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Fall Festival celebrates Arapahoe County's agricultural heritage

Free event admission for Oct. 17 event at historic 17 Mile House

Centennial, Colo. – Bring the entire family for a day of fun at the FREE [Arapahoe County Fall Festival](#). The event celebrates our County's agricultural heritage and gives the community a chance to not only have fun, but also step back in time. The FREE festival is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct 17 at the [17 Mile House Farm Park](#), 8181 S. Parker Road, Centennial.

Festivities are held on the grounds of the 150-year old property, which once served as an inn for pioneers traveling on wagon trails to Denver, and was a working farm for more than a century. The 17 Mile House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

You'll enjoy live music, picking out your favorite pumpkin and a scenic hayride. Festival goers can also try their luck at gold panning, milking Bessie the cow or learning the art of blacksmithing. Meet a local beekeeper, learn from Trapper Johnny and enjoy tasty food. See the Nature's Educator's Birds of Prey and take a tour of the farmhouse.

Former residents of the house will be on site to tell stories of their days living on the farm. The Cherry Creek Valley Historical Society will offer the history of the house and its significance to the Old west.

This County-designated heritage area includes a historic farmhouse, red barn, silo and milk shed, which were restored to their known condition in the early 1900s, as well as two replica windmills, 30 acres of scenic open space and a trailhead with access to the Cherry Creek Regional Trail system.

17 Mile House and the grounds were restored by Arapahoe County in partnership with Douglas County, Town of Parker, Trust for Public Land, Great Outdoors Colorado, Colorado Historical Fund, Colorado Historic Foundation, Cherry Creek Valley Historical Society and the Gates Family Foundation. It is managed by Arapahoe County, thanks to the voter-approved Open Space sales and use tax.

Volunteers are still needed to help make the event a success. For more information about the event or details on volunteering, please click [here](#).

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