



There's so much  
to do during the fall in  
North-Central Florida

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Fall is in the air, and with the cooler weather comes one of the most exciting times of year. With hay rides, pumpkin patches and corn mazes, the fun you can have in the fall is limitless, especially here in North Central Florida. Whether you're looking for something to do on your own, with your friends, your kids or the whole family, these are just a few of the main events taking place this fall.





## COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR

Nothing says fall quite like a fair, and here in Columbia County, the annual fair is one of the most highly-anticipated events of the year. The funnel cakes, the ferris wheels, the games and rides and performances, the fair is a fall staple.

This year's 63rd annual Columbia County Fair will take place October 27 - November 4 at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. Every year the fair brings excitement and anticipation to Lake City, as people from the surrounding area get ready to enjoy all the fair festivities.

In addition to petting zoos, exhibition booths, carnival games, rides and entertainment, there will also be the annual livestock show, where local FFA youth will showcase their prize-winning pigs, cows, goats and other animals.

For more information about the fair and all it has to offer, visit [www.columbiacountyfair.org](http://www.columbiacountyfair.org).



## TRUNK OR TREAT

Each year on the Friday before Halloween, downtown Lake City is transformed into a Halloween extravaganza during the annual Trunk or Treat event. If you're looking for a night of free family fun during the holidays, this is one event you won't want to miss.

Trunk or Treat, presented by the Lake City - Columbia County Chamber of Commerce and the Lake City Police and Fire Departments, is a fun trick-or-treating events for families. Candy-filled cars and trucks decorated in Halloween fair line up around Lake DeSoto in downtown Lake City, as local business and organizations hand out free candy too all the visitors. Children dressed like princesses, super heroes, cartoon characters and spooky creatures can walk the lake and collect candy along the way. There is also carnival games, food vendors, live music and fun fall activities.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information or to become a part of Trunk or Treat, visit [www.lakecitychamber.com](http://www.lakecitychamber.com)

## HULAWEEN

One of the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park's most popular events is back for its fifth installment this year. Hulaween is a music festival featuring artists from all different genres, including electronic, reggae, funk, bluegrass and jam bands like headliner The String Cheese Incident, which is known for its mix of bluegrass, rock, electronica and jazz, among other style influences.

Since it began, Hulaween has become one of the biggest music festivals in the country, and has music lovers from all over the country and the world who make their way to Live Oak for the spooky weekend.

The festival has more than 60 artists slated to perform, with more to be announced. Some notable performers include Bassnectar, Ween, Griz, Run The Jewels and The Disco Biscuits.

In addition to the music, Hulaween also features its annual rendition of the Spirit Lake, a visual arts extravaganza that includes psychedelic lights, art installations and performance art that transforms the waterfront and surrounding forest into a dream-like space.

There will be a silent disco, dance, yoga and meditation classes, a craft brew corner, carnival-style games in the Recycle Rewards tent and camping. If you're a music lover, this is one event that you will surely not want to miss. For more information or to find out about ticket prices, visit [www.suwanneehulaween.com](http://www.suwanneehulaween.com).





# ROGERS FARM OCTOBERFEST

If you want to enjoy a true fall in the country, Rogers Farm Octoberfest is an event that focuses on the great things about fall in the south. Rogers Farm, a vegetable farm that also offers U-pick strawberries, is located in Gainesville and welcomes visitors during their annual Octoberfest, offering them an experience unlike any other.

From September 30 to October 29, Rogers Farm will transform into a fall wonderland. The main attraction is a 12-acre corn maze with a theme and maps to help you along your journey. The Rogers family also offers hay rides that will take visitors through the fields of the farm and to a pumpkin patch, where children under 12 can pick a pumpkin to take home with them.

Additional activities include a petting zoo, duck races, a cow train, pony rides, games, children's activities, concessions (including deep-fried Oreos) and more.

Public Hours for Octoberfest are Friday from 5 to 11 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$10 to enjoy the attractions or \$10 to go through the corn maze. For \$14 visitors can enjoy both. Children under three are admitted free. The Rogers Farm Octoberfest is also available for field trips and scheduled group outings, and is located at 3831 NW 156th Ave in Gainesville. For more information visit [rogersfarmfl.com](http://rogersfarmfl.com).



## IF YOU GO | ROGER'S FARM OCTOBERFEST

September 30 - October 29

Friday 5-11 p.m. | Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Sunday 1-6 p.m.

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