

YOUR LOCAL GUIDE TO

Autumn in Great Falls



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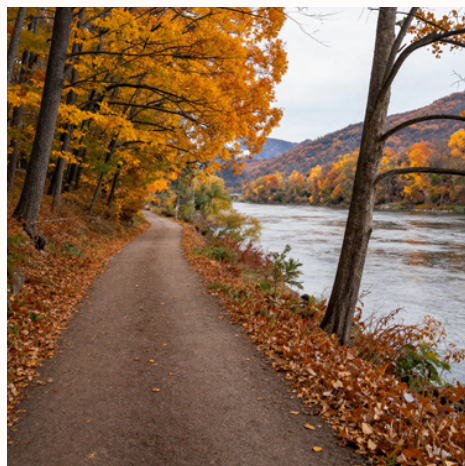


THINGS TO DO THIS FALL

FALL BUCKET LIST

GREAT FALLS

- ☐ Take in the waterfall views at Great Falls Park
- ☐ Walk along the Potomac at Riverbend Park
- ☐ See fall foliage along the Difficult Run trails
- ☐ Explore historic Colvin Run Mill
- ☐ Browse the Great Falls Farmers Market
- ☐ Enjoy coffee and a stroll around the Village Centre
- ☐ Stargaze at a scheduled Turner Farm Observatory event
- ☐ Take a scenic fall drive along Georgetown Pike





KID FRIENDLY

Fall Festivals & Fun in Great Falls

01

Great Falls Halloween Spooktacular

Location: Great Falls Village Centre
Timing: Check this year's event date

Celebrate Halloween with costumes, trick-or-treating, and community fun at the Village Centre. This local celebration is a festive way for families to enjoy the season together.

PRO TIP: Bring a candy bag and check the organizer's current event details before heading out.

02

Fall Fun at Colvin Run Mill

Location: Colvin Run Mill
Timing: Check the seasonal program calendar

Explore a historic mill close to home. Look for family-friendly tours and seasonal programs, then enjoy the grounds as the leaves change. Activities vary by date.

PRO TIP: Check registration requirements and age recommendations for the program you choose.

03

Cox Farms Fall Festival

Location: Nearby in Centreville
Timing: Check this year's festival calendar

Plan a family outing filled with hayrides, slides, farm attractions, and fall treats. This popular seasonal destination offers plenty of outdoor fun for a full autumn adventure.

PRO TIP: Review ticket options before visiting, and wear comfortable shoes for exploring the farm.

04

Reston Farm Garden Market Fall Fun

Location: Nearby in Reston
Timing: Check the current fall event schedule

Visit this nearby garden market for pumpkins, seasonal displays, and scheduled family festivities. Check the current lineup to see which children's activities are offered during your visit.

PRO TIP: Confirm activity hours and admission details before planning your outing.



PICK YOUR OWN PUMPKINS

PUMPKIN PATCHES

NEAR GREAT FALLS



KROP'S CROPS

Pumpkins and seasonal farm market finds

11110 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls

Check current fall offerings and hours
before visiting

COX FARMS

Fall festival fun and seasonal pumpkins

15621 Braddock Road, Centreville

Check festival dates and ticket
requirements before visiting



RESTON FARM GARDEN MARKET

Pumpkins, autumn displays, and
seasonal family fun

10800 Baron Cameron Avenue, Reston

Check current hours and fall activity
schedules



GREAT COUNTRY FARMS

A countryside outing for pumpkin
picking and farm fun

34345 Snickersville Turnpike, Bluemont

Check pumpkin availability, admission,
and picking dates

ADULT ONLY

Fall Festivals In Great Falls



01

Vienna Oktoberfest

Nearby in Vienna • Check this year's date

Enjoy beer, food vendors, live entertainment, and local businesses in downtown Vienna. Make this lively fall festival a friends' afternoon or a casual seasonal date.

PRO TIP: Bring ID for alcohol purchases and plan your ride home before sampling.

02

Mount Vernon Fall Wine Festival

Mount Vernon • Check the festival calendar

Make an evening trip for the Fall Wine Festival & Sunset Tour. Sample regional wines and enjoy the atmosphere of George Washington's estate overlooking the Potomac.

