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Fall Festival celebrates Arapahoe County's agricultural heritage

Free admission for Oct. 15 event at historic 17 Mile House

Centennial, Colo. – Enjoy FREE family fun at the [Arapahoe County Fall Festival](#). Celebrate our County's agricultural heritage and step back in time. The Fall Festival is hosted at the historic [17 Mile House Farm Park](#), 8181 S. Parker Road, Centennial, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 15

The house is a 155-year old property, which once served as an inn for pioneers traveling on wagon trails to Denver, and was a working farm for more than a century. The 17 Mile House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Enjoy live music, picking out your favorite pumpkin and a scenic hayride. Festival goers also can try their luck at gold panning, milking June the cow or learning the art of blacksmithing. Learn from Trapper Johnny and enjoy tasty food. See the Nature's Educator's Birds of Prey and take a tour of the farmhouse.

Former residents of the house will be on-site to tell stories of their days living on the farm. The Cherry Creek Valley Historical Society will offer the history of the house and its significance to the Old West.

This County-designated heritage area includes a historic farmhouse, red barn, silo and milk shed, which were restored to their known condition in the early 1900s, as well as two replica windmills, 30 acres of scenic open space and a trailhead with access to the Cherry Creek Regional Trail system.

17 Mile House and the grounds were restored by Arapahoe County in partnership with Douglas County, Town of Parker, Trust for Public Land, Great Outdoors Colorado, Colorado Historical Fund, Colorado Historic Foundation, Cherry Creek Valley Historical Society and the Gates Family Foundation. It is managed by Arapahoe County, thanks to the voter-approved Open Space sales and use tax.

Volunteers are still needed to help make the event a success. For more information about the event or details on volunteering, please click [here](#).

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