



# THE ULTIMATE NEW YORK APPLE PICKING GUIDE 2026

FAMILY-FIRST FALL GUIDE

**21 farms within about two hours of NYC**

Costs | pumpkins | festivals | toddlers | dogs

Updated September 2026 | Confirm current crops and prices before visiting.



# Find your family's perfect fall day

Choose by toddler ease, budget, dog access or full festival energy.

## TODDLERS

**\$49**

### Apple Ridge Orchards

Low trees, animals, playground and hayride

## LOWEST FAMILY COST

**\$30**

### Wilkens Fruit and Fir Farm

No admission; one peck covers two adults

## FULL FALL FESTIVAL

**\$25 weekday; \$102+**

### Barton Orchards

Rides, maze, animals, shows and music

## HONEYCRISP

**\$75**

### Harbes Farms Jamesport

Honeycrisp orchard, jump pads and maze

## CLOSE + DOG-FRIENDLY

**\$72**

### Dr. Davies Farm

Short drive, group apple bag and weekend pumpkins

## DRIVE-TO-TREE

**\$49.95**

### Masker Orchards

Keep the car nearby; leashed dogs welcome

## ORGANIC CHOICES

**From \$64**

### Fishkill Farms

Organic and eco-certified apple varieties

## DOG-FRIENDLY VALUE

**\$15 + apples**

### Weed Orchards & Winery

Low entry, playground, music and cider

# Before you choose a farm

The ticket price is only one piece of the real family cost.

## LOWEST-COST VISITS

Wilkins, Stuart's and Barton on a regular weekday

## SIMPLE PER-CAR PRICING

Masker and Pennings Orchard West include a large apple bag

## BOOK AHEAD

Fishkill, Harvest Moon and popular festival weekends

## CASH REMINDERS

Dr. Davies, Apple Ridge and Pennings Orchard West

## IMPORTANT 2026 CROP NOTE

An April freeze reduced the crop at several Warwick farms. Apple Dave's is offering a modified experience with New York apples in bags and bins. Ochs and Pennings warn that some varieties or tree access may be limited. Confirm the picking format before driving.

# Farm profiles: Rockland + Westchester

Readable family costs, toddler notes, dog rules and planning reminders.

## Dr. Davies Farm

Rockland County | about 55 min from Midtown

EXCELLENT

DOGS: YES

PUMPKINS

BEST FOR

Best close-to-city dog-friendly all-rounder

### SEASON

Open now; apples daily through fall, 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### FAMILY OF 3

\$72 apple visit; \$117 with hayride + maze + sugar pumpk...

### FALL EXTRAS

Weekend hayrides, corn maze, pumpkin picking; cidery and food trucks nearby

### TODDLER TIP

Short drive, group bag, hayride and pumpkin option; uneven farm ground

### DOG POLICY

Yes - friendly dogs on a 6-foot leash

OFFICIAL SITE

[drdaviesfarm.com/apple-picking](http://drdaviesfarm.com/apple-picking)

## Stuart's Fruit Farm

Westchester County | about 60 min from Midtown

EXCELLENT

DOGS: CHECK

PUMPKINS

BEST FOR

Best simple low-cost orchard near NYC

### SEASON

Labor Day weekend through fall; PYO 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### FAMILY OF 3

Bag cost only; verify by phone

### FALL EXTRAS

Weekend hayrides, bakery, cider donuts, pies and picnic area

### TODDLER TIP

Low-key, no admission fee and easy half-day format

### DOG POLICY

Not published - call before bringing a dog

OFFICIAL SITE

[stuartsfarm.com](http://stuartsfarm.com)

## Wilkens Fruit and Fir Farm

Westchester County | about 65 min from Midtown

VERY GOOD

DOGS: CHECK

PUMPKINS

BEST FOR

Best value close to NYC

### SEASON

September 5 through late October or early November;...

### FAMILY OF 3

About \$30 for 2 adults and one child under 12

### FALL EXTRAS

Corn maze, seasonal wagon rides, bakery, market, ice cream and winery

### TODDLER TIP

Good value with a young child; long grass and uneven ground

### DOG POLICY

No pets; trained service dogs only

OFFICIAL SITE

[wilkensfarm.com/pick-your-own](http://wilkensfarm.com/pick-your-own)

# Farm profiles: Westchester + Dutchess

Readable family costs, toddler notes, dog rules and planning reminders.

## Outhouse Orchards

Westchester County | about 65 min from Midtown

EXCELLENT

DOGS: CHECK

PUMPKINS

BEST FOR

Best big fall-festival experience close to NYC

### SEASON

August 30-November 1; weekdays 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.,...

### FAMILY OF 3

From \$47.94 weekday or \$58.35 weekend online, plus...

