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MARYLAND FALL GUIDE





A LETTER FROM SPRING BOUTIQUE



Fall across central Maryland is defined by rich autumn colors, fresh local harvests, and inviting town centers. From pastoral orchards to historic main streets, our communities offer endless opportunities to get outdoors and connect with neighbors.

I created this Maryland Fall Guide to showcase outstanding experiences across Montgomery, Prince George's, and Howard Counties. Discover family friendly pumpkin festivals, scenic river trails, bustling farmers markets, and exceptional local dining options chosen specifically for this season.

My goal is always to provide valuable insights that celebrate our wonderful local lifestyle. I hope this guide helps you plan memorable autumn outings with family and friends.

Warmly,

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Bethesda

Bethesda embraces the cozy warmth of autumn with vibrant energy and refined suburban charm. Pedestrian avenues along Bethesda Row feature outdoor dining beneath heated pergolas, while boutique store displays showcase warm fall fashions. Fallen leaves brush against manicured walkways as shoppers explore independent art galleries and artisanal markets. Bethesda offers an ideal setting for enjoying a crisp autumn afternoon with family and friends.

Events Around Town

Bethesda Central Farm Market

Open Sundays year round | 9 AM to 1:30 PM

Gather local honey, artisan bread, fall squashes, and fresh flowers at one of Maryland top rated farmers markets.

Taste of Bethesda Autumn Festival

Saturday, October 3, 2026 | 11 AM to 4 PM

Sample delicious autumn dishes from dozens of local restaurants alongside four live music stages in Woodmont Triangle.



Chevy Chase

Chevy Chase offers quiet elegance framed by grand maple and oak trees glowing in shades of crimson and gold. Stately historic homes and tranquil park circles create a peaceful setting for morning walks in the crisp autumn air. Local shopping corridors along Connecticut Avenue showcase cozy cafes and boutique markets where neighbors greet one another warmly. Chevy Chase delivers a tranquil and refined autumn atmosphere.

Events Around Town

7th Annual Chevy Chase Art Walk

Sat, Oct 17 & Sun, Oct 18, 2026 | 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Stroll, bike, or drive through neighborhood homes and studios to meet dozens of local artists displaying and selling original artwork across Chevy Chase, MD and DC, featuring a passport activity with chances to win prizes.

Chevy Chase Village Halloween Party and Costume Parade

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 | 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Put on your favorite Halloween costume and head to the Chevy Chase Village Hall for a festive parade and neighborhood celebration, featuring local food truck bites available for purchase on-site.



Columbia

Columbia features serene lakes surrounded by vibrant autumn trees whose colorful leaves reflect upon tranquil waters. Miles of paved community paths wind past Lake Kittamaqundi and through neighborhood parks, inviting bikers and walkers to enjoy the season. Town squares host live acoustic music and outdoor gatherings, creating a warm atmosphere of togetherness. Columbia is a welcoming haven for outdoor lovers during fall.

Events Around Town

Oakland Mills Fall Festival

Saturday, October 3, 2026 | 11 AM to 3 PM

Oakland Mills Village Center hosts live music, craft booths, children moon bounces, and local food trucks.

Howard County Pride Festival

Sunday, October 11, 2026 | 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Head to Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods for a vibrant, family-friendly autumn celebration featuring live music and drag performances at The Chrysalis stage, local food trucks, over 100 craft vendors, and interactive crafts.



Ellicott City

Historic Main Street in Ellicott City winds dramatically through a granite valley framed by vibrant autumn woods. 18th century stone buildings house eclectic antique shops, cozy tea rooms, and craft galleries decorated with fall gourds and cornstalks. The sound of running river water complements the crisp autumn air, inviting strollers to explore every steep cobblestone side street. Ellicott City offers a nostalgic step back in time.

Events Around Town

Ellicott City Main Street Music Fest

Saturday, September 19, 2026 | Starts at 12:00 PM

Head to historic Old Ellicott City for a music festival featuring live performances across multiple stages, local food and craft vendors, and seasonal fun throughout the historic district.

Clark's Elioak Farm Pumpkin Patch

Daily, September 19 to November 8, 2026

Bring the family to pick your own pumpkin, wander through the Enchanted Forest and Fairy Forest, meet friendly farm animals, and enjoy tractor-drawn hayrides across the countryside.



Laurel

Laurel offers lush riverfront parks and historic Main Street shops that shine under the autumn sun. The Patuxent Riverwalk provides a peaceful escape where colorful foliage overhangs water trails, inviting walkers and kayakers alike. Local cafes serve seasonal beverages, and community parks host afternoon gatherings. Laurel blends natural river beauty with warm neighborhood hospitality throughout the autumn months.

Events Around Town

Laurel's House of Horror

Select nights, September 19 to November 7, 2026

Step inside an abandoned movie theater transformed into the DMV's largest indoor haunted attraction, featuring four continuous walkthrough themes, horror movie escape rooms, and late-night ghost tours.

Take-Away Treat Spooktacular

Friday, October 23, 2026 | 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Put on your favorite Halloween costume and explore the City of Laurel's decorated Halloween Hall, taking home goodies and treats along the way.



