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Summer's fun but so is fall

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GREENFIELD — An autumnally cool morning gave way again to summer warmth Sunday, and many were out making the best of the long Labor Day weekend as the unofficial last two days of summer.

Mira Weare, 2, watched the water from the beach of the Green River Swimming and Recreation Area, with a bag of pretzels and a giraffe life vest.

Her mother, Marcie Savoie, said they came to take advantage of one of the last days of the season with a lifeguard. Mira will swim here, but not in their backyard pond in Colrain, Savoie said. "She thinks it's safer because of the lifeguard. We have a pond out back, but she doesn't want to go in it because there's no one in a big chair to watch her," Savoie said.

Swimming might be about to end, but fall festivals, Halloween, and apples are ahead.

"We love fall. We're going to go to the Pumpkinfest in Montague, we just actually went apple picking this morning. We're ahead of the game on fall," Savoie said.

Also on the beach, working around a sand canal of some kind, Megan Bacigalupo, 4, said she is in a different class for school and likes creating stuff. On the topic of the changing seasons, she said "Fall's leaves!"

Megan's father, Ken Bacigalupo of Greenfield, said they go on a lot of nature walks.

Katie Sykes of Greenfield, keeping an eye on Megan and two of her own around the beach, said fall is her favorite time of year.

Further down the beach Jon and Michelle Billings of Turners Falls watched their 13-year-old and 3-year-old twins, two in the water and one intent on playing in the sand. The elder Billings' said they are looking forward to cooler nights and lower humidity. "Like summer, don't like the heat," Jon Billings said. Fall for

them means four-wheeling.

On the bank of the Deerfield River by the Stillwater Bridge, old high school friends Robert Jackson of Chicopee, Tanya Stipek of Sandisfield and Jenn Wynn of Westfield were wrapping up a day on the water and crossing tubing off their summer bucket lists, although Jackson preferred not to acknowledge fall.

“Summer ends on the first snowfall,” he said.

“Then we succumb to like nine-plus months of freezing cold weather,” said Stipek. “I’m joking. There’s always stuff to do.”

The trip downstream on the Deerfield was excellent, they said.

Fall officially begins Sept. 23, unofficially Tuesday.

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Visitors to the Green River Swimming and Recreation Area in Greenfield swim in the river Sunday September 6. While many people see Labor Day as the end of summer, there are those who look forward to what fall has to offer. Recorder/Matt Burkhardt



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Marcie Savoie, of Colrain, swims with her daughter Mira Weare, 2 at the Green River Swimming and Recreation Area on Nash's Mill Road in Greenfield Sunday September 6. Recorder/Matt Burkhardt