

Your Local Guide To Summer in RESTON



YOUR LOCAL GUIDE TO
Summer in
RESTON



THE RESTON, VA Summer Events Guide

By Rachel Van Zanten



THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO Summer in Reston



By Rachel Van Zanten

Your Guide to Summer in RESTON



About Rachel Van Zanten

Rachel Van Zanten is a Northern Virginia real estate professional with Hunt Country Sotheby's International Realty, serving clients throughout Reston, Leesburg, and the surrounding Northern Virginia communities. Known for her warm approach, local insight, and attention to detail, Rachel helps buyers and sellers feel confident through every step of the real estate process.

Whether you're searching for your next home, preparing to sell, relocating to Northern Virginia, or exploring the Reston lifestyle, Rachel is a trusted resource for neighborhood guidance, market knowledge, and personalized real estate support.



HUNT COUNTRY

Sotheby's
INTERNATIONAL REALTY

CELL PHONE

(703) 829-0061

EMAIL ADDRESS

Rachel.VanZanten@hcsir.com

OFFICE PHONE

703-443-1757

OFFICE ADDRESS

22 W. Market St
Leesburg, VA 20176



FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Summer Events In Reston, VA

01

Reston Concerts on the Town

Saturdays, June–August | Reston Town Center Pavilion

Free admission

Enjoy live outdoor music in the heart of Reston Town Center. Families can bring lawn chairs, grab dinner nearby, and enjoy a relaxed summer evening with local and regional performers.

PRO TIP: Arrive early for easy parking and bring a blanket or chairs for the pavilion area.

02

Lake Anne Cardboard Boat Regatta

Typically August | Lake Anne Plaza

Free to watch; registration fees may apply for participants

This beloved Reston tradition features creative homemade cardboard boats racing across Lake Anne. It's fun, quirky, and perfect for kids and families who love community events by the water.

PRO TIP: Visit the Lake Anne Farmers Market before the event and plan time to explore the plaza.

03

Family Dive-In Movie Nights

Select summer evenings | Reston Association pools

Reston Association event; pool access or registration may be required

Enjoy a movie night with a summer twist. Families can swim, relax poolside, and watch a family-friendly film under the stars at select Reston Association pools.

PRO TIP: Bring towels, snacks, and arrive early to get a good poolside spot.

04

Lake Anne Jazz & Blues Festival

Late summer | Lake Anne Plaza

Free admission

Celebrate live jazz and blues music in one of Reston's most scenic community spaces. This outdoor festival offers great music, local food, lake views, and a relaxed family-friendly atmosphere.

PRO TIP: Parking can fill up quickly, so consider arriving early or using rideshare if possible.

ADULTS ONLY

Summer Events In Reston, VA

01

Sip & Stroll at Reston Town Center

Select summer dates | Reston Town Center
Free to attend; drinks purchased separately

Enjoy an open-air evening at Reston Town Center with cocktails, wine, or beer from participating restaurants. It's a relaxed way to explore shops, patios, and restaurants while enjoying Reston's lively summer atmosphere.

PRO TIP: Make a dinner reservation nearby and plan to park in one garage so you can walk the whole evening.

02

Wine Tasting at Cooper's Hawk

Ongoing summer evenings | Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant, Reston Town Center
Tasting fees vary | 21+

Spend a summer evening sampling wines, enjoying small bites, or planning a date-night dinner at Cooper's Hawk. Their tasting room is a popular Reston spot for a relaxed adults-only night out.

PRO TIP: Join the waitlist or make a reservation early, especially on Friday and Saturday nights.

03

Trivia & Craft Beer at Lake Anne Brew House

Select summer evenings | Lake Anne Plaza
Free to attend; food and drinks purchased separately | 21+

Head to Lake Anne for local craft beer, trivia nights, and laid-back summer patio vibes. This neighborhood favorite offers a casual setting with lake views and a strong local Reston feel.

PRO TIP: Arrive before sunset to enjoy the lakefront views and grab a table outdoors.

04

Reston Patio Happy Hour Crawl

Summer evenings | Reston Town Center
Cost varies by restaurant | 21+

Create your own adults-only night out with drinks and appetizers at Reston Town Center favorites like Barcelona Wine Bar, Makers Union, North Italia, or Jackson's. It's perfect for date night, girls' night, or after-work drinks.

PRO TIP: Start early for happy hour specials and choose restaurants within walking distance to keep the night easy and fun.

SHOP LOCAL THIS SUMMER

Small Businesses in Reston, VA



Restaurants

Local favorites for patio dining, date nights, casual meals, and lakeside bites.

Red's Table

Kalypso's Sports Tavern

Ariake Japanese Restaurant

Cafesano

Gregorio's Trattoria

Cafes/Coffee Shops

Great spots for morning coffee, pastries, casual meetups, and summer treats.

Lake Anne Coffee House & Wine Bar

Good Company Doughnuts & Cafe

Pitango Gelato & Coffee

Colada Shop

Weird Brothers Coffee



Hours and offerings may vary. Check each business before visiting.