### FALL EXTRAS

Hayride, bounce houses, hay maze, play areas, photo ops; com maze \$7 online or \$10 on site

### TODDLER TIP

Many included toddler activities; bring an all-terrain stroller

### DOG POLICY

Do not assume general access; special Howl-O-ween dog...

OFFICIAL SITE

[outhouseorchardsny.com/tickets](https://outhouseorchardsny.com/tickets)

## Harvest Moon Farm and Orchard

Westchester County | about 65 min from Midtown

VERY GOOD

DOGS: CHECK

PUMPKINS

BEST FOR

Best polished festival day

### SEASON

Festival weekends in September and October through...

### FAMILY OF 3

Live admission total plus \$15-\$40 apple bag

### FALL EXTRAS

Live music, hayrides, kids fun zone, pumpkin patch, BBQ, photo ops and harvest train add-on

### TODDLER TIP

Strong entertainment mix, but hillside orchard is not handicap accessible

### DOG POLICY

No pets; service animals welcome

OFFICIAL SITE

[harvestmoonfarmandorchard.com/fall-fest...](https://harvestmoonfarmandorchard.com/fall-fest...)

## Fishkill Farms

Dutchess County | about 80 min from Midtown

VERY GOOD

DOGS: CHECK

PUMPKINS

BEST FOR

Best for eco-certified and organic apple choices

### SEASON

Apple reservations open through November 1; generally...

### FAMILY OF 3

From \$64 for a weekday group reservation

### FALL EXTRAS

Harvest weekends, wagon rides, music, farm store, lunch and cider bar

### TODDLER TIP

Real working farm and strong apple variety; reserve before driving

### DOG POLICY

No pets in orchard or food-growing areas; leashed pets onl...

OFFICIAL SITE

[fishkillfarms.com/visit/pick-your-own](https://fishkillfarms.com/visit/pick-your-own)

# Farm profiles: Orange

Readable family costs, toddler notes, dog rules and planning reminders.

## Masker Orchards

Orange County | about 85 min from Midtown

EXCELLENT

DOGS: YES

NO PUMPKIN LISTING

### BEST FOR

**Best drive-through orchard and dog-friendly value**

#### SEASON

Open daily 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. through early November

#### FAMILY OF 3

\$49.95 per car

#### FALL EXTRAS

Drive-to-the-tree picking; weekend pony rides, wagon rides, apple maze and food

#### TODDLER TIP

Drive-to-tree setup makes gear, breaks and little legs easier

#### DOG POLICY

Yes - controlled, friendly and leashed

OFFICIAL SITE

[maskers.com/dates-hours-prices](https://maskers.com/dates-hours-prices)

## Apple Ridge Orchards

Orange County | about 85 min from Midtown

EXCELLENT

DOGS: CHECK

PUMPKINS

### BEST FOR

**Best toddler picking experience**

#### SEASON

August 29 through fall; Thu-Sun, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

#### FAMILY OF 3

About \$49 for 2 adults and one 4-year-old

#### FALL EXTRAS

Hayrides, petting zoo, playground, bee hive, weekend BBQ and seasonal movie night

#### TODDLER TIP

Dwarf trees are reachable for small children; animals and play area add value

#### DOG POLICY

Not published - call before bringing a dog

OFFICIAL SITE

[appl Ridge Orchards.com](https://appl Ridge Orchards.com)

## Apple Dave's Orchards

Orange County | about 85 min from Midtown

VERY GOOD

DOGS: YES

PUMPKINS

### BEST FOR

**Best dog-friendly relaxed orchard vibe**

#### SEASON

Labor Day through Halloween; 2026 picking is modified...

#### FAMILY OF 3

About \$40 for two adults plus one peck; child age 4 is free

#### FALL EXTRAS

Wagon rides, trails, live music, puppet making, food, orchard store and distillery

#### TODDLER TIP

Relaxed grounds and activities, but verify whether true tree picking is available that day

#### DOG POLICY

Yes - well-behaved leashed dogs

OFFICIAL SITE

[appledavesorchards.com](https://appledavesorchards.com)

# Farm profiles: Orange

Readable family costs, toddler notes, dog rules and planning reminders.

## Ochs Orchard

Orange County | about 85 min from Midtown

EXCELLENT

DOGS: CHECK

PUMPKINS

BEST FOR

Best pay-by-weight flexibility

### SEASON

Late August-November; call for daily PYO schedule

### FAMILY OF 3

About \$47.78 for 22 lb with 2 paying adults, before card fee

### FALL EXTRAS

Free daily petting zoo, farm market, homemade ice cream, weekend donuts and pies

### TODDLER TIP

No-frills picking plus free animals and ice cream; call first for crop availability

### DOG POLICY

Not published - call before bringing a dog

OFFICIAL SITE

[ochsorchard.com](https://ochsorchard.com)

## Pennings Orchard West

Orange County | about 85 min from Midtown

EXCELLENT

DOGS: YES

PUMPKINS

BEST FOR

Best toddler-and-dog compromise

### SEASON

September 5 through fall; weekends and holidays 10:00...

