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## 76th Annual Walnut Festival



Walnut Festival

An East Bay institution for over 75 years, the annual Walnut Festival in Walnut Creek celebrates fall with weekend full of old-fashioned carnival fun with rides and games, live music featuring local bands, food and beverage vendors, and much more. While past years have featured no charge except for rides and the concert pavilion, this time around in addition to purchasing tickets for rides attendees will have to pay a modest \$6 to enter the festival (\$1 discount given if you bring a can of food for the Contra Costa Food Bank), but the music on the two stages will be free.

A family affair that draws thousands of visitors to Heather Farms Park to enjoy the festivities, the Walnut Festival has long been a beloved tradition to this East Bay community. One of the highlights of the entertainment will be Saturday's line-up of bands sponsored by local rock radio station 107.7 The Bone. The full day of music will feature several cover bands including the Allman Stepbrothers and Fred Barchetta (a tribute to Rush by local instrumental power trio Points North) as well as sets from blues rockers Bad Boy Eddy and the HazeXperience with former Eddie Money guitarist Johnny Gunn prior to a headlining performance by Tesla guitarist Frank Hannon and his band.

Other attractions at the Walnut Festival include a weekend car show and morning fishing for kids in the Heather Farms Park lake. For more information, please visit the Walnut Festival [website](#) .

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Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 19-22, times vary, \$6

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