

Tennessee fall festivities not to be missed

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Tennessee will soon turn a rustic red, orange and yellow as the autumn leaves burst through the trees.

This means colorful hikes, campfires, fall fun at pumpkin patches as well as the state's famous fall festivals.

Here's what to add to your bucket list this fall in Tennessee.

Enchanted Pumpkin Patch at Rock City – Chattanooga

Rock City transforms during the [Enchanted Pumpkin Patch](#) (Sept. 26-Oct. 31) with thousands of hand-carved pumpkins, sculptures, huge scarecrows, lit trails enchanted by Rock City's legendary witch, face painting, magic shows, and more.

Haunting Histories at Ruby Falls – Chattanooga

Hear the cryptic tales and legendary ghost stories of the underground passageways of Ruby Falls. The [Lantern Tour: Ghost Walk Edition](#) takes place after hours on select dates in September and October. For a cozily curated autumn adventure, plan with ease using [Harvest Trails and Campfire Tales: Your Perfect Autumn Itinerary in Chattanooga](#).

Gatlinburg SkyPark Hiking Trails – Gatlinburg

Explore sky-high adventures at [Gatlinburg's SkyPark](#). While most people know SkyPark for its record-breaking SkyBridge, the park's trail system provides an equally memorable experience for outdoor enthusiasts. The [SkyPark's 1.5 miles of professionally built hiking trails](#) provide fantastic viewing of fall foliage while surrounded by views of Gatlinburg and Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Discover [scenic drives and hikes](#) for more ways to see fall colors throughout the Smokies.

Cowboy Ranch Stay – Dunlap

Gallop into [Tennessee International Dude & Guest Ranch](#) for fall family fun in the picturesque Sequatchie Valley. Stays can include fun farm chores, delicious farm to table breakfast, lodging in a cowboy cabin, campfire s'mores and horseback riding.

Apples for Days at Apple Barn – Sevierville



[Apple Barn Cider Mill & General Store](#) is home to two restaurants, a winery, cider house, creamery, bakery, general store, candy factory, candle shop and a working orchard. Apples are milled in-house and used for craft cider at [Apple Barn Hard Cider Company](#).

Fall Fun on the Farm – Jefferson City

Embrace the spirit of the season with a visit to [Echo Valley Farm and Corn Maze](#) or [Ballinger Farm](#) in Jefferson City. Here, you can pick your own pumpkins, navigate a challenging corn maze, or enjoy a relaxing hayride. For a unique experience, head to [Cedar Pond Farms and meet their majestic Scottish Highland cows!](#)

Get into the Fall Spirit – Knoxville

[Deep Well Farm Corn Maze](#) features wagon hayrides, corn mazes, and memories made in the pumpkin patch. Visit the country barn store at [Maple Lane Farms Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch](#) to pick up seasonal décor, candy treats and explore the maze. Stroll through outdoor craft fairs, or take in the sounds and sights of a festive Knoxville Oktoberfest at Schulz Bräu Brewing Co. Don't miss the harvest at the [downtown](#) Market Square Farmers Market, spooky activities across Knox County, plus an array of [fall events happening around town](#).

Cheekwood Harvest – Nashville

The fall season shines during [Cheekwood Harvest](#) at [Cheekwood Estate & Gardens](#) (Sept. 13-Oct. 30), a celebration of autumn filled with a community scarecrow trail, thousands of colorful pumpkins, chrysanthemums, new Harvest NIGHTS, a jack-o'-lantern topiary, and familiar favorites like the Japanese Moon Viewing, Halloween Pooch Party, El Dia de los Muertos and musical performances.

Cedarwood Pumpkin Patch – McMinnville

Celebrate the season at the 25th annual [Cedarwood Pumpkin Patch](#), where fall fun meets small-town magic, open Sept. 20-Oct. 31. Stroll the fields to find your perfect pumpkin, get lost in family-friendly corn mazes, meet furry friends at the petting zoo, and bounce on the jump pad. Don't miss the brand-new 100-foot Super Slide for thrills the whole family will love.

Scarecrows, Artisans & Fall Celebrations – Granville

Nestled on the banks of the Cumberland River, just one hour east of Nashville, experience the small-town charm of fall in Historic Granville with a Scarecrow & Artisan's Festival, Quilt Show, Jazz on the Cumberland and Cornbread & Tennessee Spirits Tasting & Festival. [Details](#) on fall events.

The Best Smelling County in Tennessee – Robertson County

A smell locals and visitors wait for all year: [Smoking Barn Season](#). Drive down country roads with the windows down, take in the nostalgic smell and learn about the heritage and process behind it. Enjoy a stroll in Springfield Square, take in views at an orchard in Adams, grab a milkshake with two straws in Cross Plains or stop by a farm store in Orinda.

Colorblind Viewfinders – Statewide

Installed at 15 scenic lookouts across Tennessee, [colorblind viewfinders](#) with innovative [EnChroma](#) lenses, help more travelers and residents experience scenic beauty. These first-of-their-kind devices alleviate red-green colorblindness, enabling people with colorblindness to see a broader range of the clear, vibrant colors that Tennessee's fall foliage has to offer.

FALL FESTIVALS

Gatlinburg (Aug. 29-Nov. 2) During [Anakeesta's Bear-Varian Fall Festival](#), visitors can enjoy fall décor, seasonal entertainment and Bavarian-inspired eats while sampling beer from several local and regional craft breweries.

