



# Richmond FALL GUIDE

Your guide to all things FALL in RVA

# "WHAT SHOULD I DO THIS FALL?"

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The Pumpkin Spice Lattes are flowing. The air is starting get crisp.

School and activities are back in session. We may not quite be in fall yet, but we're getting close! There's more to the season in RVA than meets the eye, though.

This guide digs into activities, food, drinks, decor, and tips to keep your entire family busy. Scroll through and mark some dates, and you'll never hear, "I'm bored" or "There's nothing to do" this season.

Let the fall festivities begin!

Time to make like a pile of leaves, and jump in!

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# September Fall Highlights

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## **13** GOOCHLAND DRIVE-IN MOVIE

Drive-in movies at the [Goochland Drive-In](#) are among the best fall activities. They have double and single features every weekend. If you head out this weekend you can see the new blockbuster, Beetlejuice Beetlejuice followed by the classic Little Shop of Horrors. Grab the family, buckle up, and head over to The Goochland Drive-In.

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## **18** NATIONAL CHEESEBURGER DAY

Cheeseburgers are always something to celebrate, don't you think? This National Cheeseburger Day, run, don't walk to [TOAST](#) for their iconic TOAST Burger, or check out Cobra Burger for their epic burgers- those are definitely some of the best in my opinion! ([Follow me on social](#) for some of my other faves!)

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## **20-21** LEWIS GINTER FALL PLANTFEST

Don't miss out on one of Richmond's most anticipated plant sales of the season. Dozens of vendors will set up in Parking Lot C at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. There will be Garden volunteers and Master Gardeners on-site to help answer any questions you may have about the plants for sale. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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## **20-22** ST. BENEDICT OKTOBERFEST

It's not fall until Oktoberfest! Held in the Museum District every year, rain or shine, this event features German food, music, dancing, kids' activities, and fun for the whole family. (Think stein holding contests, polka, good German (and local) brews). What's not to love?! Info [HERE](#).

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## **21-22** BIER-GARDEN AT MAYMONT

If you are looking for something fun and a bit different for the family to do this fall, head over to Maymont for their Beir-Garden. This is a two-day German-style festival on the Carriage House Lawn. There will be food trucks, music, games, and of course, beer. There will also be a Kinderzone for all the kids to enjoy. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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## **28-29** FESTIVAL OF INDIA

This free festival takes place at the Greater Richmond Convention Center and features displays, vendors, entertainment, and of course, food. So much to see, experience, and taste! More info [HERE](#).

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## **20-11/3** HALLOWEEN HAUNT *at KINGS DOMINION*

If Halloween and horror are your thing, you've got over a month to check out Kings Dominion and all of their Halloween events - scare zones, haunted mazes, spooky live shows, and thrilling rides. Open weekends and select days. Click [HERE](#) for more info.

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## **27-29** RICHMOND FOLK FESTIVAL

One of Virginia's largest and most well-known events, the Folk Festival is worth the drive, even if you're not local! So many types of music are represented here! It's a great place to hear something new, learn about it, and just relax and enjoy. Sounds everywhere from Zydeco to Moroccan and everything in between. Free event. More info [HERE](#).

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# October Fall Highlights

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## 5 JUNIOR LEAGUE'S TOUCH A TRUCK

This is one that really is just like it sounds. This event gives kids the opportunity to not just see all sorts of vehicles, but to actually touch them, and talk to the people who operate them as well. Food trucks, games, and crafts are also on-site, so it's fun for the whole family. This is a fundraiser that raises \$40k annually for JLR's community programs.

Click [HERE](#) for more info..

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## 5 FESTIVAL OF THE GRAPE

Thousands come out every year to this event, held at Powhatan's Historic Courthouse Village, from 11-6. With 30+ wineries, distillers, and craft brewers, over 100 craft vendors, live music, food trucks, and fun, there is something for everyone. Tickets are \$20-\$35 (age 21+) in advance [HERE](#), or \$25-\$45 (age 21+) at the event.

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## 5-6 2ND STREET FESTIVAL

As the weather cools, heading down to the Arts District on the first Friday of every month is a must! With galleries and shops open, pop-ups galore, food, drink, music, and more - it's a mini festival, and a great opportunity to soak up some of the Richmond Arts scene. More info [HERE](#).

