YOUR LOCAL GUIDE TO

Autumn in Fairfax



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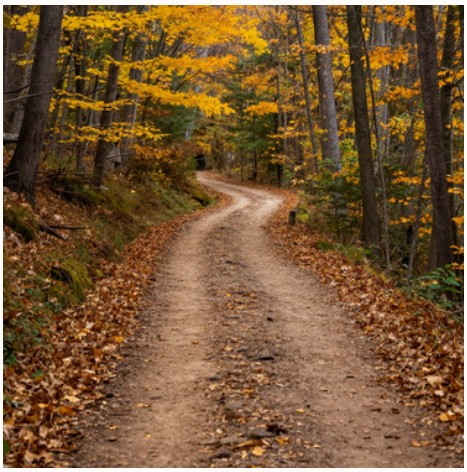
THINGS TO DO THIS FALL

FALL BUCKET LIST

FAIRFAX

- [ ] Walk the colorful trails at Daniels Run Park
- [ ] Stroll through historic Old Town Fairfax
- [ ] Enjoy the fall scenery at Van Dyck Park
- [ ] Explore the history of Historic Blenheim
- [ ] Visit the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center
- [ ] Grab a cozy coffee near Old Town Square
- [ ] Browse the local shops along Main Street
- [ ] Visit the Fairfax Holiday Craft Show in November





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Fall Festivals & Fun in Fairfax

01

FAIRFAX CITY FALL FESTIVAL

Location: Downtown Fairfax
Timing: Annual October event

Celebrate autumn in historic downtown Fairfax with local vendors, delicious food, live entertainment, and activities for children. This beloved community festival is a wonderful way to enjoy the season together.

PRO TIP: This annual festival takes place in October. Check the city's calendar for the next event.

02

HISTORIC BLENHEIM FAMILY FUN

Location: Historic Blenheim, Fairfax
Timing: November 7, 2026 — A History Mystery

Explore Fairfax history through a family-friendly adventure at Historic Blenheim. The special A History Mystery program invites ages 10–14 to solve puzzles, discover clues, and explore the historic property.

PRO TIP: Registration is required for this program. Check availability before visiting.

03

COX FARMS FALL FESTIVAL

Location: Nearby in Centreville
Timing: September 19 – November 8, 2026

Enjoy giant slides, hayrides, farm animals, seasonal treats, and plenty of outdoor activities. This popular Northern Virginia tradition is perfect for a full day of family fun.

PRO TIP: Purchase tickets online in advance and wear comfortable shoes for exploring the farm.

04

FAIRFAX HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Location: Fairfax High School
Timing: November 21–22, 2026

Get a head start on the festive season with handmade gifts, local artisans, and unique crafts. Families can enjoy browsing creative displays and discovering special treasures together.

PRO TIP: Admission is free for ages 18 and under. Check the event schedule for special activities.



PUMPKINS & FALL FARM FUN

PUMPKIN PATCHES

NEAR FAIRFAX







BURKE NURSERY & GARDEN CENTRE

Pumpkins, cider donuts, autumn decorations, and seasonal farm market finds.

9401 Burke Road, Burke

Fall market runs seasonally. Check dates and hours before visiting.

COX FARMS

A beloved fall destination with pumpkins, hayrides, giant slides, and family activities.

15621 Braddock Road, Centreville

2026 Fall Festival runs through November 8. Tickets required for festival activities.

DEPAUL'S URBAN FARM

Beautiful pumpkin displays, specialty gourds, fall flowers, and seasonal decorations.

2599 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna

Check seasonal pumpkin availability before visiting.

NALLS PRODUCE

A charming local market known for pumpkins, autumn treats, and its famous Pumpkin Wall.

7310 Beulah Street, Alexandria

Pumpkin Hill is seasonal. Check current offerings and event dates.

GROWN-UP FAVORITES

Fall Outings in Fairfax



01

CHUBBY SQUIRREL BREWING

Fairfax City • Check current taproom hours

Enjoy locally brewed craft beer and delicious pub food at this independent Fairfax brewery. With rotating seasonal selections and a welcoming neighborhood atmosphere, it's a great place to unwind with friends.