SHOP LOCAL THIS SUMMER

Small Businesses in Reston, VA



Home Decor

Local spots for art, framing, unique gifts, vintage finds, and home accents.

Reston Art Gallery & Studios

Chesapeake Framing Co.

The Artisans

Pennywise Thrift Shop

Lake Anne Plaza Shops

Clothing Boutique

Boutique-style shopping for summer outfits, accessories, gifts, and elevated everyday style.

Scout & Molly's

South Moon Under

Lou Lou Boutiques

J.McLaughlin

EVEREVE



Store hours and offerings may vary. Check each business before visiting.

Farmers Markets

NEAR RESTON, VA



01

Reston Farmers Market at Lake Anne

Saturdays, spring through fall | Lake Anne Plaza

Here's why locals love this spot:
A Reston favorite with fresh produce, baked goods, flowers, meats, eggs, and artisan items. The Lake Anne setting makes it perfect for a relaxed Saturday morning by the water.

03

Smart Markets Oakton

Saturdays, spring through fall | Oakton, VA

Here's why locals love this spot:
A convenient nearby market with fresh fruits and vegetables, local meats, prepared foods, baked goods, and seasonal favorites from regional vendors.

02

Herndon Farmers Market

Thursdays, spring through fall | Old Town Herndon

Here's why locals love this spot:
Just minutes from Reston, this market features local farms, produce, baked goods, flowers, and specialty vendors in a charming downtown setting.

04

Vienna Saturday Farmers Market

Saturdays, spring through fall | Vienna, VA

Here's why locals love this spot:
A popular weekend market with a strong local feel, offering farm-fresh produce, pastries, coffee, flowers, and specialty food vendors.

Market dates, hours, and vendors may vary by season. Check each market before visiting.

Where to join a Community Garden

NEAR RESTON, VA



01

Reston Association Garden Plots

Various locations throughout Reston
Reston Association offers garden plot opportunities for residents who want space to grow vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Availability may be limited, and plots are typically assigned through RA with seasonal guidelines.

03

Herndon Community Garden

Herndon, VA
Just minutes from Reston, Herndon offers community garden opportunities for residents who want to grow their own produce and connect with other local gardeners. It's a great nearby option for those on the Reston/Herndon border.

02

Baron Cameron Park Community Garden

Reston, VA
Located right in Reston, Baron Cameron Park is one of the most convenient nearby options for community gardening. It's a popular spot for local gardeners, so check Fairfax County Park Authority for availability and waitlist details.

04

Nottoway Park Garden Plots

Vienna, VA
A nearby Fairfax County option with garden plots for seasonal growing. Nottoway Park is a good choice for those willing to drive a bit for access to established community garden space.

The Ultimate Guide to Dog Parks

AND OTHER PET-FRIENDLY SUMMER
SPACES IN RESTON, VA

01

Baron Cameron Dog Park

My favorite dog park is fully-fenced, with plenty of room for fetch and other activities. It's a convenient Reston spot for dogs to run, socialize, and burn off energy during the summer.

02

Chandon Dog Park

Located just minutes from Reston in Herndon, this off-leash dog park has separate areas for large and small dogs. It's a great nearby option for pups who love to play.

03

Lake Fairfax Park

This Reston park is perfect for leashed walks, shady trails, and summer outings with your pup. Bring water, enjoy the paths, and make a morning or evening adventure of it.

04

W&OD Trail

The W&OD Trail runs through the Reston area and is a favorite for leashed dog walks, jogs, and casual summer strolls. It's great for active dogs and owners.

Want to chat real estate? Let's grab a coffee (and a pup cup!) on me.
Call or text me at (703) 829-0061



The Ultimate Guide to Summer Date Nights

IN RESTON, VA

01

PassionFish

11960 Democracy Drive, Reston Town Center

A polished seafood spot perfect for a classic Reston date night. Enjoy fresh oysters, sushi, seafood entrées, and cocktails before taking a walk around Reston Town Center.

02

Barcelona Wine Bar

12023 Town Square Street, Reston Town Center

A lively wine and tapas restaurant with a stylish atmosphere. Order a few shareable plates, try a Spanish wine flight, and enjoy one of Reston's most popular evening spots.

03

Red's Table

11150 South Lakes Drive, South Lakes Village Center

A cozy neighborhood favorite overlooking Lake Thoreau. It's perfect for a relaxed summer dinner with lake views, seasonal dishes, and a quieter local feel.

04

North Italia

11898 Market Street, Reston Town Center

A great choice for handmade pasta, pizza, wine, and an upbeat date-night setting. Grab dinner here, then stroll through Reston Town Center for dessert or drinks nearby.

Want to chat real estate? Let's meet for dinner on me.

Call or text me at (703) 829-0061



The Ultimate Guide to Outdoor Dining

IN RESTON, VA

01

Red's Table

11150 South Lakes Drive, South Lakes Village Center

A local favorite with a patio overlooking Lake Thoreau. Enjoy seasonal American dishes, cocktails, and relaxed lakefront views that make it perfect for warm summer evenings.

