

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a white floral blouse and a white skirt with an orange belt, stands in a park with trees showing autumn foliage. A white van is visible in the background on the left.

YOUR LOCAL GUIDE TO
Autumn in Reston

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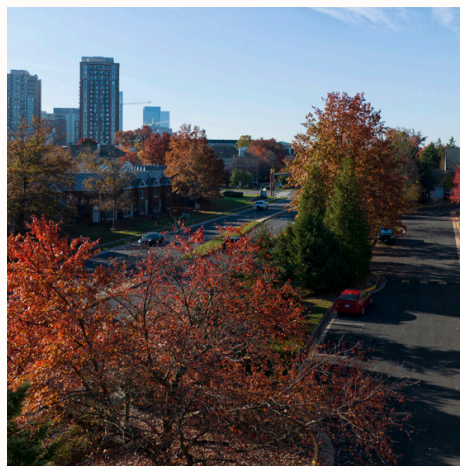
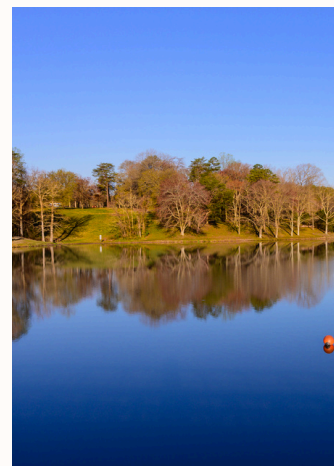


THINGS TO DO THIS FALL

FALL BUCKET LIST

RESTON

- ☐ Walk or bike the W&OD Trail through Reston
- ☐ Enjoy the fall foliage around Lake Anne Plaza
- ☐ Browse the Lake Anne Farmers Market
- ☐ Visit Fall Fun Fest at Reston Farm Garden Market
- ☐ Explore the autumn trails at Walker Nature Center
- ☐ Experience ChalkFest at Reston Town Center (Oct. 17)
- ☐ Enjoy Halloween at Walker Nature Center (Oct. 23-24)
- ☐ Take a scenic fall stroll through Lake Fairfax Park





KIDS ONLY

Fall Festivals In Reston

01

RESTON FARM FALL FUN FEST

Weekends through October 31, 2026

Enjoy train rides, inflatable attractions, farm animals, and fresh cider donuts at this family-friendly fall destination in Reston.

PRO TIP: Purchase date-specific festival tickets in advance. The garden market is open daily without admission.

03

HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN DAY

October 17, 2026 | 12 - 2 PM

Celebrate Halloween at RCC Hunters Woods with costumes, festive games, carnival treats, and live entertainment for younger children.

PRO TIP: This event is free! Check Reston Community Center for registration details before attending.

02

CHALKFEST AT RESTON TOWN CENTER

October 17, 2026 | 10 AM - 5 PM

Watch colorful sidewalk art come to life with live music, face painting, and interactive family activities in the heart of Reston.

PRO TIP: Admission is free! Artists participating in the chalk competition must register in advance.

04

HALLOWEEN HOUSE & TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL

October 23-24, 2026 | 5:45 - 8:30 PM

Visit Walker Nature Center for a not-too-scary Halloween adventure featuring costumed characters, games, cider, and a nature-themed trick-or-treat trail.

PRO TIP: Register early, bring a flashlight, and wear a non-scary costume. Recommended for ages 3 and older.



FIND YOUR FALL PUMPKINS

PUMPKIN PATCHES

NEAR RESTON



RESTON FARM GARDEN MARKET

Pumpkins available throughout the fall season

10800 Baron Cameron Avenue, Reston, VA

Fall Fun Fest runs on select days through October 31.
The market is open daily for pumpkin shopping.

KROP'S CROPS

Pumpkin patch and hayrides throughout October

11110 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA

Enjoy pumpkin picking, fresh apple cider, and weekend hayrides to the pumpkin patch.