PRO TIP: Review ticket options, age policies, and event inclusions before booking.

03

The Winery at Bull Run

Nearby in Centreville • Check fall events

Enjoy a wine tasting in a scenic farm setting. Look for scheduled seasonal events and spend a relaxed autumn afternoon catching up with friends.

PRO TIP: Confirm reservations, seating policies, and any separate event-ticket requirements.

04

Paradise Springs Winery

Nearby in Clifton • Check hours and events

Plan an autumn wine outing in a wooded setting near historic Clifton. Enjoy a tasting, then explore the town or head to a nearby dinner reservation.

PRO TIP: Check tasting availability and group policies before organizing your visit.



PICK YOUR OWN APPLES

APPLE FARMS

NEAR GREAT FALLS



Stribling Orchard

Apple picking season varies by crop

11587 Poverty Hollow Lane, Markham,
VA

Check current picking conditions
before visiting

Marker-Miller Orchards

Pick-your-own apples available
seasonally

3035 Cedar Creek Grade, Winchester,
VA

Check the farm market schedule before
visiting

Great Country Farms

Apple picking available seasonally

18780 Foggy Bottom Road, Bluemont,
VA

Buy admission tickets ahead of time
online

Hartland Orchard

Apple picking season varies by variety

3064 Hartland Lane, Markham, VA

Call or check online before making the
trip

The Ultimate Guide to Pumpkin Spice Lattes

AND OTHER FALL TREATS
IN & NEAR GREAT FALLS

01

Katie's Coffee House

Cozy Local Coffee Stop

Stop by this Great Falls favorite for coffee and a relaxed neighborhood atmosphere. Grab a warm drink before a fall drive along Georgetown Pike or a walk at a nearby park.

02

Starbucks

Your Pumpkin Spice Stop

For a classic pumpkin spice latte, check the seasonal menu at Starbucks in Great Falls. Pick up your favorite fall drink before exploring the Village Centre or heading out for the day.

03

Great Falls Creamery

A Sweet Village Centre Stop

Fall treats don't have to be hot. Visit this local ice cream shop for a sweet break, browse the available flavors, and enjoy a stroll around the Village Centre.

04

Great Harvest Bread Co.

Fresh-Baked Treats in Nearby Herndon

Make a short trip to Herndon for fresh bread and bakery treats. Check the rotating menu for seasonal offerings to take home and pair with your favorite fall coffee.

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WHERE TO SEE

THE BEST FALL VIEWS

NEAR GREAT FALLS

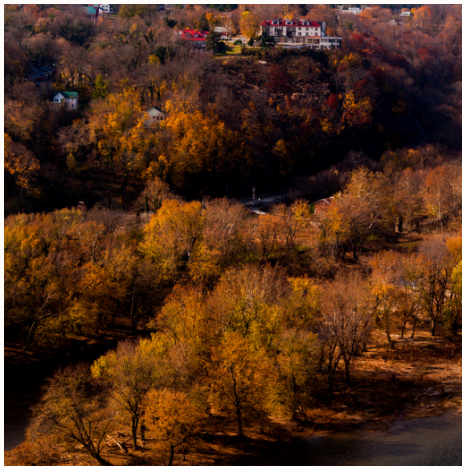


GREAT FALLS PARK

Check current park hours and entrance fees

9200 Old Dominion Drive, Great Falls

Dramatic waterfall overlooks framed by colorful fall foliage



RIVERBEND PARK

Check current park hours and trail conditions

8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls

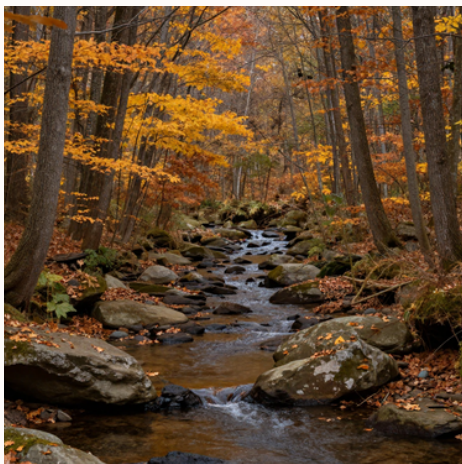
Peaceful Potomac River views and wooded trails with autumn color