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## 8-9 ARMENIAN FOOD FESTIVAL

For more than 60 years, St. James Armenian Church (834 Pepper Ave. at Patterson) has been holding this festival, and there is a reason it's always so well attended. Fun festival atmosphere with great food, dancing, culture, and did I mention food? More info [HERE](#).

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## 12 RVA MUSIC FEST

Head on downtown to Dogwood Dell for RVA's Music Fest. This is Richmond's biggest independent artist music festival of the year. It's not all about the performances though. This year the show is dedicated to the family of Xavier Brown, who was taken by senseless violence. Instead of admission, they are requesting that everyone bring school supplies that will be donated to Richmond Public Schools. For more info click [HERE](#).

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## 13 PARTY ON THE AVENUES

Just like it sounds, we are going to [PARTY on the Avenues!](#) From 12-6, you'll find "The Avenues" (Libbie, Patterson, and Grove) filled with people, music, food, art, craft vendors, kids' activities, and more! FREE!

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## 19 SCOTT'S ADDITION PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Venture down to Scott's Addition from 12-6 for fun, games, food, music, beer, and more. There is a costume contest, a huge kids area, and lots of fall, Halloween-themed fun. More info [HERE](#).

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## 27 LEWIS GINTER HARVESTFEST

Experience some autumn flair in the Garden and celebrate all that fall has to offer! This event has a festival vibe with live music, food, adult beverages, and family-friendly activities. The Garden Café & Bloemendaal House tent will feature German fare, so come hungry! More info [HERE](#).

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## 26 RICHMOND ZOMBIE WALK

The Richmond Zombie Walk is back again this year, benefitting the American Cancer Society. Whether you are participating in the walk or just watching, it's definitely a ghoulish experience.

For more information and details, click [HERE](#).

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# November Fall Highlights

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## **1-2** URBANNA OYSTER FESTIVAL

This year is the 65th annual Urbanna Oyster Festival, and there is a reason it's been around so long! Oyster Shucking, classic cars, parades, wine and beer tasting, music, and of course - oysters in just about every way you can imagine. At "The Rivah," in Urbanna. More info [HERE](#).

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## **16** RICHMOND MARATHON

The 47th Annual Richmond Marathon will take you through historic sections of Richmond, including along and across the James River. Enjoy the beautiful scenery while running either your first or fiftieth marathon. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

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## **18-1/5** GARDENFEST OF LIGHTS

Dominion Energy's [GardenFest of Lights](#) returns with the theme of Rhythms of Nature. Millions of lights will line garden paths and twinkle in the trees. Check out this beautiful display for a wonderful experience. For more information and tickets click [HERE](#).

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## **29-30** CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE

End the month with a whimsical family holiday spectacular at the Altria Theater in downtown Richmond. This production is the the longest running cirque holiday theatrical event which mixes a Broadway-style production with an infusion of contemporary circus arts. Click [HERE](#) for tickets and more information.

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# RICHMOND FALL BUCKET LIST



Get a PSL or your favorite fall drink from <a href="#">Ironclad Coffee Roasters</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jump into a pile of leaves	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bake an apple pie using apples from <a href="#">Carter Mountain Orchard</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attend a Virginia Tech football game (or your school of choice.) 😊	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decorate your house for fall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Host a smores party around the firepit with different chocolates, cookies, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Take a drive in the mountains and enjoy the changing colors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burn a Bourbon and Brown Sugar candle from <a href="#">Sydney Hale Co</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make fall trail mix using snacks from the bulk bins at Ellwood Thompson's	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attend a Farmers Market	<input type="checkbox"/>
Go wine tasting at <a href="#">Upper Shirley Vineyards</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Print off this checklist to stay on track with the FALL activities!

# Fall Tips

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## DECOR

Looking to add more of a fall touch to your decor, but don't want to go Halloween wild? A few tips: Switch throw pillows to warm tones and add a cozy throw to the back of the sofa. Decorate the mantel with branches or a spray of dried flowers. Bringing the outdoors in a bit is a great way to herald Autumn. Need inspo? [HERE](#) are my favorite fall trends!

