



UNCLE BUCK'S PUMPKIN PATCH

For many people, the Autumn season invokes images of leaves changing color, cooler temperature, the kitchen smells of baked goodies... and hayrides and pumpkin patches! Each fall, beginning the final weekend of September, Uncle Buck's Pumpkin Patch, located at 10800 Highway D, outside of Dixon, Missouri opens for business. The patch operates each weekend from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sundays through the month of October, although school groups and other special groups may also make appointments for Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays for their excursions to the patch.

Uncle Buck's, owned and operated by A.W. "Buck" Moehle and his wife, Marilynn, filled a need in the community and provides great seasonal fun for a reasonable price to kids and adults near and far. For a small admission cost (age 2 and up), guests are invited to participate in a variety of fun and interactive games and events. Allowing kids of all ages the opportunity to take a hayride to the patch and choose their own pumpkins, Uncle Buck's has many more activities to make the annual pumpkin patch trip worth the

journey. Kiddie train rides, tube swing, straw pyramid, bounce house, tether ball, spooky tunnel, magic shows performed on the magic bus and giant sling shots are just a few of the entertainment options that provide extra fun for those customers picking up a few pumpkins for the season. Mr. Moehle also tries to add at least one new attraction each year to surprise new and returning guests alike. For instance, in 2013, Uncle Buck's added a zip line, complete with wooden platform at both ends and a fully padded "landing area" covering the tree at the finish line. Uncle Buck's now has 2 zip lines, a nine (9) hole mini golf course and new for 2016 puppet shows on a stage and duck races.

Uncle Buck's also has a cornbin that contains 10,000 pounds of fresh corn in an enclosed building. Kids are welcome to slide into the corn and use the walls of funnels to enhance their experience.

At the petting zoo one can find chickens, ducks, turkeys, pheasants, rabbits and other animals such as

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