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Maze...ing!



Every fall, we attend the exciting events at Rohrbach's Farm Market. Their pumpkin patch is transformed into the ideal place for a fun family outing. We load onto the wagon for a **hayride out to the patch**. Anticipation builds as we take in the crisp fall air and beautiful scenery. We discuss who among us will return with the biggest, brightest, and most perfect pumpkin. We're here! Let's take a minute to just stop and soak it all in...so much to do.

We start at the newly expanded playland area. I am amazed by the **giant mountain of straw bales** standing ready to be invaded by hundreds of climbing little feet and grappling hands. I see two huge "sandboxes" that are filled with loose corn. Inside they contain trucks, shovels, buckets and a mini digger that my little guy would love to monopolize. As we walk around I see what appears to be a simple straw bale maze. Then one of the friendly Rohrbach's employees tells me why my assumption is so incorrect...we can only make right turns to exit the maze...WHAT?!



Across from the playland is a small structure that draws me in every time I see it, the Apple Slingshot. A boy's dream...slingshots mounted between large posts provide the power and a bucket of **apples** provides the ammo. My wife goes for accuracy, trying to hit the hanging bucket or the scarecrow. I go for distance.

Time for adventure! There's another maze. This one is 5 ½ acres of corn confusion. With my daughter on my shoulders and the rest of my family by my side we head in...this is harder than it looks. Left, right, right, left, dead-end, turn around. This went on for awhile (ok, we were lost!). We all decide that it's time to get OUT. Son, any ideas? Hmmmm....

Finally, we make our way out and are greeted by an employee who tells us about "Flashlight Night" – do you mean to tell me that we can do it all over again, with only the moon, stars and a flashlight to guide us? Count me in!!!

Looking around, there are many places to sit while the kids play, lots of places to photograph the kids as they play, and several places to play with the kids while they (wait for it...) PLAY! We were so engrossed in all the activity that we almost forgot the main reason we came here – to get **pumpkins**. As we walked into the patch, a sea of orange surrounds us. Decisions...decisions. Rest assured, with so many great pumpkins to choose from, we had no trouble finding the perfect one.