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Memphis Botanic Garden's "Not-So-Spooky" Halloween Hike Returns October 17

Family-friendly Halloween tradition offers daytime trick-or-treating, activities, characters, and fall fun throughout the Garden

Memphis, TN, September 9, 2026 — Costumes, candy, and a walk through the Garden are on the agenda as **Halloween Hike** returns to **Memphis Botanic Garden** on Saturday, October 17, from 9:30 am to 2 pm.

Presented by Huey's Restaurants, **Halloween Hike** offers families a fun, safe, daytime alternative to traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating. Children are invited to dress in costume and make their way through the Garden, stopping along the route for treats, hands-on activities, not-so-spooky characters, and more.

"Halloween Hike has become such a fun fall tradition for families at the Garden," said **Gina Harris, Director of Audience Engagement at Memphis Botanic Garden**. "Kids get all the things they love about Halloween, from dressing up and collecting treats to seeing fun characters, while families get to spend the day together outdoors. We love seeing the creativity in everyone's costumes and watching families make the day their own."

More than two dozen community organizations will join the festivities this year, bringing activities, treats, and plenty of Halloween fun throughout the Garden. Participating organizations include Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library, Blooming House Media, Boy Scouts of America Troop 81, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis, BVO - Baron Von Oppenbean & The River of Time, Cazateatro Bilingual Theatre Group, Children's Museum of Memphis, City of Memphis Storm Water, Collage Dance Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited, Forrest Spence Fund, Girl Scouts Heart of the South, Goldfish Swim School, Humane Society of Memphis & Shelby County, Krissy's Coloring Corner, Kroc Center, Little Diggers, Memphis Chess Club, Memphis Ghostbusters, Memphis Hustle, Metal Museum, Music Box, Pinecrest Camp and Retreat Center, Stomping Grounds, Tennis Memphis, TN Voices, Wild Birds Unlimited, UT Health Science Center, and Young, Gifted & Green.

Guests can also grab lunch or a sweet treat from Wings on the Fly, Flipside Asia, Odds Smash & Grab, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and Ritzies BBQ, with food available for purchase throughout the event. Pack your costumes and your appetite, and make a day of it at the Garden.

Halloween Hike uses timed entry to help families enjoy the event at their own pace. Guests select an entry window when purchasing tickets, with the final entry slot from 1 to 1:30 pm. Advance registration is strongly recommended, as entry times are expected to sell out. Once admitted, guests are welcome to

remain in the Garden until closing.

Halloween Hike is presented by Huey's Restaurants. Proceeds directly support the Memphis Botanic Garden.

Event Details:

- ***Halloween Hike at the Garden***
- Saturday, October 17, 2026 | 9:30 am–2 pm (last entry 1 pm)
- Tickets: \$10 MBG Members / \$15 Non-Members / \$18 Same-Day | Children under 2 free
- All attendees age 2 and older, including adults, need a ticket for entry.
- Timed Entry: Advance registration strongly recommended. Entry times will sell out. Once inside, families are welcome to stay until closing.
- Tickets on sale now.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, visit membg.org

About Memphis Botanic Garden

The Memphis Botanic Garden is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to being an exemplary center for horticulture and environmental enrichment. Serving over 40,000 school-aged children annually, and hosting 260,000 visitors each year, Memphis Botanic Garden strives to enhance lives by connecting people with nature, increasing awareness and appreciation of our environment.

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