DEPAUL'S URBAN FARM

Seasonal pumpkins and fall decorations

2599 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, VA

Browse pre-picked pumpkins, colorful gourds, and festive autumn displays. No admission required to shop.



COX FARMS

Fall Festival runs through November 8, 2026

15621 Braddock Road, Centreville, VA

Enjoy a family-friendly fall festival with pumpkins, hayrides, giant slides, and seasonal activities.
Purchase festival tickets online.

ADULT ONLY

Fall Festivals In Reston



01

RESTON ROCKTOBERFEST

October 10, 2026 | 5-11 PM

Enjoy live rock music, drinks, and fall festivities at Reston Town Center. Featuring performances by Vertical Horizon, Virginia Coalition, and Everything.

PRO TIP: Admission is free! Grab a drink from a participating Sip & Stroll restaurant and enjoy the live entertainment.

02

WASHINGTON WEST FILM FESTIVAL

October 8-12, 2026

Experience independent films, filmmaker discussions, and special screenings at LOOK Cinemas in Reston Town Center.

PRO TIP: Book popular screenings early and make it a date night with dinner at a nearby restaurant.

03

RESTON TOWN CENTER DJ DANCE PARTY

October 24, 2026 | 5-9 PM

Dance the evening away with live DJs, music, and Sip & Stroll drinks at the Reston Town Center Pavilion.

PRO TIP: Pick up your drinks from participating restaurants. Outside alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

04

THE WITCHING WAKE

October 24, 2026 | 6:30-9 PM

Celebrate spooky season with an atmospheric boat ride on Lake Thoreau, featuring storytelling, seasonal traditions, and Halloween-inspired activities.

PRO TIP: Reserve tickets in advance and bring a warm layer for the evening boat ride.



FALL APPLE SEASON

APPLE FARMS

NEAR RESTON



01 — CROOKED RUN ORCHARD

Seasonal pick-your-own apples and
farm produce

37883 E. Main Street, Purcellville, VA

Call ahead to confirm October apple-picking
availability.

03 — HOLLIN FARMS

Pick-your-own apples available in
October

1524 Snowden Road, Delaplane, VA

Enjoy fresh apples and scenic orchard
views. Check daily picking availability.

02 — GREAT COUNTRY FARMS

Apple harvest, cider, and seasonal farm
market

18780 Foggy Bottom Road, Bluemont,
VA

September apple picking has ended. Late-
season picking is planned for November.

04 — HARTLAND ORCHARD

Pick-your-own apples through October

3064 Hartland Lane, Markham, VA

Open 9 AM-2 PM daily, subject to conditions.
Bring cash or checks.

The Ultimate Guide to Pumpkin Spice Lattes

AND OTHER FALL TREATS IN RESTON

01

THE COMMONS FOODERIE

Pumpkin Spice Lattes + Fall Treats

Enjoy a classic pumpkin spice latte paired with a pumpkin muffin at this casual Reston café. A cozy weekday stop for your favorite fall flavors.

02

PITANGO GELATO & COFFEE

Pumpkin Spice + Sweet Treats

Stop by Reston Town Center for espresso drinks, pumpkin spice flavor options, and handcrafted gelato. Perfect for an afternoon coffee or sweet treat.

03

TATTE BAKERY & CAFÉ

Specialty Coffee + Fresh Pastries

Enjoy expertly crafted coffee, buttery croissants, and beautiful pastries in a warm café setting near the fountain at Reston Town Center.

04

LAKE ANNE COFFEE HOUSE & WINE BAR

Lakeside Coffee + Cozy Fall Views

Sip locally roasted coffee, enjoy specialty espresso drinks, and take in beautiful autumn views overlooking historic Lake Anne Plaza.

Want to chat real estate? Let's grab a fall coffee in Reston. Call or text me anytime.



WHERE TO SEE

THE BEST FALL VIEWS

NEAR RESTON



01 — LAKE FAIRFAX PARK

Open year-round; check park hours

1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston, VA

Explore scenic lakeside views, colorful autumn trees, and beautiful wooded hiking trails throughout this 476-acre park.



