior citizens, \$5.

**Information:** 553-4715.

**Sponsor:** Diner Theater, a nonprofit theater organization.

■ **The Fright Zone.** Twenty-eight rooms filled with ghosts and ghouls. House takes 15 to 25 minutes to tour.

**Address:** Millard Plaza, 5335 S. 139th Plaza.

**Hours:** 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays; 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays.

**Admission:** \$7.

**Information:** 341-5277.

**Sponsor:** None. A for-profit business.

## OUTSIDE OMAHA AREA

### Grand Island

■ **Boo at the Zoo.** Features trick-or-treating, rides on the Zombie Express and, for adults and teens, a House of Horrors.

**Hours:** 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 26 through Oct. 30, with trick-or-treating until 8:30 p.m.

**Admission:** trick-or-treaters, \$2; adults, \$1.50; rides extra.

**Information:** (308) 385-5416.

**Sponsor:** Heritage Zoo.

### West Point

■ **Haunted Acres.** Scary landscape benefits the Alzheimer's Association. Other activities will be held indoors for children ages 2 to 6.

**Address:** West Point Living Center, 960 Prospect Road.

**Hours:** 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 28 and Oct. 29.

**Admission:** \$1.

**Information:** (402) 372-2441.

**Sponsor:** West Point Living Center.

### Council Bluffs

■ **Wabash Trace Haunted Hayrack Ride.** Ride through dark woods full of mad scientists, an impaled biker and characters from "Night of the Living Dead."

**Address:** Five minutes south of the Iowa School for the Deaf on Highway 275, then turn east onto Pioneer Trail and follow signs.

**Hours:** 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Oct. 28 and 29.

**Admission:** adults, \$5; children younger than 10, \$3.

**Information:** (402) 734-0916.

**Sponsor:** Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. Proceeds benefit Wabash Trace Nature Trail.

### Shenandoah, Iowa

■ **Haunted Hayrack Rides.** Rides on another part of the Wabash Trace Nature Trail will include a tree-canopied cave of horrors.

**Address:** Begin at Argus Road in Shenandoah.

**Hours:** 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 29; 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 30.

**Admission:** adults, \$3; children ages 12 or younger, \$2.

**Information:** (712) 246-4444.

**Sponsor:** Wabash Trace Nature Trail.