



RUTLAND

SPOOKY

FALL PASSPORT 2026

For Kids, Families and Adults of All Ages!

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ABOUT

Come Alive Outside is a 501c3 nonprofit based in Rutland, VT. Our mission is to bring people together to create the awareness, intention, and opportunity for healthier lives outside.



The Rutland Spooky Passport is a mini passport packed with fun happenings and activities to enjoy throughout our Halloween season. A playful way to explore the community, earn prizes, and celebrate fall together.

This mini passport is made possible thanks to funding from SPARK grant from the Vermont Community Foundation, PegTV and through the support of all our community partners who bring it to life.

If you have questions, please contact us:

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Stay connected! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to share your spooky adventures and get the latest updates.



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Can You Find
**ALL 5
GHOSTS**
Scattered
throughout the
passport?



SPOOKY SEASON: Big Screen Edition

FREE FRIDAY CLASSICS: 2PM

FRI 10/2: Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde (1920)

FRI 10/9: White Zombie (1932)

FRI 10/23: House On Haunted Hill (1958)

FRI 10/30: Night of the Living Dead (1968)

FRI 10/2: The Nightmare
Before Christmas

SAT 10/3: Beellejuice

FRI 10/9: Ghostbusters

SAT 10/10: Practical Magic

FRI 10/30: Hocus Pocus

7:00 PM

ONLY
\$5!



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HOWL TO USE THIS PASSPORT

Scare up some Halloween fun around Rutland from now until October 31st!

Go to events, connect with your community and complete spooky activities in this passport. Adults and kids are welcome to join the fun!

CLAIMING YOUR PRIZE



For Trick-Or-Treating
and Grocery Getting

Rutland Halloween Parade Commemorative Tote

Earn One for FREE

Complete:

25 POINTS + The Final Survey

Then bring your completed Passport to one of the pickup locations below.

PRIZE PICKUP LOCATIONS

Heritage Family Credit Union

50 West St., Rutland

Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM • Sat 9AM-12PM

Heritage Family Credit Union

30 Allen St., Rutland

Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM • Sat 9AM-12PM

Rutland Community Center

134 Community Dr., Rutland

Mon-Fri 6AM-8PM • Sat-Sun 8AM-3PM

Godnick Adult Center

1 Deer St., Rutland

Mon-Fri 9AM-4:30PM

**WANT
THE BAG
WITHOUT
THE QUEST?**

PURCHASE ONE FOR \$25 AT:

Phoenix Books

2 Center St., Rutland

Mon-Sat 10AM-6PM • Sun
11AM-4PM

GreenSpell Plant Shop

35 Center St., Rutland

Daily 11AM-5PM

ARACHNID ADVENTURES

Spider Eye Hunt

Head outside after dark with a flashlight and slowly scan grass, leaves, and low bushes.

Did You Know?

Many spiders, especially wolf spiders, have eyes that reflect light back toward the source. Hold your flashlight close to eye level and look for tiny green, silver, or blue sparkles in the dark.

To earn points: Spot at least one set of sparkling spider eyes and tell us where you found them.

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Hathaway Farm & Corn Maze

2026 A-MAZE-ING
VERMONTERS at
THE OLYMPICS MAZE

Play Area with
NEW RACING PIGS Ride

& more!

You're
Lost!
Laughin'
Lovin' it!

Smartphone
options
for finding your
way through
the maze!



All New
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Check hathawayfarm.com for details

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Pick Your Own Pumpkins



Open 10-5 (Closed Tuesdays)
741 Prospect Hill Rd
Rutland VT (802) 775-2624
hathawayfarm.com



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RUTLAND

Story Time with Beth Charles: Lilly's Surprise Pumpkins

September 19, 2026 • 11AM

Phoenix Books, 2 Center St., Rutland | All Ages

Celebrate pumpkin season with a special story time with Beth Charles featuring Lilly's Surprise Pumpkins.

Good to Know: FREE! RSVP recommended but not required.

Info/RSVP: phoenixbooks.biz/events

Positive Pumpkin Pebbles Workshop

September 24, 2026 • 8-9PM

Boys & Girls Club, Rutland | Ages 5-18

Turn a rock into a pumpkin or jack-o'-lantern, add a positive message, and get it ready to hide for someone else to discover.

Good to Know: FREE! Supplies provided.

Advance registration required. Parents are welcome to attend with their kids.

Info/RSVP: comealiveoutside.com/events

A Wicked Good Time in Salem, MA!

