

## Fast Facts Sheet

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The Connecticut Renaissance Faire is an enchanted recreation of a 16th-century harvest festival as one may have been in the days of yore, featuring a rich array of historical and cultural experiences for all ages.

### Event Heritage and History:

The Connecticut Renaissance Faire began in 1999, quickly becoming a family tradition. Initially located behind the King's Inn in Putnam, Connecticut, the event drew a full parking lot and a long line of cars down the street, indicating its immediate success and the need for a larger venue. By 2000, the Faire had moved to the Brooklyn Fairgrounds, where it doubled in size and more than tripled in attendance over a two-weekend run.

In 2001, the Faire found a new home at the camping area of the Woodstock Fairgrounds, continuing to grow rapidly each year in both size and attendance despite considerable rain challenges. The severe floods of 2005 marked a critical point when remnants of Tropical Storm Tammy and Subtropical Depression 22 led to extensive flooding, causing significant damage and the first-ever cancellation due to weather. This event underscored the community's resilience and commitment to the Faire, helping it recover and continue to enchant visitors.

As it evolved, the Faire moved locations several times to accommodate its growth, residing in Hebron, North Haven, and now in Lebanon, Connecticut, as it searches for a permanent home in Eastern Connecticut. Each relocation marks a new chapter in the Faire's enduring history, reflecting its popularity and the ongoing commitment to creating a magical experience that visitors can return to year after year.

### Key Dates and Times:

- Operating Dates: Every Saturday and Sunday from August 31 to October 14, plus Labor Day and Indigenous People's Mondays.
- Operating Hours: 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM
- Venue: Lebanon Country Fairgrounds, 122 Mack Road, Lebanon, Connecticut

### Themed Weekends:

Experience the magic and wonder of the Faire as it enhances every weekend with captivating themes, each bringing thrilling contests, mesmerizing performances, unique shops, and enthralling guest authors. Season pass holders can enjoy an array of unforgettable memories:

- Royal Family & Market Weekend (Aug 31, Sep 1, 2)
- Pirate & Viking Invasion Weekend (Sep 7, 8)
- Roses and Romance Weekend (Sep 14, 15)
- Wizard Weekend (Sep 21, 22)
- Dragons & Adventure Weekend (Sep 28, 29)
- Time Traveler's Weekend (Oct 5, 6)
- All Hallows' Weekend (Oct 13, 14)

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## Special Events:

- [Neighbor Appreciation Day](#) (Saturday, Aug 31): Complimentary admission for Lebanon residents with a driver's license or state-issued ID showing a Lebanon address, or a household bill with a Lebanon address.
- [Free Kids Day](#) (Saturday, Sep 7): Sponsored by [kiddivity.com](#), children aged 7-15 receive complimentary admission when accompanied by an adult with a paid general admission. Children 6 and under always receive complimentary admission.

## After-Hours Events:

- [18+ Adult Halloween Party](#) (Saturday, October 5): An exclusive adults-only Halloween party featuring a costume contest, dancing, and festive entertainment. This evening event offers a unique, mature atmosphere for adult attendees to enjoy the seasonal celebrations.
- [18+ Queen's Knight](#) (Saturday Evening, September 14): An adults-only celebration held under the stars. Enjoy an evening of dancing, specialty drinks, and revelry as the Faire transforms into a regal gathering.
- [All Ages - Halloween Knights](#) (Saturday Evening, October 13): A family-friendly after-hours Halloween event. Experience the magic of the Faire by night with special performances, themed activities, and more, suitable for all ages.

These after-hours events are included with same-day admission to the Faire, offering attendees enhanced experiences without additional costs.

## New Shows and Attractions:

- [Les Derniers Trouvères](#): A rare musical journey with a performance troupe from France specializing in medieval music.
- [Jacob's Fearless Foolish Feats](#): A blend of juggling and sword swallowing with comedic antics.
- [The Rowdy Bardlings](#): A unique fusion of Celtic Rock, Songs of the Sea, and Folk Music.
- [The Harp Twins](#): Known for their captivating harp covers of modern and classical tunes.

## Pet Policy:

The Faire is pet-friendly. Public-friendly pets are welcome with a \$5 admission fee. Dog must have proof of rabies vaccination in the form of their current tags or a letter from their vet. ADA service animals exempt from fees.

## Ticketing Information:

- [Cost](#): General Admission: \$15 (ages 16+), Youth \$10 (ages 7-15), Children 6 and under complimentary. At only \$15 for general admission, The Connecticut Renaissance Faire offers a full day of entertainment at a fraction of the cost of other Renaissance Faires, where prices can reach up to \$50 per adult. This makes our Faire an accessible and affordable option for everyone, providing significant savings on admission and food without compromising on the quality and variety of experiences.
- [Purchase](#): Online or at the Faire Box Office.
- [Season Passes](#): General \$68, Youth \$45.

## Social Media and Online Presence:

- [Website](#): <https://ctfaire.com>
- [Facebook](#): <https://www.facebook.com/ctfaire>
- [Hashtags](#): #CTFAIRE

## Additional Resources:

- [FAQs](#): For more detailed information, please visit our FAQ page: <https://www.ctfaire.com/faire-faq-2>

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