### FAMILY OF 3

\$50 per car

### FALL EXTRAS

Play area, kiddie corn maze, animal barns, picnic area and occasional nighttime picking

### TODDLER TIP

Straightforward per-car price and several included young-child activities

### DOG POLICY

Yes - leashed dogs in West picking areas only; not near...

OFFICIAL SITE

[penningsorchard.com/apple-picking](https://penningsorchard.com/apple-picking)

## Pennings Cidery Orchard East

Orange County | about 85 min from Midtown

VERY GOOD

DOGS: CHECK

PUMPKINS

BEST FOR

Best for adults who also want cider and live music

### SEASON

Apples begin September 12; weekends, with season into fall

### FAMILY OF 3

Check live reservation total

### FALL EXTRAS

Live music, cider, food, face painting and kids crafts

### TODDLER TIP

Livelier food-and-cidery setting; reserve on peak weekends

### DOG POLICY

No pets in the orchard; service animals under ADA...

OFFICIAL SITE

[penningsfarmmarket.com/apple-picking-in...](https://penningsfarmmarket.com/apple-picking-in...)

# Farm profiles: Dutchess + Ulster

Readable family costs, toddler notes, dog rules and planning reminders.

## Barton Orchards

Dutchess County | about 90 min from Midtown

EXCELLENT

DOGS: YES

PUMPKINS

BEST FOR

**Best full-day festival and best dog amenities**

### SEASON

Late August-late October or early November; apple pickin...

### FAMILY OF 3

\$25 weekday; roughly \$102-\$115 on a festival weekend...

### FALL EXTRAS

Major festivals with Fun Park, carousel, corn maze, pig races, petting zoo, hayrides, music and food

### TODDLER TIP

A full-day amusement-style farm; arrive early and budget for festival admission

### DOG POLICY

Yes - leashed throughout farm and orchard; off-leash Bark...

OFFICIAL SITE

[bartonorchards.com/pricing](https://bartonorchards.com/pricing)

## Hurds Family Farm

Ulster County | about 95 min from Midtown

EXCELLENT

DOGS: YES

PUMPKINS

BEST FOR

**Best maximum-activities farm day**

### SEASON

August 28-October 30

### FAMILY OF 3

Check live ticket/package total

### FALL EXTRAS

35+ activities including hayride, corn maze, bounce pillow, animals, obstacle course, games, café and bar

### TODDLER TIP

One of the broadest activity mixes; choose a smaller wristband package for a preschooler

### DOG POLICY

Yes - friendly dogs must remain leashed

OFFICIAL SITE

[hurdsfamilyfarm.com](https://hurdsfamilyfarm.com)

## Minard's Family Farm

Ulster County | about 95 min from Midtown

EXCELLENT

DOGS: CHECK

PUMPKINS

BEST FOR

**Best bundled festival value**

### SEASON

Fall weekends; call or check social media for crop updates

### FAMILY OF 3

About \$54 cash for 3 people, including up to 12 lb apples

### FALL EXTRAS

Hayride, corn maze, play attractions, animals, food and apple or pumpkin donuts

### TODDLER TIP

Admission bundles apples and attractions; confirm minimum paid age before purchase

### DOG POLICY

Not published - call before bringing a dog

OFFICIAL SITE

[minardsfamilyfarm.com](https://minardsfamilyfarm.com)

# Farm profiles: Ulster + Long Island

Readable family costs, toddler notes, dog rules and planning reminders.

## Weed Orchards and Winery

Ulster County | about 100 min from Midtown

VERY GOOD

DOGS: YES

NO PUMPKIN LISTING

BEST FOR

Best low-entry dog-friendly orchard and winery

### SEASON

July-October; currently weekends 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### FAMILY OF 3

\$15 admission plus apples

### FALL EXTRAS

Hayrides, playground, live music, hard cider, winery and café

### TODDLER TIP

Affordable entry, playground and music; weekend-only format

### DOG POLICY

Yes - well-behaved leashed dogs

OFFICIAL SITE

[weedorchards.com](http://weedorchards.com)

## Jenkins-Lueken Orchards

Ulster County | about 105 min from Midtown

GOOD

DOGS: CHECK

PUMPKINS

BEST FOR

Best quieter New Paltz orchard

### SEASON

September 5 through fall; main fields weekends 9:00...