PRO TIP: Check their tap list for seasonal brews and upcoming trivia nights.

02

MACKENZIE'S TUNES & TONICS

Old Town Fairfax • Check live music schedule

Spend a cozy evening enjoying handcrafted cocktails, small plates, and live acoustic music. This speakeasy-inspired gathering spot offers a relaxed atmosphere for a memorable autumn night out.

PRO TIP: Review the entertainment calendar before planning your evening.

03

THE WINERY AT BULL RUN

Nearby in Centreville • Open year-round

Enjoy Virginia wines in a picturesque countryside setting near historic Manassas National Battlefield Park. Relax outdoors, enjoy the fall atmosphere, and spend an afternoon catching up with friends.

PRO TIP: Explore the adult lawn or reserve a guided wine tasting.

04

PARADISE SPRINGS WINERY

Nearby in Clifton • Open year-round

Escape to a beautiful wooded winery just outside Fairfax. Enjoy a wine tasting, relax on the outdoor patio, or spend a peaceful fall afternoon surrounded by Virginia's countryside.

PRO TIP: Check the weekend live music schedule and tasting availability.

PICK YOUR OWN APPLES

APPLE FARMS

NEAR FAIRFAX






GREAT COUNTRY FARMS

Seasonal apple picking and family farm activities

18780 Foggy Bottom Road, Bluemont, VA

Check current apple varieties, admission, and picking availability before visiting.

HARTLAND ORCHARD

Pick-your-own apples during the fall harvest season

3064 Hartland Lane, Markham, VA

Apple picking typically runs August–October. Call ahead for availability.

HOLLIN FARMS

Scenic mountain orchard with seasonal apple picking

1524 Snowden Road, Delaplane, VA

Apple season typically runs late August–October. Check the farm's seasonal updates.

MACKINTOSH FRUIT FARM

Apple orchards, baked treats, and a charming farm market

1608 Russell Road, Berryville, VA

Picking varies by crop and season. Confirm availability before traveling.

The Ultimate Guide to Pumpkin Spice Lattes

AND OTHER FALL TREATS
IN & NEAR FAIRFAX

01

DE CLIEU COFFEE & SANDWICHES

Cozy Old Town Coffee Spot

Enjoy specialty lattes, housemade syrups, and delicious baked goods at this charming Old Town Fairfax café. Grab a warm drink before exploring the historic downtown streets on a crisp autumn morning.

02

HARAZ COFFEE HOUSE

Pumpkin Spice & Seasonal Favorites

Discover pumpkin spice lattes, apple cinnamon drinks, and warm spiced coffees at this Fairfax favorite. Pair your drink with a sweet pastry for the perfect cozy fall afternoon.

03

SIMPLY SOCIAL COFFEE

A Neighborhood Coffee Favorite

Enjoy expertly crafted espresso drinks, flavorful lattes, and fresh café treats in a welcoming Fairfax setting. It's a great spot to catch up with friends or enjoy a relaxing autumn morning.

04

FAIRFAX BAKERY

Fresh-Baked Fall Comforts

Treat yourself to warm croissants, muffins, specialty coffee, and delicious pastries at this local bakery. Stop in for a cozy breakfast or take home a few sweet treats to enjoy later.



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WHERE TO SEE

THE BEST FALL VIEWS

IN & NEAR FAIRFAX



DANIELS RUN PARK

Open daily from dawn to dusk

Trail access from Embassy Lane and nearby Fairfax streets

Peaceful wooded trails, charming footbridges, and colorful autumn foliage



VAN DYCK PARK

Open daily from dawn to dusk

3720 Blenheim Boulevard, Fairfax

Beautiful tree-lined walking paths, open green spaces, and seasonal foliage

BURKE LAKE PARK

Open daily from dawn to dusk

7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station

Scenic lakeside views, wooded trails, and brilliant autumn reflections



LAKE ACCOTINK PARK

Open daily from dawn to dusk

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield

Peaceful lake views, colorful woodland trails, and picturesque fall scenery

The Ultimate Guide to Hard Cider Tastings

AND OTHER FALL COCKTAILS
IN & AROUND FAIRFAX

01

HIGH SIDE

4009 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax

Enjoy a rotating selection of craft ciders, beer, and delicious Asian street food in the heart of Fairfax. A welcoming local favorite for casual drinks, good food, and catching up with friends.