02 — LAKE ANNE PLAZA

Open daily; business hours vary

1609 Washington Plaza, Reston, VA

Enjoy peaceful waterfront views, vibrant fall foliage, and the charming architecture of Reston's historic lakeside village.



03 — WALKER NATURE CENTER

Trails accessible dawn to dusk

11450 Glade Drive, Reston, VA

Discover wooded trails, peaceful streams, and beautiful autumn scenery throughout this 72-acre natural retreat.

04 — LAKE THOREAU LOOP TRAIL

Outdoor pathway; visit during daylight

11120 South Lakes Drive, Reston, VA

Take a scenic lakeside walk featuring colorful fall reflections, peaceful waterfront views, and picturesque wooded pathways.

The Ultimate Guide to Fall Ciders & Cocktails

YOUR GUIDE TO SEASONAL SIPS IN RESTON

01

CRAFTHOUSE RESTON

1888 Explorer Street, Reston, VA

A lively Reston Town Center destination featuring craft beers, bottled and canned hard ciders, cocktails, and casual bites. Perfect for a relaxed fall evening.

03

OPEN ROAD RESTAURANT & BAR

1871 Fountain Drive, Reston, VA

Known for handcrafted cocktails, including a barrel-aged Maple Old Fashioned. Enjoy warm autumn flavors and a lively Reston Town Center atmosphere.

02

LAKE ANNE COFFEE HOUSE & WINE BAR

1612 Washington Plaza N, Reston, VA

Enjoy hard cider, wine, and cocktails overlooking historic Lake Anne. A charming lakeside setting for an intimate autumn evening.

04

RED'S TABLE

11150 South Lakes Drive, Reston, VA

A scenic lakeside restaurant offering signature cocktails, seasonal drinks, and welcoming waterfront dining overlooking Lake Thoreau.

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LOCAL PRODUCE GUIDE

FARMER MARKETS

NEAR RESTON



01 — RESTON FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays, 8 AM-12 PM | April 25-
November 21

1609 Washington Plaza N, Reston,
VA

03 — EATLOCO HALLEY RISE MARKET

Sundays, 9 AM-1 PM | March 29-
November 22

2001 Edmund Halley Drive, Reston,
VA

02 — FRESHFARM RESTON MARKET

Wednesdays, year-round | 3-7 PM in
October

11900 Lawyers Road, Reston, VA

04 — HERNDON FARMERS MARKET

Thursdays, 8 AM-12 PM | May 7-
October 29

765 Lynn Street, Herndon, VA

The Ultimate Guide to Fall Date Night

IN RESTON

01

BARCELONA WINE BAR

12023 Town Square Street, Reston, VA

Enjoy Spanish tapas, shareable plates, and an extensive wine selection in a lively, intimate setting. Perfect for a cozy fall date night.

02

PASSIONFISH

11960 Democracy Drive, Reston, VA

Upscale seafood, fresh sushi, and handcrafted cocktails create an elegant evening in the heart of Reston Town Center.

03

RED'S TABLE

11150 South Lakes Drive, Reston, VA

Enjoy delicious American cuisine, cocktails, and scenic views overlooking Lake Thoreau. A beautiful spot for a relaxing autumn dinner.

04

COOPER'S HAWK WINERY & RESTAURANT

12130 Sunset Hills Road, Reston, VA

Enjoy wine tastings, contemporary American cuisine, and a welcoming atmosphere that's perfect for a memorable evening together.

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The Ultimate Guide to Fall Hiking

IN RESTON

01

WALKER NATURE CENTER

11450 Glade Drive, Reston, VA

Explore peaceful wooded trails, winding streams, and beautiful autumn foliage throughout this 72-acre nature preserve near Lake Audubon.

03

W&OD TRAIL

Access near Old Reston Avenue & Sunset Hills Road, Reston, VA

Enjoy a scenic paved trail perfect for walking or biking beneath colorful autumn trees. An excellent choice for an easy fall outing.