### FAMILY OF 3

One shared bag at current on-site price

### FALL EXTRAS

Traditional orchard, farm stand, pumpkin picking and mountain views; fewer amusement features

### TODDLER TIP

Calmer orchard choice; bring a carrier or sturdy stroller for fields

### DOG POLICY

Not published - call before bringing a dog

OFFICIAL SITE

[jlorchards.com/u-pick/apple-picking](http://jlorchards.com/u-pick/apple-picking)

## Harbes Orchard

Long Island | about 105 min from Midtown

EXCELLENT

DOGS: CHECK

PUMPKINS

BEST FOR

Best reachable low trees and North Fork festival

### SEASON

August 29-November 1; weekdays 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.,...

### FAMILY OF 3

\$60 weekday or \$81 weekend for 3 apple packages; comb...

### FALL EXTRAS

Tractor wagon, themed corn maze, live music, pumpkin patch, food, cider and winery

### TODDLER TIP

Trellised apples sit within small children's reach; long drive on traffic-heavy weekends

### DOG POLICY

No pets

OFFICIAL SITE

[harbesfamilyfarm.com/harbes-orchard](http://harbesfamilyfarm.com/harbes-orchard)

# Farm profiles: Long Island + Ulster

Readable family costs, toddler notes, dog rules and planning reminders.

## Harbes Farms Jamesport

Long Island | about 105 min from Midtown

EXCELLENT

DOGS: CHECK

PUMPKINS

BEST FOR

Best for Honeycrisp lovers

### SEASON

Weekends and holidays August 29-November 1, 9:00...

### FAMILY OF 3

\$75 apple admission or \$90 combo for 3 people

### FALL EXTRAS

Honeycrisp-only orchard, hayride, corn maze, jump pads, sunflower field and live music

### TODDLER TIP

Simple apple selection and jump pads; no reservations, so arrive early

### DOG POLICY

No pets

OFFICIAL SITE

[harbesfamilyfarm.com/harbes-jamesport](https://harbesfamilyfarm.com/harbes-jamesport)

## Lewin Farms

Long Island | about 110 min from Midtown

GOOD

DOGS: CHECK

PUMPKINS

BEST FOR

Best traditional Long Island farm selection

### SEASON

Apples generally late August-October; availability changes...

### FAMILY OF 3

Verify same-day price

### FALL EXTRAS

Large working farm, corn maze on weekends and holidays, roasted corn and farm stand

### TODDLER TIP

Traditional PYO with fewer included attractions; daily crop conditions matter

### DOG POLICY

Not published - call before bringing a dog

OFFICIAL SITE

[lewinfarm.com](https://lewinfarm.com)

## Twin Star Orchards

Ulster County | about 105 min from Midtown

GOOD

DOGS: CHECK

PUMPKINS

BEST FOR

Best apple picking plus wood-fired pizza

### SEASON

Fall weekends; verify current crop before driving

### FAMILY OF 3

Verify current picking price

### FALL EXTRAS

Orchard, Brooklyn Cider House cider, wood-fired pizza, burgers and outdoor seating

### TODDLER TIP

Relaxed food-focused stop with open lawn; fewer toddler rides than festival farms

### DOG POLICY

Dog-friendly reputation, but confirm current orchard-area...

OFFICIAL SITE

[twinstarorchards.com](https://twinstarorchards.com)

# A toddler-friendly orchard game plan

Aim for a 90-minute visit and leave while everyone is still having fun.

## 1. PICK

Start at the first admission window. Let your child choose reachable apples, then visit the animals or take a hayride.

## 2. PLAY

Choose one high-value extra: playground, petting zoo, pumpkin patch or short maze. Skip the all-day activity list.

## 3. SNACK + GO

Pack water and extra clothes. End with cider donuts or lunch while energy is still good.

## DOG-FRIENDLY SHORTLIST

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| ● Dr. Davies Farm          | 55 min  |
| ● Masker Orchards          | 85 min  |
| ● Apple Ridge Orchards     | 85 min  |
| ● Apple Dave's Orchards    | 85 min  |
| ● Ochs Orchard             | 85 min  |
| ● Barton Orchards          | 90 min  |
| ● Hurds Family Farm        | 95 min  |
| ● Weed Orchards and Winery | 100 min |

## FINAL CHECKLIST

- ☐ Confirm apples remain that morning.
- ☐ Check whether every person needs admission or a bag.
- ☐ Reserve timed entry for Fishkill or Harvest Moon.
- ☐ Bring cash where required.
- ☐ Confirm dog rules for the orchard and activities.
- ☐ Pack water, wipes and shoes that can get muddy.
- ☐ Keep the visit under two hours with a preschooler.