October 1, 2026

Departs from Rutland | All Ages

Take a fall bus trip to Salem and explore its history, Halloween happenings, shops, sights, and spooky atmosphere.

Good to Know: Round-trip transportation included. \$110 per person.

Info: colleenwrightevents.com

Downtown Rutland Halloween Window Display Contest

October 1-31

Downtown Rutland | Everyone

Explore spooky storefronts and vote for your favorite Halloween window display!

Good to know: Free

Info: downtownrutland.com

Where's the Witch? Scavenger Hunt

October 1-31

Downtown Rutland | Everyone

Pick up a map, find the hidden witches in downtown businesses, and enter to win Halloween prizes!

Good to know: Free

Info: downtownrutland.com

Audio Book Walk with Phoenix Books

October 3, 2026 • 11AM-12PM

Meet at Phoenix Books, 2 Center St., Rutland | All Ages

Put a story in your ears and take it for a walk! We recommend leaning into the weird, strange, spooky, mysterious, or even a cozy fall romance, but listen to whatever brings you joy.

Good to Know: Bring your own headphones, listening device, and audiobook. FREE! Rain or shine. Advance registration required through Phoenix Books.

Info/RSVP: phoenixbooks.biz/events

True Crime Stories of Vermont with Thea Lewis

October 4, 2026 • 2PM

Phoenix Books, 2 Center St., Rutland Join Vermont author Thea Lewis for a discussion of True Crime Stories of Vermont, followed by a book signing.

Good to Know: FREE! RSVP recommended but not required.

Info/RSVP: phoenixbooks.biz/events



Come Alive Outside event

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Teen Urban Legends Walk

October 7, 2026 • 6-7:30PM

Meet at Depot Park, Rutland | Youth Ages 12+

Join Rutland Restorative Justice and Come Alive Outside for an evening walk through downtown Rutland filled with local legends, strange stories, and spooky history. We'll explore about a mile and feed the kids pizza at the end.

Good to Know: FREE! Dress for the weather. Advance registration required.

Info/RSVP: comealiveoutside.com/events

Art in the Park Fall Festival

October 10-11, 2026 • Saturday 10AM-5PM & Sunday 10AM-4PM

Main St. Park at Jct. of Routes 4 & 7 | All Ages The Chaffee Art Center's Annual Art in the Park Fall Festival will feature fine artists and craft persons, specialty foods, kids' activities, and musical entertainment.

Good to Know: Shows will be held rain (snow) or shine.

Info: chaffeeartcenter.org/art-in-the-park

Sweet & Spooky Poetry Open Mic

October 10, 2026 • 2PM

Phoenix Books, 2 Center St., Rutland

Celebrate spooky season with an afternoon of sweet, strange, and spooky poetry at Phoenix Books' open mic.

Good to Know: FREE! RSVP recommended but not required.

Info/RSVP: phoenixbooks.biz/events

4th Annual Truck or Treat

October 18, 2026 • 12-4PM

Downtown Rutland | All Ages

Check out amazing vehicles, collect treats, and enjoy a great Halloween day for kids and families!

Good to Know: FREE!

Info: wonderfeetkidsmuseum.org

Kids Halloween BINGO

October 20, 2026 • 5:30-6:30PM

10 Court St., Rutland | Ages 6+

Play Halloween BINGO with fun prizes and pizza for dinner. Don't forget your costume!

Good to Know: FREE! Registration required. Please register all adults and children attending.

Info: rutlandfree.org/programs-events

65th Annual Halloween Parade

October 24, 2026 • 6:30PM

Downtown Rutland | All Ages

Celebrate Rutland's iconic Halloween tradition! Come downtown in costume and enjoy one of Rutland's favorite nights of the year.

Good to Know: Rain date October 25.

Info: rutlandrec.com/events

Fierce Friday

October 30, 2026 • 8-11PM

Elks Lodge, Rutland | Adults 18+

Get ready for a frightfully fabulous night of drag, glamour, laughter, and unapologetic joy. The looks are killer, the energy is wicked, and the performances are so good it's scary!

Good to Know: Doors open at 7PM. Show starts at 8PM. Tickets required. Cash bar available. Bring dollars to tip the performers!

Info: rcpride.org/events

Running Scared 5K

October 31, 2026 • 9-10:30AM

Rutland | Ages 5+

Join Rutland Recreation for the annual Halloween fun run where costumes are highly encouraged and spooky spirit is part of the course!