Olney

Olney combines pastoral farmland with welcoming residential neighborhoods. Rolling hills and open sports fields are framed by vibrant forest treelines, making outdoor recreation a joy during crisp October days. Local farm stands showcase fresh harvested apples, apple cider, and pumpkins, attracting families from across the county. Olney delivers authentic harvest countryside charm.

Events Around Town

Butler's Orchard Pumpkin Festival

Weekends September 26 through November 1, 2026

Drive to Germantown for giant slides, corn mazes, hayrides, and picking pumpkins straight from the field.

Olney Farmers Autumn Market

Sundays in October 2026 | 9 AM to 1 PM

Shop organic produce, apple cider donuts, handmade jewelry, and fall flowers on the community grounds.



Potomac

Potomac shines with luxury and quiet countryside beauty during autumn. Equestrian trails and winding roads pass beneath towering oak trees turning amber and gold. Near the Potomac River, scenic overlooks provide breathtaking views of rushing water framed by autumn foliage. Outdoor markets and elegant dining terraces offer peaceful retreats for autumn afternoons. Potomac represents sophisticated countryside living at its finest.

Events Around Town

Geneva Day School Fall Festival

Sat, October 24, 2026 | 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Bring the family out for an afternoon of autumn fun in Potomac featuring pony rides, inflatables, face painting, a spooky bake sale, and local food vendors.

Fall Frolic at Glen Echo Park

Saturday, October 31, 2026 | 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Enjoy Halloween fun at historic Glen Echo Park featuring festive arts and crafts, trick-or-treating at resident art studios, a costume contest, and live musical performances.



Pasadena

Pasadena features peaceful waterfront vistas along the Magothy River where changing leaves reflect on calm waters.

Public shoreline parks offer stone beaches and forest trails perfect for walking dogs and watching sea birds.

Crisp river winds make outdoor gatherings invigorating, while local seafood stops offer warm, comforting meals. Pasadena is a coastal autumn haven.

Events Around Town

The Wine Festival at Kurtz's Beach

Saturday, October 17, 2026 | 11:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Enjoy wine tastings, local food vendors, live music, and waterfront views at historic Kurtz's Beach in Pasadena, with proceeds benefiting the Tate Cancer Center.

Trick or Treat Trail at Downs Park

Saturday, October 17, 2026 | 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Bring the kids out in costume for a festive Halloween stroll along the scenic park trails at Downs Park, complete with trick-or-treating stations and autumn views of the Chesapeake Bay.



Silver Spring

Silver Spring delivers vibrant cultural energy, open air entertainment, and busy weekend markets. Downtown plazas host lively community gatherings, outdoor art displays, and cultural performances under the crisp autumn sky. Diverse international restaurants feature seasonal menus, while nearby park trails offer quick escapes into colorful woodlands. Silver Spring provides an inclusive and energetic fall experience.

Events Around Town

FRESHFARM Downtown Silver Spring Market

Open Saturdays | 9 AM to 1 PM

Browse organic vegetables, fermented foods, artisanal cheeses, and baked goods at Veterans Plaza.

Silver Spring Fall-O-Ween

Sunday, October 25, 2026 | 12 PM to 5 PM

Gather at Veterans Plaza for a festive autumn afternoon featuring costume parades, local artisan shopping, and warm cider under the crisp October sky.

THINGS TO DO AROUND MARYLAND





Shopping

Ellicott City Antique Depot

Located in historic Ellicott City, this multi story antique center features dozens of independent dealers. Spend an afternoon discovering vintage home furnishings, classic autumn glassware, rare books, and historic collectibles right in Ellicott City.

Butler's Orchard Farm Market

A family-owned farm offering pick-your-own experiences, seasonal festivals, and a farm market stocked with fresh produce and local products. It's a beloved destination for families seeking authentic farm experiences close to home. Located in Germantown.

Chevy Chase Farmers' Market

This established market is a cornerstone of the community, running every Saturday year-round and continuing to supply fresh local products throughout the cool season. It is the perfect weekend stop for regional produce, pasture-raised meats, and artisanal fall treats.

Historic Savage Mill Craft Studios

Explore this restored 19th century cotton mill in Savage containing independent craft studios, art galleries, and antique centers. Browse handcrafted jewelry, custom pottery, and unique autumn home decor in a historic setting right in Savage.

Franklins General Store

Step inside this historic Hyattsville institution offering an expansive general store filled with artisanal Maryland food products, quirky gifts, craft beers, and retro toys alongside an acclaimed local brewery.

Takoma Park Farmers Market

Located in the heart of the historic business district, this year-round Sunday market offers farm-fresh produce, pasture-raised meats, and artisan cheeses. Enjoy street performances and connect with local nonprofits while shopping.



Restaurants

Bethesda:

Mon Ami Gabi

Agora Bethesda

Silver Spring:

Zinnia

All Set Restaurant & Bar

Germantown:

Laperaux Bistro

Sabi Sabi Simply Thai

Rockville:

Matchbox Rockville

Cyde's Tower Oaks Lodge

Gaithersburg:

Cooper Canyon Grill

Barking Mad Cafe

Damascus:

Quincy's Damascus

Maggi's Pizza & Subs

Olney:

Salt & Vine

GrillMarx Steakhouse

Kensington:

The Dish & Dram

Frankly... Pizza

Chevy Chase:

Joy by Seven Reasons

The White Oak Tavern

Potomac:

The Grove

Lock 72 Kitchen & Bar

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