02

LAKE FAIRFAX PARK

1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston, VA

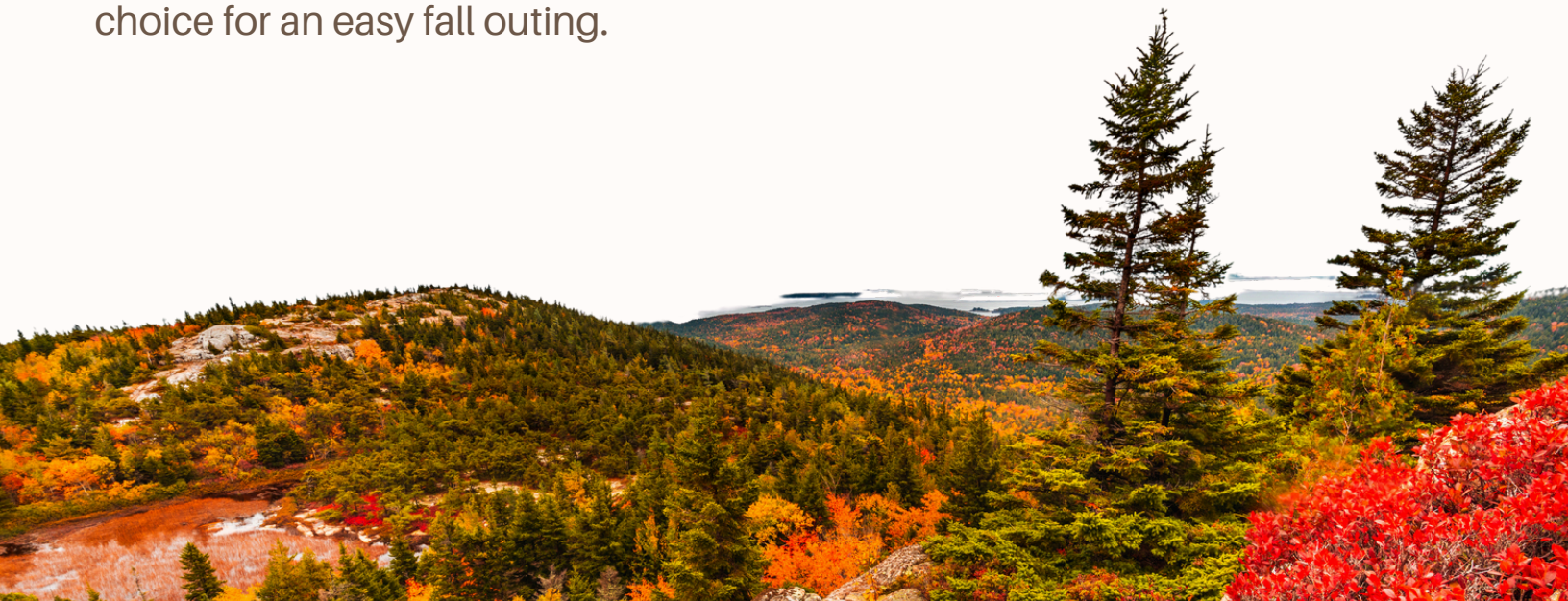
Discover scenic hiking trails, colorful fall forests, and peaceful lakeside views throughout one of Reston's largest outdoor recreation areas.

04

LAKE ANNE BLUE TRAIL

Access near Lake Anne Plaza, Reston, VA

Follow wooded pathways near historic Lake Anne, featuring charming bridges, scenic waterfront views, and colorful autumn foliage.



Enjoy.

Reston is absolutely gorgeous in Autumn and I hope this guide helps you make the most of the season.

I hope this autumn events guide was valuable to you! I absolutely love Reston and have the distinct honor of being a real estate agent here.

If you are looking to buy or sell in Reston (or know someone who is), let's talk. I'd be happy to offer some guidance.

You can schedule a time with me at the link below or give me call to set up a time.

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SCHEDULE A TIME TO TALK

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