

# **New Bedford Guide's 2020 guide to the South Coast's haunted attractions**

While COVID-19 stole our spring and summer, the boos and ghouls want to be able to vent out their frustrations and be scared of something else: the many monsters, creatures, and surprises that lurk in the hallways of the SouthCoast's many haunted attractions.

After four and a half months up being pent up at home, quarantined, and have our entire way of life disrupted many people need some fun for a change! We all want a way to vent some of the pent up steam, take our minds off of this new "normal," and just have a good, fun scare or poke some fun at our friends who nearly pee their pants in fright.

This is even more so the case than it has been in past years considering many communities have canceled trick or treating this year to be safe. Instead, energy and money has been spent on decorating yards and visiting haunted attractions. At least a family can have their kids enjoy dressing up in costume and traveling the neighborhood in their cars or walking with family to enjoy the hard work people put into their yard decorations.

But what is Halloween with a having the daylights, wits, and bejesus scared out of you at one or five of the popular haunted attractions? It is a tradition in many households and these venues employ a large number of people who often rely on the extra income to make ends meet.

Of course, social distancing guidelines are to be followed along with the wearing of a...um...mask, if you aren't already wearing one.

Here is a list of the known haunted attractions on the SouthCoast with the dates they will be opening their doors and allowing patrons. Unfortunately, some attractions will **not** be opening this season. We've listed those places so you can make the decision to visit a different one.

Be sure to visit this article as we will be frequently updating it.

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## MASSACHUSETTS

- 09/18: Barrett's Haunted Mansion in Abington offering haunted drive-in movies.
- TBA: DementedFX in Holyoke.
- TBA: Factory of Terror in Fall River.
- **CLOSED**: Fear Town Haunted House in Seekonk.
- TBA: Haunted Fairhaven in Fairhaven.
- 10/09: Monster Mash Haunted Hayride in South Hadley at McCray's Farm.
- 10/02: Witch's Woods in Westford offering a haunted walking trail.
- Stonewall Manor on Stonewall Avenue in Dartmouth is not an attraction per se but is one of the town's largest private Halloween displays. Drive by at night and appreciate the work they have put in!

## RHODE ISLAND

- 10/01: 13th World in Cumberland offering a haunted walking trail.
- 09/25: Haunted Labyrinth in Cranston offering an indoor

venue.

- 10/02: Seven Cedars Farm in Smithfield offering a haunted hayride.
- 09/18: Scary Acres in Cranston offering a haunted hayride.

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*Do you own or manage a Halloween haunted attraction or know of one that wasn't listed? Email us at [info@newbedfordguide.com](mailto:info@newbedfordguide.com) and we'll add you to the list.*