Sevierville (Sept. 5-Nov. 1) [SkyLand Ranch's Apple Harvest Festival](#) is the perfect way to experience the magic of fall with seasonal apple treats, fall-themed foods, live entertainment and the changing leaves of the Smoky Mountains.

Vonore (Sept. 6-7) – **Sequoyah Birthplace Museum**, Tennessee's only tribally owned museum, hosts the **Cherokee Fall Festival**, with Cherokee arts and crafts demonstrations, music, dance, blacksmithing and living history demonstrations.

Pigeon Forge (Sept. 12-Oct. 27) – [Dollywood's Harvest Festival](#) presented by Humana celebrates the beauty of fall in the Smokies. Great Pumpkin LumiNights, previously named the best theme park harvest event in the world, features elaborate displays, a showcase of spectacular artists, creative culinary items, artisans and fall fun.

Charleston (Sept. 13) – The [International Cowpea Festival & Cook-off](#) is a tradition that brings visitors from around the country to enjoy culinary cowpea creations and nationally renowned music artists. Activities include a Cowpea 5K and 1-mile run, handmade crafts and fun.

Oneida (Sept. 20) – Enjoy captivating tales, live music, traditional crafts and hands-on activities set against the backdrop of Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area during the [Haunting in the Hills Storytelling Festival](#). Pro tip: Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Knoxville (Sept. 20) – Party like its 1745 at [Marble Springs State Historic Site](#). Celebrate **John Sevier's 280th birthday** with 18th century games, music, storytelling and immersive demonstrations of blacksmithing, salt-making, open-hearth cooking, weaving and more.

Memphis (Sept. 26) – Gather around the fire, roast hot dogs and build the ultimate s'mores while kicking back with two complimentary drinks – your choice of spiked apple cider, local beer or wine – and listen to live music during [Campfire & Cocktails](#) at **Memphis Botanic Garden**.

Chattanooga (Sept. 26) – Go hog wild at [Chattanooga's Bacon & Barrel Festival](#). Enjoy tasty bacon dishes from restaurants and vote for your favorite. Tickets include unlimited samples of signature bacon-themed dishes, 12 whiskey samples, live music and fun photo ops.

Dandridge (Sept. 26-27) – The [Dandridge Scots-Irish Festival](#) on Historic Main Street features an opening concert, food truck, ale garden, parade, pipe bands, Celtic music, playground, a dog parade and tasty treats.

Niota (Sept. 27) – Celebrate courage, community and the power of a mother's voice at [Febb Fest](#), honoring Febb Burn, the woman whose powerful letter to her son, Harry T. Burn, helped secure the ratification of the 19th amendment. The festival includes music, engaging activities, local food, a showcase of women-owned businesses and workshops.

Tiptonville (Oct. 3-5) – Get your holiday shopping started early at the [Reelfoot Arts & Crafts Festival](#), featuring thousands of handcrafted products, art, ceramics, sculptures and live music. Enjoy local flavor at restaurants, go fishing or take a nature walk.

Jonesborough (Oct. 3-5) – Hear captivating tales at the world-renowned [National Storytelling Festival](#) in historic Jonesborough, Tennessee's oldest town. The festival celebrates Appalachian oral traditions while embracing diverse voices.

Centerville (Oct. 4-5) – Taste the sweetness along the Puddin’ Path at the [National Banana Pudding Festival](#). Watch the live national cook-off featuring chefs whipping up their best recipe for judges. Enjoy shopping, live music and a kid-friendly activities.

Lynchburg (Oct. 11-12) – Barbecue teams around the world come to Lynchburg for the [Jack Daniel’s World Championship Invitational Barbecue](#). More than 40,000 people attend the event to sample barbecue, see the competition at Wiseman Park and shop at booths around town.

Brownsville (Oct. 18) – Arts, hundreds of craft vendors, live music, children’s activities, cornhole and a pie baking competition are on tap at [Hatchie Fall Fest](#) on Brownsville’s historic Court Square.

Bell Buckle (Oct. 18-19) – The popular [Webb Art and Craft Festival](#) in [Bell Buckle](#) is a juried festival with handmade arts and crafts by local and regional artists. Browse for unique gifts like pottery, metal works, woodworking, jewelry, textiles and more. Enjoy live music, food trucks serving cuisine from around the world and an additional 700 booths of shopping and exploring downtown.

Hendersonville (Oct. 23-25) – The 5th annual [Hendersonville Pig Fest](#) at Veteran’s Park features live music, ALL-STAR Wrestling Match, backyard BBQ competition, food trucks, parking palette painting and a kid’s zone, all supporting local charities and non-profits.

Franklin (Oct. 25) – Middle Tennessee’s largest family fall festival, [PumpkinFest Fall Festival](#), stretches along Franklin’s picturesque Main Street and downtown Franklin with festive fun. Shop and browse more than 140 artisan and craft booths, enjoy the PetZone, KidZone and EndZone themed areas, entertainment, whiskey lounge, beer garden, and pet and people costume contests.

Townsend (Nov. 1) – The [Townsend Grains & Grits Festival](#) is full of southern spirits and gourmet grub with live entertainment, savory bites and sweet treats from local restaurants, a sample of craft spirits from regional distillers and cozy fun in the Peaceful Side of the Smokies.

Find events happening year-round in Tennessee: tnvacation.com/calendar

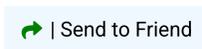
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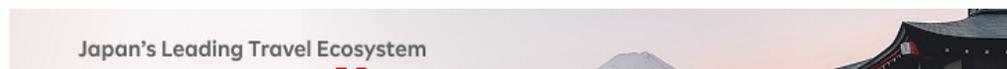


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