Good to Know: Ages 12+ \$20. Ages 5-11 run FREE. Registration required.

Info: rutlandrec.com

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PROCTOR

Adult Ghost Investigation & Campfire with Spooky Stories

October 16, 2026 • 5-10PM

Wilson Castle, Proctor | Adults 18+

Spend an eerie evening investigating Wilson Castle with paranormal investigators, then gather around the campfire for spooky stories. Costumes encouraged!

Good to Know: \$10 per person. Limited to 30 adults. Advance registration required.

Info/RSVP: comealiveoutside.com/events

CASTLETON

Castleton Fall Festival

October 17, 2026 • 11AM-3PM

Castleton Recreation and Activity Center | All Ages

Celebrate fall with Trunk-or-Treat, Touch-a-Truck, a Vendor Village, food trucks, kids' activities, and more.

Good to Know: Proceeds support recreation activities and opportunities for all ages.

Info: casseltonparks.com

Halloween Wildlife Festival & Jack-O-Lantern Lite Hike

October 23, 2026 • 6-8PM

636 Point of Pines Rd., Castleton | All Ages

Wear your costume and join Vermont Fish & Wildlife for a self-guided nature walk along a jack-o'-lantern-lit trail plus wildlife crafts led by Vermont State University students.

Good to Know: FREE!

Info: vtfishandwildlife.com

CHITTENDEN

Baird Farm Woods Walk

October 4, 2026 • 12PM

59 West Rd. N., Chittenden | All Ages

Walk through the backwoods to an old abandoned sugarhouse, then tour the modern sugarhouse, enjoy a maple tasting, and visit the farm store.

Good to Know: FREE! All ages welcome, but geared toward ages 10+.

Info: bairdfarm.com

PITTSFORD

Haiku Hike with the Paper Poet

October 4, 2026 • 11AM-1PM

Pittsford Village Farm, Pittsford | All Ages

Take a fall walk with the Paper Poet and turn what you notice along the trail into tiny poems. No poetry experience needed!

Good to Know: FREE! Advance registration required.

Info/RSVP: comealiveoutside.com/events

Pittsford Haunted House

October 16, 17, 23, and 24 • 6:00-9:00PM

426 Plains Rd Pittsford, VT

The 43rd Annual Pittsford Haunted house. Tickets sold from 6:00pm-9:00pm Admission is \$15 for adults ages 12+ and \$5 for ages 6-12 .

Good To Know: Not Recommended for Children Under 6.

Info: Pittsford Haunted House on Facebook!



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BRANDON

Mind Magic! with Dr. Steve Taubman

September 20, 2026 • 2:30-4PM
Barn Opera, Brandon | All Ages

Prepare to be amazed by mind reading, humor, and plenty of surprises with Dr. Steve Taubman's mental magic show.

Good to Know: Tickets required. Visit event page for pricing.

Info: colleenwrightevents.com

Spellbound Market

October 3, 2026 • 11AM-4PM
Estabrook Field, Brandon | All Ages

Step into a market where the weird and wonderful come together! Browse local merchants offering strange, unusual, magical, and witchy wares, curiosities, enchanted trinkets, and one-of-a-kind oddities.

Good to Know: FREE to attend.

Info: Spellbound Market on Facebook

Positive Pumpkin Pebble Workshop

October 3, 2026 • 11AM-4PM
Estabrook Field, Brandon | All Ages

Stop by the Come Alive Outside table and turn a rock into a pumpkin or jack-o'-lantern! Add a positive message, then keep it, swap it, or hide it for someone else to find.

Good to Know: FREE! All supplies provided. No advance registration required.

Harvest Fest

October 4, 2026 • 12-4:30PM
760 Grove St., Brandon | All Ages

Enjoy hay rides, pumpkins, vendors, yummy food, Leaf People, and plenty of fall fun.

Good to Know: FREE admission and parking! Leaf People are \$20 and can be dressed on site.

Info: colleenwrightevents.com

KILLINGTON

Harvest Faire

October 10, 2026 • 10AM-5PM

Snowshed Base Area, 3861 Killington Rd., Killington | All Ages

Celebrate fall in the mountains with amazing food, family fun, and games! Enjoy FREE kids' activities including pumpkin painting, face painting, a bouncy house, tractor rides, and more.

Good to Know: FREE!

Info: killington.com/events

The Killington Haunted House

October 16-17, 2026 • Friday 6-8PM • Saturday 2-6PM

Killington Welcome Center, 2319 US Route 4, Killington | All Ages

Visit the Killington Welcome Center for spooky surprises and family-friendly thrills you won't want to miss!