02

LOST BOY CIDER

317 Hooffs Run Drive, Alexandria

Discover locally crafted Virginia hard cider at this unique Alexandria cidery. Sample a tasting flight, explore rotating seasonal flavors, and enjoy a relaxed afternoon with friends.

03

THE AULD SHEBEEN

3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax

Settle into this cozy Irish pub in Old Town Fairfax for classic pub fare and drinks. Enjoy the welcoming atmosphere, live entertainment, and a relaxed evening out during the fall season.

04

WILD HARE CIDER

106 South Street SE, Leesburg

Take a scenic trip to historic Leesburg for handcrafted Virginia cider in a charming 1840s log cabin. Explore rotating cider selections and enjoy a leisurely fall outing downtown.

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LOCAL PRODUCE GUIDE

FARMERS MARKETS

IN & NEAR FAIRFAX






FAIRFAX CITY FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays, 9 AM – 1 PM | May–October
10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax
Historic Old Town Fairfax location

MOSAIC FRESHFARM MARKET

Sundays, 9 AM – 2 PM | Year-round

2920 District Avenue, Fairfax
Fresh produce, baked goods, and local vendors

BURKE FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays, 8 AM – Noon | April–November

5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke
Fresh seasonal produce and local farm products

4 SEASONS FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays, 9 AM – 1 PM | Year-round

2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton
Local produce, meats, dairy, and baked goods

Market schedules vary by season. Confirm current dates and hours before visiting.

The Ultimate Guide to Fall Date Night

IN FAIRFAX

01

BELLISSIMO RESTAURANT

10403 Main Street, Fairfax

Enjoy a romantic evening with authentic Northern Italian cuisine in historic Old Town Fairfax. Intimate atmosphere, homemade pasta, and an elegant dining room make it a lovely anniversary or autumn dinner.

02

THE WINE HOUSE

3950 University Drive, Fairfax

Discover a charming wine bar and bistro offering boutique wines and delicious French-American cuisine. Its intimate setting makes it perfect for sharing a bottle of wine and enjoying a relaxing evening together.

03

DRAPER'S STEAK & SEAFOOD

3936 Blenheim Boulevard, Fairfax

Plan a memorable date night with flavorful steaks, fresh seafood, and handcrafted cocktails. The inviting atmosphere and polished dining experience make this downtown Fairfax restaurant ideal for a special evening.

04

HAMROCK'S RESTAURANT

3950 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax

Enjoy a romantic dinner inside a charming historic home in Old Town Fairfax. Featuring creative American cuisine, cozy dining rooms, and a beautiful wraparound porch, it's a wonderful place for an intimate fall evening.



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The Ultimate Guide to Fall Hiking

IN & NEAR FAIRFAX

01

DANIELS RUN PARK

Trail access from Embassy Lane, Fairfax

Explore peaceful wooded trails along Daniels Run, surrounded by colorful autumn foliage. Paved and natural-surface paths make this local park perfect for a relaxing fall walk in Fairfax City.

02

ACCOTINK CREEK TRAIL

Trail access near Thaiss Park, Pickett Road, Fairfax

Follow the scenic Accotink Creek through beautiful wooded surroundings. Gentle paths, footbridges, and colorful fall scenery make it a wonderful choice for an afternoon outdoors.

03

BURKE LAKE PARK

7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station

Enjoy a scenic 4.7-mile trail around Burke Lake, surrounded by beautiful autumn trees and peaceful waterfront views. The mostly gravel path is ideal for a longer fall hike.

04

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield

Explore wooded trails around Lake Accotink and enjoy fall foliage reflecting across the water. A roughly four-mile loop with natural-surface trails and peaceful creekside scenery.



Enjoy.

Fairfax 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 Fairfax and have the distinct honor of being a real estate agent here.

If you are looking to buy or sell in Fairfax (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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