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# HAUNTED TRAIL, HAY MAZE both open this weekend at SOUTH TEXAS BOOTANICAL GARDENS!

CORPUS CHRISTI—South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center opens two Halloween favorites this weekend—one to scare the socks off adults, tweens and teens; the other more fun for younger ones!

## HAUNTED TRAIL WALKS, 8-10 pm, Fridays, October 16, 23, 30!

Ghosts, ghouls, witches and crows roam free in Botanical Gardens habitat waiting for unsuspecting visitors to wander along the "Haunted Trail!" Be led down the dark treelined path, over ravines, where no one knows what might jump out to brush your shoulder! What really happens on the trail by night? No worries. Gardens staff—the snake & tarantula caretakers—guide you! Walk slowly down the quarter-mile trail, hayride back, rewarded by light refreshments in the Reptile Room, while your heart rate slows! Take the kids home to dream of—**TRICK OR TREATING,** of course!

Fees are $20 per person for 30-minute adventure, must be booked on line in advance, WWW.STXBOT.ORG Funds help with medical care for Animal Ambassadors. (*Not recommended for kids under 9.*)

## *Halloween HAY-MAZE* opens Saturday, October 17!

**Ocean Drive Garden Club** and board member **June Herbst** partner with South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center to create an "***Hay-mazing Adventure***," open to Gardens visitors, 9 am-6 pm, included in general admission. Built with150 bales of hay, the Garden Club creatively decorates for Halloween and arrival of fall weather, changing to Christmas décor by Thanksgiving!

Youngsters' sense of direction is challenged by its twists and turns, as parents keep an eye on kids inside. Hay Maze is near the Children's Play Area. Although thought last year the upcoming Nature Playscape expansion spelled the end of Hay Maze, wise planners found plenty of room for both. The hay recycles to mulch in planting beds post-holidays.




