

Wildlife Festival comes back to grounds of New York Power Authority's Niagara Power Vista

Event to take place outdoors and include wildlife shows, STEM tent, family activities, interactive exhibits & free rides from Niagara Falls to Lewiston on Discover Niagara Shuttle

After a one-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wildlife Festival returns to the surrounding grounds of the New York Power Authority's Niagara Power Vista Visitors Center in Lewiston on Sept. 25 and 26. Co-sponsored by the Niagara County Federation of Conservation Clubs (NCFCC), this year's festival marks the 35th season for the popular event with its signature wildlife shows, conservation and science activities, as well as exhibits and displays of Tuscarora culture.

The free family festival will run outdoors only both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. Masks are required, outdoors and inside tents, regardless of vaccination status, except for those under age 2.

The festival features the popular NCFCC activities, including a fishing pond, archery and crossbow (age-specific).

Popular festival shows returning include:

- ✓ Jeff Musial and Nickel City Reptiles and Exotics
- ✓ Carmen Presti and the Primate Sanctuary

- ✓ Hawk Creek Wildlife Center
- ✓ Skyhunters Birds of Prey
- ✓ AWARE rehabilitation center

- ✓ K-9 demonstrations by the Lewiston Police Department

Science and sustainability activities will be in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM Fun!) tent.

Exhibitors include NYPA, WNY STEM, Penn Dixie Fossil Park and Nature Preserve, Circuit Stompers Robotics Club,



The Wildlife Festival will take place this weekend. (File photos)

and creepy and crawly insects plus other hands-on activities with Niagara University.

The Tuscarora Life Tent returns, featuring the Niagara River Iroquois Dancers, crafts and activities to highlight Tuscarora culture. Included will be corn husk dolls, beading, weaving, and food tastings.

Other activities include face-painting, a rock-climbing wall and chainsaw art.

A variety of conservation ex-

hibitors include the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation divisions, New York State Parks Interpretive Center, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services. Clubs will include sportsmen's, trappers, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Parents can complete a lost child wristband to assist with child safety efforts during the festival. Just ask for the band at the information tents.

The Power Vista is closed

temporarily in accordance with New York state COVID-19 guidelines.

Enjoy free rides on the Discover Niagara Shuttle to area attractions. Masks are required. For more information or for routes, visit www.discoverniagarashuttle.com.

The Power Vista is located at 5777 Lewiston Road in Lewiston. Parking is free and will be available in the Power Vista parking lot and adjacent lots at

Niagara University.

For more information on the festival or to register for a Wildlife Festival contest, call 716-286-6652 or 866-NYPA-FUN; email npvista@nypa.gov; or visit www.nypa.gov/niagarapowervista.

Harvest & Hops Fest this weekend

The Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce invites residents to check out the 37th annual Lewiston Harvest & Hops Festival. The fall happening will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday on Center Street in the Village of Lewiston.

It was canceled in 2020. The Niagara River Region Chamber made changes to allow a safe festival this year.

"The fall festival will not be as big as in years past, however, it will feature over 80 craft, farmers market and food vendors," President Jennifer Pauly said.

A New York state-designated Farmers Market will be featured in the middle of the festival at Fifth Street. Village shops and dining establishments will be open to compliment the event.

"Many of our craft vendors did not make product this year due to the unknown of events," Pauly said. "We also had vendors ask to take a year off due to the uncertainty of large events and their comfort level. We completely understand and have taken measures to make sure vendors are spaced appropriately. The Chamber of Commerce was uncertain on if a festival would take place this year and we are happy to be able to have an outdoor event!"

Center Street (from Fourth to Seventh) will be closed from Saturday morning through Sunday evening. There will be no vehicular traffic allowed in this area.

The Harvest & Hops Festival is made possible by sponsorship from Modern Disposal Services, Gutter Logic and 145th District

New York State Assemblyman Angelo Morinello.

For more information on the Lewiston Harvest & Hops Festival,

call the Chamber of Commerce Office at 754-9500 or visit the event page at www.NiagaraRiverRegion.com.

WildLife Festival 2021

NIAGARA POWER VISTA

**Sat & Sun
Sep 25 & 26
10 am to 5 pm**

MASKS REQUIRED Outdoors & Indoors Including Tents Regardless of Vaccination Status Except Under Age 2

Niagara Power Vista At the Niagara Power Project

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