Good to Know: Youth ages 17 & under: \$5.

Adults 18+: \$10.

Info: killingtonpico.org

WALLINGFORD

Magical Mindful Nature Walk

October 18, 2026 • 11AM-1PM
Stone Meadow, Wallingford | All Ages

Slow down and notice a little autumn magic with a gentle nature walk featuring simplified Tai Chi, mindful movement, and quiet time outdoors.

Good to Know: FREE! Approximately 0.5-1.5 miles at an easy pace. Advance registration required.

Info/RSVP: comealiveoutside.com/events



PUMPKIN PURSUITS

5
POINTS
EACH

Positive Pumpkin Pebbles

Turn a rock into a pumpkin or jack-o'-lantern! Paint it, then seal it with a clear coat so it can handle the weather.

To Earn Points: On the back of your pebble scrawl "Facebook: 802 Rocks".

You can add a positive message too! Then hide your rock for someone else to find.

Did you find or hide a rock?

Post it on the 802 Rocks Facebook page, tag @comealiveoutside and share where you found it!

BONUS – Come make one with us at:

September 24 • 8PM-9PM

Boys and Girls Club, Rutland

October 3 • 11AM-4PM

Spellbound Market, Brandon

Everything you need is **FREE!**

Rock Hiding Rules

- Get permission before hiding on private property.
- No hiding in national or state parks/forests
- Don't put rocks where they could interfere with mowers, plows, or traffic

More Info: comealiveoutside.com/events

Fall Picnic

Pack a snack, grab a blanket, and soak up a little Vermont fall magic. Picnic in your backyard, at a park, or somewhere with a view worth lingering over.

Our Spooky Pick

North Dorset Cemetery at Emerald Lake State Park
A tiny historic cemetery on the hill with old marble headstones, picnic tables, and a fire pit. Cozy, beautiful, and just a little haunted-feeling.

Find It

**65 Emerald Lake Lane,
East Dorset**

Head uphill from the park office/parking area, or ask park staff to point you toward the path.

To earn points: Tell us where you picnicked!

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SPOOKTACULAR RECIPES

5
POINTS
EACH

Mummy Dogs

Serves: 8

Estimated Cost: \$7-\$10

Ingredients

8 hot dogs
1 tube refrigerated crescent roll dough
Mustard, ketchup, or candy eyes

Directions

- Cut crescent dough into thin strips.
- Wrap strips around each hot dog, leaving room for the mummy's face.
- Bake according to package directions until golden.
- Add mummy eyes.



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Pumpkin Cream Cheese Dip with Apples

Serves: 6-8

Estimated Cost: \$10-\$14

Ingredients

1 can pumpkin puree
1 block cream cheese
2-3 Tbsp Vermont maple syrup
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp vanilla
3-4 apples, sliced

Directions

- Mix softened cream cheese and pumpkin until smooth.
- Stir in maple syrup, cinnamon, and vanilla.
- Serve with fresh apple slices.
- Bake until peppers are tender and the filling is bubbling.



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RUTLAND COUNTY HALLOWEEN HOT SPOTS

5
POINTS
EACH



LIKE WHAT WE DO? DONATE!

A passport tucked into a backpack. A borrowed pair of snowshoes. A neighborhood event. A first time trying something outdoors.

These small moments add up.

Each year, **1 in 4** people in Rutland County **participate** in a Come Alive Outside program or event.

Families report:

- 85% more time spent outdoors
- 82% more excitement for physical activity
- 90% better mental well-being
- 95% stronger connection to their local community

Your donation helps us create more of those moments through Gear Libraries, Outdoor Passports, Winterfest, community programs, and whatever fun idea comes next.



comealiveoutside.com/donate

COMPLETE TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE

Want to take the survey online
so you can keep your Passport? ➤



Name: _____

Age: _____

Town & State: _____

Points Earned: _____

25+ points required for a free tote.

Favorite Activity: _____

Did this Passport get you outside more?

- ☐ Yes
☐ A little
☐ No

Did it help you explore your community?

- ☐ Yes
☐ A little
☐ No

How connected do you feel to your community?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Come Alive Outside created this Passport. What makes CAO spooktacular? _____

Want to stay connected? Email: (optional) _____

SPOOKTACULAR SPONSORS + PARTNERS

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What do monsters put in their tacos?

Scream cheese