DIFFICULT RUN

Check trail conditions before visiting

Difficult Run parking area off Georgetown Pike

Wooded streamside trails with colorful leaves and rocky scenery



SCOTT'S RUN NATURE PRESERVE

Check current access and trail conditions

7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean

Wooded hikes leading to Potomac River views and a scenic waterfall

The Ultimate Guide to Hard Cider Tastings

AND OTHER FALL COCKTAILS
IN & AROUND GREAT FALLS

01

Henway Hard Cider

18780 Foggy Bottom Road, Bluemont

Make a countryside day trip for hard cider in a scenic farm setting. Check the current tasting menu for available pours and enjoy a relaxed autumn outing.

02

Wild Hare Cider

17 Church Street SE, Leesburg

Head to downtown Leesburg for a cider-focused outing. Explore the current tap list, then pair your visit with a fall stroll through the historic downtown.

03

The Old Brogue

760 Walker Road, Great Falls

Settle into this neighborhood Irish pub for a cozy evening close to home. Enjoy dinner and a drink, and ask about any seasonal cocktail specials.

04

BRX American Bistro

1025 Seneca Road, Great Falls

Plan a relaxed date night or meet friends for dinner and cocktails. Check the current drinks menu for a pour that suits your fall mood.

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LOCAL PRODUCE GUIDE

FARMER MARKETS

NEAR GREAT FALLS



Great Falls Farmers Market

Saturdays — check current hours

Great Falls Village Centre
778 Walker Road, Great Falls

Reston Farmers Market

Saturdays, seasonal

Lake Anne Village Center
1609 Washington Plaza N, Reston

Herndon Farmers Market

Thursdays, seasonal

700 block of Lynn Street, Herndon

McLean Farmers Market

Fridays, seasonal

Lewinsville Park
1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean

Market schedules can change. Confirm current dates and hours before visiting.

The Ultimate Guide to Fall Date Night

IN GREAT FALLS

01

L'Auberge Chez François

332 Springvale Road, Great Falls

Make it a special evening with French cuisine and a charming country setting. This longtime Great Falls destination is a romantic choice for an anniversary or a memorable autumn dinner.

03

BRX American Bistro

1025 Seneca Road, Great Falls

Plan a relaxed but polished date night with contemporary American dishes and cocktails. A welcoming neighborhood setting makes it an easy choice for dinner close to home.

02

Dante Ristorante

1148 Walker Road, Great Falls

Enjoy Italian cuisine in a historic farmhouse setting. Warm surroundings and classic dishes make this a lovely spot for a cozy fall dinner and an unhurried evening together.

04

The Old Brogue

760 Walker Road, Great Falls

Keep date night casual at this neighborhood Irish pub. Settle in for hearty fare, a favorite drink, and conversation in a cozy setting that suits a crisp fall evening.

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The Ultimate Guide to Fall Hiking

IN & NEAR GREAT FALLS

01

River Trail at Great Falls Park

9200 Old Dominion Drive, Great Falls

Explore rocky stretches above Mather Gorge with dramatic Potomac River views and colorful fall foliage. Expect uneven footing, and stay on marked trails away from cliff edges.

02

Potomac Heritage Trail at Riverbend

8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls

Enjoy a gentler riverside hike beneath changing leaves. Follow the Potomac through peaceful woodland and choose an out-and-back distance that suits your afternoon.

03

Difficult Run Trail

Trail access off Georgetown Pike, Great Falls

Follow a wooded stream past rocky scenery and autumn color. Wear sturdy shoes for uneven terrain, and check conditions after rain when sections may be muddy or slippery.

04

Scott's Run Nature Preserve

7400 Georgetown Pike, McLean

Hike wooded trails toward the Potomac and the preserve's scenic waterfall. Expect some steep sections and rocky footing, and stay on designated trails to protect the landscape.



Enjoy.

Great Falls is absolutely stunning 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 Great Falls and have the distinct honor of being a real estate agent here.

If you are looking to buy or sell in Great Falls (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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