02

Kalypso's Sports Tavern

1617 Washington Plaza N, Lake Anne Plaza

A casual lakeside spot at Lake Anne with outdoor seating and a laid-back summer vibe. Great for drinks, comfort food, and enjoying one of Reston's most iconic waterfront settings.

03

Barcelona Wine Bar

12023 Town Square Street, Reston Town Center

A stylish patio destination for tapas, wine, and cocktails. The outdoor seating makes it a great pick for date night, happy hour, or a lively evening in Reston Town Center.

04

Jackson's Mighty Fine Food & Lucky Lounge

11927 Democracy Drive, Reston Town Center

A Reston Town Center staple with classic American dishes, cocktails, and patio seating. It's a reliable choice for lunch, dinner, or drinks before exploring nearby shops.

Want to chat real estate? Let's meet for
dinner on me.

Call or text me at (703) 829-0061



The Ultimate Guide to Summer Pickleball

IN RESTON, VA

01

Reston Association Pickleball

Various Reston Association courts, Reston

Reston Association offers pickleball opportunities throughout the community, including outdoor court play, seasonal programs, and organized activities. Check RA's current schedule for court locations, reservations, and member access.

03

Bready Park Pickleball Courts

814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon

Just minutes from Reston, Bready Park is a popular nearby option for outdoor pickleball. Bring your paddle, check court availability, and enjoy a casual summer match close to home.

02

Pickleball Clinics at Reston Association

Reston Association Tennis & Pickleball Programs

Perfect for beginners or players looking to improve their game. Reston Association often offers seasonal lessons, clinics, and organized play options for adults who want to build skills and meet other local players.

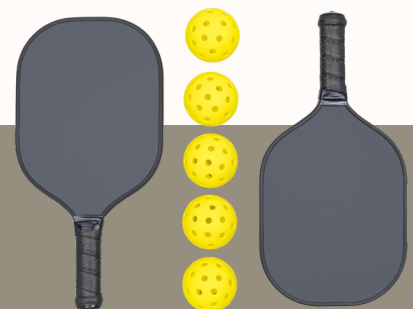
04

Indoor Pickleball at YMCA Reston

12196 Sunset Hills Road, Reston

A great option for hot or rainy summer days. YMCA Reston may offer indoor pickleball opportunities, open gym play, or scheduled programs depending on the season and availability.

Want to chat real estate? Let's have a
ball and meet for lunch on me!
Call or text me at (703) 829-0061





The Ultimate Guide to Where to Swim

IN RESTON, VA

Lake Newport Pool

11601 Lake Newport Road, Reston, VA

Reston Association pool. Outdoor seasonal pool with lap lanes, open swim, and neighborhood access for RA members.

Ridge Heights Pool

11400 Ridge Heights Road, Reston, VA

Reston Association pool. Convenient South Reston spot with outdoor summer swimming and a relaxed neighborhood feel.

Hunters Woods Pool

2501 Reston Parkway, Reston, VA

Reston Association pool. Outdoor seasonal pool near Hunters Woods, great for casual summer swims and family-friendly days.

North Hills Pool

1325 North Village Road, Reston, VA

Reston Association pool. A North Reston favorite with outdoor swimming, sunny deck space, and seasonal RA member access.

The Water Mine

1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston, VA

Public seasonal water park at Lake Fairfax Park. Slides, lazy river-style fun, splash areas, and paid summer admission.

Pool hours, access, fees, and opening dates may vary. Check Reston Association or Fairfax County before visiting.

The Ultimate Guide to Summer Hiking

IN RESTON, VA

01

Walker Nature Center Trails

Wooded nature trails

A peaceful Reston favorite with shaded paths, forest views, and a quiet nature-center setting. Great for an easy summer walk, birdwatching, and getting outdoors without leaving town.

02

Lake Fairfax Park Trails

Park trails + lake views

Explore wooded trails, open green space, and scenic views around Lake Fairfax. This is a great spot for a casual summer hike, picnic, or a longer outdoor day close to home.

03

W&OD Trail

Paved multi-use trail

The Washington & Old Dominion Trail runs through Reston and is perfect for walking, jogging, biking, and summer strolls. It's paved, easy to access, and connects to nearby neighborhoods and town centers.

04

Difficult Run Trail

Natural surface trail

A beautiful nearby trail with creek views, wooded sections, and a more natural hiking feel. It's a great option when you want a slightly more adventurous summer hike near Reston.



Enjoy Reston this Summer.

I hope this guide helps you make the most of the season.

As a Northern Virginia real estate professional with local insight into Reston and the surrounding communities, I'd be thrilled to help you or someone you know buy or sell a home here.

Have any questions or want to discuss your real estate needs?

Schedule a consultation with me using the link below or call me to chat. I'd love to provide the guidance and support you need to find your fit in Reston.

SINCERELY,

Rachel Van Zanten

SCHEDULE A TIME TO TALK

[Click Here](#)

CELL PHONE

(703) 829-0061

EMAIL ADDRESS

Rachel.VanZanten@hcsir.com



HUNT COUNTRY

Sotheby's
INTERNATIONAL REALTY

