

# Enjoy Fall Fun in Texas

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We love fall! The season means football, fall colors and cozy nights indoors. We put our heads together to create a list of some of Patten Title's favorite fall fun activities. There are many ways to enjoy the season in your area, across the state or right in your own backyard!





### ☐ PICK A PUMPKIN

Head to [Sweet Eats Adventure Farm](#) just outside Austin to soak in some fall activities including a corn maze.

### ☐ COOK FALL COMFORT FOOD

With the changing weather comes great fall cooking. Texas Table Top, a site affiliated with the Texas Farm Bureau, has a great list of local [recipes](#) to help celebrate the season.

### ☐ HAVE A BEER AT AN OKTOBERFEST

[Oktoberfest celebrations](#) are held throughout the fall and are an excellent opportunity to try out local brews.

### ☐ VIEW FALL FOLIAGE

[Texas State Parks](#) are great places to take a walk and see the changing leaves.

### ☐ HOST A THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Settled into your new place and ready to invite family and friends? A Thanksgiving (or Friendsgiving) potluck is a great way to get together and celebrate the holidays in your new abode.

### ☐ CARVE PUMPKINS

Whether you've gone pumpkin picking or found your gourd at H-E-B, jack-o-lanterns make a perfect seasonal porch decoration.

### ☐ WATCH FOOTBALL

We know you love catching your local high school team live, or check out the rivalry between the Texas Longhorns and Oklahoma Sooners the 1st Saturday in October.

### ☐ VISIT LOCAL MUSIC FESTIVALS

The cooling weather is an excellent opportunity to find local outdoor music festivals.

### ☐ DECORATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Make your home the star of the neighborhood with seasonal decorations, such as Thanksgiving-themed door hangers or chilling [Halloween lighting](#).

### ☐ HAVE A BONFIRE

Gather around and break out the s'mores for this traditional way to cap off the changing weather.

### ☐ WATCH MOVIES

Get into the Halloween spirit with your favorite films! Cozy up on the couch to watch "Hocus Pocus" or check out nearby drive-in theaters (like [Moonstruck](#) in Houston) for showings of classic thrillers.

### ☐ VISIT A HAUNTED HOUSE

Local parks departments often create their hometown frights. Or you can hit the road to see the [Moxley Manor Haunted House](#), based on the true horror story of the Moxley family's untimely demise.

### ☐ GET LOST IN A CORN MAZE

Whether you're ready for hours of fun or to let your kids take the map for a quick run through a maze, finding your way out is half the battle.

### ☐ MAKE HALLOWEEN TREATS

Halloween is perfect for practicing your pastry decorating skills with goodies like [Spider Cupcakes](#) or [Pumpkin Spice Cookies](#).

### ☐ KNIT COZY SCARVES

What better time to pick up a new hobby than when it's functional? Local libraries can help with books and other resources to get started.

### ☐ CHECK OUT YOUR NEIGHBORS' HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS

Going for walks is a great way to get to know your neighborhood and get inspiration for making your own scary sights.

### ☐ BAKE A PIE

Switch on your oven and fill your home with the archetypal scent of autumn. Apples are a fall favorite, but pears (and, of course, pumpkins) are also in season.

### ☐ CHECK OUT SEASONAL PRODUCE

If you need produce for those baked goods, head to the [farmers markets](#) for the freshest around.

### ☐ VISIT LOCAL WINERIES

The [Nice Winery](#) in Houston is nice, indeed.



# Regional events

## AUSTIN

### HEAD TO A LOCAL OKTOBERFEST

Towns all around Austin host [events](#) starting as early as September through the second week of November.

### SOAK UP LOCAL MUSIC FESTIVALS

Austin has a diverse lineup of [music festivals](#) planned for this fall, from the Austin City Limits Music Festival to the Long Center's Halloween Children's Concert.

### SPEND TIME APPRECIATING NATURE

Nearby state parks continue to host events throughout the fall; reference the [Texas Parks & Wildlife calendar of events](#).

### TAKE A 'GHOST TOUR' OF THE CITY

Take a [walking tour](#) of Austin with experienced guides, and get into the Halloween spirit with local ghost stories. (Or, if scary stories aren't your thing, learn more about the city with a guided [morning walk](#) instead.)

## HOUSTON

### ENJOY SCREAM ON THE GREEN

Hosted in October, Scream on the Green® will feature costume contests, music, and a screening of a festive halloween-themed movie.

### TAKE A NATURE WALKING TOUR

Let a guide help you experience nearby Buffalo Bayou Park with a [nature walk](#).

## TEXAS

### STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

The [State Fair of Texas](#) runs for 24 consecutive days and celebrates 'all things Texan.'

### SEE FALL FOILAGE AT AUTUMN AT THE ARBORETUM

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden's fall festival, [Autumn at the Arboretum](#), runs from September 16 - November 5.

### GO CAMPING

There are more open camping spots in the fall, and you won't be sweating in a tent. Enjoy one of our [state parks](#), which also offer year-round nature programming.

### DON'T MISS AUSTIN CITY LIMITS MUSIC FESTIVAL

With nine stages and more than 100 performances, this [ultimate music festival](#) runs for the first two weekends in October. (Plus, some of the state's top food trucks come in to be a part of ACL Eats Food Court.)

### THANKSGIVING DAY PARADES

Houston [hosts](#) its parade at 9 a.m. on Thanksgiving day, or catch the [Sun Bowl](#) parade in El Paso at 10 a.m.



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