Day Tripping August 2024

August in NEPA is full of County fairs and various festivals. They always have vendors, shows, and just a chance to get out and walk around. There are many that are very close to us so that you can go out for the day and enjoy the drive there and the fun that a fair offers. For this months daytripping, I am going to list the fairs and some highlights of each.

Scranton Jazz Festival August 2 - 4

This is the 19th Scranton Jazz Festival. There are numerous venues in downtown Scranton that you can walk to or they have a trolley running for you.. The Jazz Walk that is held each day is free. This is held at various restaurants that have musicians performing in them. There are also 2 ticketed events available at cost. For more information: https://scrantonjazzfestival.org/

Wayne County Fair - August 2 - 10

Located in Honesdale and costs $12 per person. Senior Citizens (age 62+) Days are August 2 - August 7 with a $6 admission. This includes parking, rides and most grandstand shows all day. It does not include food, beverages, midway games, side shows or grandstand concert events, Monster Truck show or Demolition Derby. They open each day at 9:00AM ; the midway and rides open at noon. Exhibit buildings are open from 10AM to 10PM each day. For more information: https://waynecountyfair.com/site/

Carbon County Fair - August 5 -10

Located at 3285 Little Gap Rd., Palmerton and costs $7 per person.. They have vendors, food, a baking contest, quilt block contest, tractor pulls, demolition derby, livestock, entertainment. They are open 4PM - 10PM on Weekdays and 2PM - 10PM on Saturday. For more information: https://www.carboncountyfair.com/

Plymouth Kielbasa Festival - August 9 -10

A free 2 day festival featuring kielbasa and perogies is held each year. They have vendors and entertainment. For the entertainment schedule see: https://videoinnovation.wixsite.com/plymouthalive/kielbasa-festival

Montose Blueberry Festival - August 11 - 18

This annual festival has a car show, softball tournaments, royal tea party, a teen dance, corn hole tournament, craft beer & wine tasting, entertainment, vendors, food booths, blueberry store, and much more. Some of the entertainment has a cover charge, but everything else has no charge. For more information: https://www.montroseblueberryfestival.net/

Harford Fair - August 12-17

Located in new Milford and costs $12 at the gate (presale tickets are $8). Senior Day(age 60+) is August 14 with an $8 admission. This includes parking, all midway rides, gas truck and semi truck plus, hot tractor pull, diesel truck pull, KOI drag races. Extra admission charge for bullied mania rodeo and Havoc at Harford Demolition Derby. This fair is a 166 year tradition. For more information: https://harfordfair.com/

Pittston Tomato Festival - August 15 - 18

Located on South Main Street in Pittston each year. Hours are Thursday 5PM - 10PM, Friday 3PM - 11PM, Saturday 11AM - 11PM and Sunday 11AM - 8PM. This is free event. They have a parade, 5K Race and 1 Mile Walk, Tomato Contest, Spaghetti Eating Contest and entertainment. For more information: https://www.pittstontomatofestival.info/

West End Fair - August 18 - 25

Located in Gilbert near Broadheadsville and costs $8. Senior Day is Wednesday with a $4 admission. They have other special admission days that can be found on their website. The price includes vendors, food stands, popular concessions, entertainment on the Main Stage, the Band Shell and in the Agricultural Educational Area.There are a variety of shows and tractor pulls that are free with your admission fee. Some of you have gone to Knoebels and heard the Mahoney Brothers. They will be performing at the Main Stage (no charge) on August 20 at 7:30PM and 9PM. The main Arena has other shows, mostly demo derbies, that have an additional admission charge. For more information: https://www.thewestendfair.com/

Wyoming County Fair - August 28 - September 2

Located in Meshoppen and costs $10 with pre-admission of $8. Senior Citizens (age 62+) are free on Wednesday and Monday. Veteran's are admitted free on Saturday. The hours are 10AM - 11PM on Wednesday to Sunday. Monday they close at 9PM. Vendors open at 11AM each day, rides open at noon. The general admission price includes rides, vendors, exhibitors. There is an additional charge for the entertainment. The Harford County Fair has been held since 1857. For more information: http://www.wyomingcountyfair.com/

Luzerne County fair - September 4 - 8

Located in Dallas and costs $10 purchased on line. The general admission includes rides, musical entertainment, live show, animal barns, arts and crafts building and parking. There is no detailed info for 2024 other than entertainers. Looking at the 2023 schedule, there is a Senior Day (age 62+) on Thursday for $5 admission. Also the hours from last year were 4PM - 11PM on Wednesday - Friday and 9AM opening on Saturday and Sunday. For more information: https://luzernecountyfair.com/2024-entertainment

Bloomsburg Fair - September 20 - 28

Located in Bloomsburg and costs $8 with a $5 parking charge. Senior's Day (65 +) is free on Monday the 23rd. The general admission covers vendors, food, many concerts. The Mahoney Brothers are also performing her on a few nights. Additional ticket price for grandstand shows and tractor pulls. For more information: https://bloomsburgfair.com/