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## DRINKS

Head to [Perk!](#) in Bon Air and pick up a CinnaLoatte - a cinnamon spiced oat milk latte with house-made vanilla and Ames' Hot Honey. So good! Want a treat to enjoy at home? Try this [Hot Buttered Cider](#) (with or without alcohol) anytime you need a little fall warm up!

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## PUMPKINS

A few favorite spots for pumpkins and pumpkin picking:

[Swift Creek Berry Farm](#)

[Skinquarter Farm Market](#)

[Hanover Vegetable Farm](#)

[Chesterfield Berry Farm](#)

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## TREATS

One of the best things about fall has got to be all the fall flavors. Cinnamon, apples, pumpkin, maple...If you want to pick up something delicious to go with that PSL, stop by [Idle Hands Bakery](#) on Strawberry Street for some delicious pastries, cookies, or sourdough. Daily flavors always change, but I'm obsessed with their Supreme Croissants!

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## FOOTBALL

Whatever your team (Cindy cheers for App State & Allie is a diehard Hokie), tailgating in person or in front of the tv is a top-notch fall activity. Set up a [Chili](#) bar with serve yourself cheeses, cornbread croutons, tortilla chips, extra beans, green onions, and sour cream - the sky's the limit!

# RVA Fall Spots

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## SPIRIT TASTING

We are often thought of for breweries, but Richmond also has some great spirits! If you're in the mood for something cozy and different, check out [Virago Spirits](#) for a flight and a snack. They craft some fantastic rums and gins, right here in RVA.

02

## HAUNTED HOUSE

Get ready to be spooked! Ashland Berry Farm's Terror on the Farm is great for the entire family.

- The month of October: Every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
- 4 All New Haunts
- Click [HERE](#) to get more information

03

## CORN MAZE

Get lost... in a corn maze, that is! [Liberty Mills Farm](#) is a great place to take the kids to get out a little of that fall, pre-Halloween energy. Just about an hour away in Somerset, Va, Liberty Mills has an epic corn maze and pumpkin patch to get you in that fall spirit.

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## PICTURE PERFECT

Looking for some great fall photos? The Richmond area is FILLED with great spots. My top 5? Belle Isle and Brown's Island, Great Shiplock Park, Libby Hill Park, The Fan, and The Canal Walk. (But honestly, most spots along the river are gorgeous!)

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## FARMERS MARKET

We have SO MANY great markets, it's just too hard to narrow down a favorite, but two of my faves are the South of the James Market and the RVA Big Market. (More info [HERE](#)) Grab a bite to eat, stock up on fresh produce, eggs, and baked goods, plus goodies from fabulous local makers, meet people (and dogs!) and make some new friends.

# RVA Fall Spots

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## MAYMONT GARDEN GLOW

Wonderful lighting transforms the historic architecture and gardens of Maymont into a magical experience for all ages. After sunset, the Carriage House Lawn transforms into an enchanting Glow Village, with a glow bar, cozy fire pits, food trucks, immersive fun and art installations.

October 19-November 12 Adults \$16 Children \$12

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## HAUNTED CAR WASH

Want to be scared, but maybe not toooooo scared? And get your car cleaned in the process? Tommy's Car Wash will be doing their haunted car wash again this year. Check their website for details!

- Click [HERE](#) to get more information

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## TAKE A HALLOWEEN TOUR ON A TUKTUK

Visit scary houses for Halloween. Make stops at Hanover Ave, Oregon Hill, and the Fan. This is a 1.5 hour tour. All private tours. Adult beverages allowed! Heated seats and rain guards if needed. Up to 6 passengers per Tuk Tuk. We can accommodate groups up to 36. Fun for kids and adults too!

[More info HERE!](#)

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## WATCH OR PARTICIPATE IN THE ZOMBIE WALK

On October 26, head down to Carytown and check out the Zombie Walk. Hordes of the undead will be lurching down the street and terrifying all and sundry for the afternoon. Click [HERE](#) for more information on how to participate, or where to be to catch the best look. Proceeds from activities this year will benefit Suicide Prevention and Awareness.

# My Favorite Fall Spot

## CARTER MOUNTAIN ORCHARD

Crisp mountain air, fresh apple cider doughnuts, apple picking, and great photo opportunities!



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