Day Tripping October 2024

This month's day tripping will take us to midwestern PA. This will probably be at least a 1 overnight but it would give a chance to see some beautiful colors this fall. The area will be Somerset and Bedford area. These 2 towns are located along the PA turnpike. From here the best way to travel is west on I80 to exit 161 to I99 south to exit 65 to Bedford. Somerset is just 42 minutes west of Bedford on the PA turnpike. Hope that you enjoy your trip if you decide to venture a bit from home.

Some of the events in that area during October (and some other times of the year) are as follows:

Bedford Fall Foliage Festival: October 5-6, 12-13. Hours 9-5
They have crafts, art, music, and fellowship, located in historic downtown Bedford. Parking is $10. They have a free shuttle ride to various festival intersections. No pets, bikes, or scooters are permitted in the festival area. There is an Antique Car Parade at 2:00 on October 12.

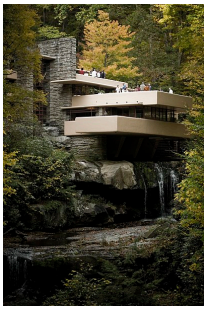
Seven Springs Mountain Resort Autumnfest - Saturday, Sunday: October 5 - 20. Hours 11-5

Seven Springs is a resort just 12 minutes west of Somerset. They have crafters, artisans, live performances, scenic chairlift rides, pumpkin patch, hay maze and more. As far as food goes, they have a fall festival buffet, seasonal beer selections, whiskey tasting, and various food trucks located throughout the fair area. No pets.

Laurel Hill State Park
Located off of exit #110 of the turnpike. A pristine state park with a lake. Jones Mill Run Dam in the park is worth while seeing

Mount Davis
Highest point in PA, located roughly 10 miles west of Meyersdale, PA (37 miles south of Somerset). Reaching the top of the mountain is quite easy as a road takes you all the way to the top of the hill. From a large parking lot off of Mount Davis Road, the peak is less than 100 yards of flat walking to reach the official peak.

The Flight 93 National Memorial - Grounds open sunrise to sunset, year round, weather permitting. Visitor Center open all days 9-5 except on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.
Located west of Bedford from exit #110 of the Turnpike.
Located close to the National Memorial are Patriot Park that includes a fag for each service member killed during the wars in Iraq an Afghanistan. Also near is the Remember Me Rose Garden.



Fallingwater - 8-4 daily except Wednesdays. Cost $36 per person for house tour
Frank Lloyd Wright home built for the Kaufman's is about 30 minutes further west from Seven Springs Resort.

Kentuck Knob - 9-4 daily; Wednesdays 12-4. Cost $30 per person for house tour.
Another Frank Lloyd Wright home just 18 minutes from Fallingwater.

International Conservation Center of the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium -
They have African elephants here. The zoo has a breeding herd to preserve the species. They have elephant pulled wagon rides at the center on Saturdays, June 1 - October 19.