

Hallowe'en in Greenfield Village®

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Hallowe'en Experiences

The Witches of Greenfield Village

You've seen their broomsticks, pointy hats and black cats. Now is your chance to meet perhaps the most iconic Hallowe'en figure in our history: the witch. But the only things wicked about these witches are their prices at Minerva's Millinery, Witch Hazel's Broom Lot or the J.R. Bones Emporium.

Alice in Wonderland

Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, written in 1865, chronicles the adventures of Alice as she falls down a rabbit hole into a world of whimsical adventure. Embrace your own sense of wonder and curiosity as you pay our Mad Hatter and March Hare's tea party a visit or dare to enter the Queen of Heart's Wonderland Court for a game of flamingo croquet — just remember to be mindful of your heads!

Peter Pan

Brought to life by Scottish playwright J.M. Barrie in 1902, Peter Pan has spent his never-ending childhood delighting us with his adventures on the island of Neverland with Wendy and the Darling siblings. Join them as they attempt to outsmart Captain Hook and his sidekick Smee to rescue the mischievous Lost Boys. All it will take is a little bit of faith, trust and pixie dust.

The Wizard of Oz

Written in 1900, L. Frank Baum's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* literally sweeps Dorothy and her dog Toto from their quiet home in Kansas into the fantastical land of Oz. Follow a path much like the yellow brick road Dorothy takes to the Emerald City. Befriend the Scarecrow and Tin Man, or ask the Wizard of Oz to grant your very own wish. Be wary of the Wicked Witch and her monkeys.

The Dancing Skeletons

The skull and cross bones has long symbolized death and danger. Our dancing skeletons take things to the lighter side with music and dancing. Stop by and shake your own bones.

The Vampires

Immortalized by Bram Stoker's *Dracula* in 1893, Eastern European legends tell of terrifying immortal creatures that stalk the night seeking the blood of living victims. But the vampires of Greenfield Village merely want to sell you a slightly used coffin or delight you with a song. Encounters with our fanged friends will most likely be love at first bite.

Top Hat Side Show

Swallowing swords and spitting fire are this troupe's one true desire. Strange and ancient arts they practice; such spectacle you dare not miss!

The Grim Reaper

The Grim Reaper has often — falsely — been depicted as an evil spirit that preys on mortals. In truth, he is merely a force of nature and order. The Greenfield Village Grim Reaper acts as our Hallowe'en ambassador, silently welcoming all those who dare to enter.

The Covered Bridge

Originally built to simply protect the bridge deck from the elements, covered bridges have a certain charm and provide a powerful connection to travelers past. They are also known to be places of enchantment and portals to other dimensions. Our Ackley Covered Bridge is no exception, with delightful surprises in store.

The Scarecrows

Throughout history, nothing has stirred up more imagination than the scarecrow standing guard in the farmer's field. Its human form can range from fun and whimsical to dark and menacing. The scarecrows of Greenfield Village hit all of those marks, with a few surprises thrown in for good measure.

The Pumpkin Quartet

Grown from magical seeds, in a secret and enchanted garden in Greenfield Village, the Pumpkin Quartet springs forth each year to the delight of all who encounter them.

The Village Graveyard, Woodland Cemetery

Intended as places of peace and beauty and dedicated to the memory of loved ones, graveyards can also be places that stir the imagination. Our graveyard, Woodland Cemetery, is not only the home turf of our friendly neighborhood undertaker but of those who are with us in spirit alone.

The 1913 Herschell-Spillman Carousel

Greenfield Village's 1913 Herschell-Spillman Carousel is a delight any time of year. This Hallowe'en season, we have some special things in store, plus some very fun themed music played by our original Artizan band organ.

Madame Zaza

Crystal balls and psychic musings! Clairvoyant, witty barbs she flings. Your fortune from Madame Zaza is served with a smile and a haha!

The Woman in White

Inspired by the character Miss Havisham in Charles Dickens' 1860 *Great Expectations*, The Woman in White has been trapped in a dimension of her own creation, fueled by her grief and broken heart after having been jilted at the altar. Though she reaches out, she cannot see or hear anyone beyond her own sphere.

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Storytelling

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

On an eerie eve much like tonight, superstitious schoolteacher Ichabod Crane disappeared from Sleepy Hollow. Legend has it that it was the Headless Horseman's doing, the ghost of a beheaded Revolutionary War soldier came to haunt the town. Witness Washington Irving's classic 1820 story unfold before your very eyes as you join Crane on that hallowed night of his disappearance and see the cloaked rider yourself.

Little Red Riding Hood

Made iconic by Charles Perrault in the 17th century, *Little Red Riding Hood* is a classic cautionary fairy tale on the dangers of disguise and deception. Join Little Red on her journey through the woods to her grandmother's house, and listen as she describes what big ears, eyes and, most importantly, teeth her "grandmother" has when she arrives.

Hansel and Gretel

Published by the Brothers Grimm in 1812, *Hansel and Gretel* is a German fairy tale about young Hansel and Gretel's daring escape from an evil witch's gingerbread house in the woods. Transport yourself to this sinisterly sweet domain as our storyteller describes how Hansel and Gretel outsmart the witch to live happily ever after.

The Tell-Tale Heart

Exemplary of American Gothic literature, which often explored themes of supernatural horror, Edgar Allan Poe's 1843 short story, *The Tell-Tale Heart*, is just the one for a hallowed eve. Listen to Poe's unnamed narrator confess to a murder, and witness his descent into paranoia as he is haunted by the thumping sound of the murdered man's heart. Will you say that he is mad, or can you hear the Tell-Tale Heart too?

Halloween Storyteller Mother Goose

As Hallowe'en gained popularity in America through the decades of the 20th century, Hallowe'en stories written for children became very popular, with many becoming classic favorites. Join special guest Mother Goose as she reads many of these classic stories aloud while sharing their wonderful illustrations.