

# 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 getting crisp and fresh. School and activities are back in swing, and life is good!*

*There's more to fall in Richmond than what meets the eye, though!*

*This guide shares activities, food, drinks, decor, and tips to keep your entire family busy. Scroll through and market 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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# HELLO OCTOBER!



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# October Fall Highlights

## **1-31** SPOOKY SEASON AT THE BYRD

All month long the historic Byrd Theatre in Richmond's Carytown is celebrating Spooky Season with you guessed it - spooky movies! With movies like Hocus Pocus, Scream, Psycho and Casper, there's sure to be something for all ages! Check out the listings [HERE](#).

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## **6** FIRST FRIDAYS IN THE ARTS DISTRICT

This 2-day festival features 3 stages of live music, along with a Kidz Zone, food vendors, a marketplace, Artists Row for shopping, and the Richmond Metropolitan Antique Car Club. This year's festival features headliner DJ Grandmaster Flash on Saturday, a Sunday performance by I Would Die 4 U: A Musical Tribute to Prince, and many others.

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## **7** RICHMOND VEG FEST

This free festival in Byrd Park celebrates all things vegetarian! Over 100 vendors, three entertainment stages, kids' activities and more! If you love vegan food or are just interested in trying something new, this is a great event to learn about resources for veganism in the Richmond community.

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## **7** POWHATAN'S 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-\$25 in advance [HERE](#), or \$30-\$35 at the event.

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## **7-8** 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](#).

## **13** TAYLOR SWIFT THE ERAS TOUR MOVIE

Calling all Swifties! Did you miss out on seeing Taylor Swift in concert this year? Or maybe you want to experience the magic all over again...like Allie and I do! Either way, you are in luck. The Eras Tour: The Movie hits theaters on October 13th.

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## **13-15** 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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## **21** JUNIOR LEAGUE'S TOUCH A TRUCK

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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## **21** SCOTT'S ADDITION PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

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

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## **28** 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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## **28** 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

## **3-4** 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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## **11** RICHMOND NIGHT MARKET

The Richmond Night Market actually takes place the 2nd Saturday of every month and offers a variety of handmade products, independent artists/makers, live music, cultured and diverse programming, activities for all ages, and more! More info [HERE](#).

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## **11** RICHMOND MARATHON

The 46th 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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## **20-1/7** GARDENFEST OF LIGHTS

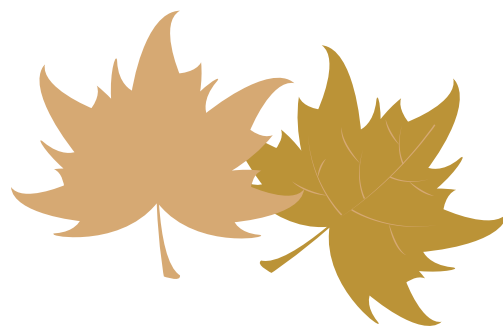
Dominion Energy's [GardenFest of Lights](#) returns with the theme of Rhythms of Nature. Millions of lights will line garden paths and twinkle in the trees. Check out this beautiful display for a wonderful experience. For more information and tickets click [HERE](#).

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## **30-12/3** 48th ANNUAL BIZARRE BAZAAR

One of my absolute favorite markets to buy unique gifts, you will find so many treasures at the Bizarre Bazaar! It's a Richmond tradition for a reason! Click [HERE](#) for more info.

# 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 Bourban 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.

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## 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

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## 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.

# My Favorite Fall Spot

## CARTER MOUNTAIN ORCHARD

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



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