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The Houston Fall Guide

Pumpkin patches, cool front weekends, and the events worth the drive, from Montrose to The Woodlands.

Forecast: 91 degrees and festive.

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READ THIS FIRST

Let's be honest about fall in Houston.

It does not arrive on the calendar. September is summer wearing a costume, and you'll be in shorts through most of October. Anyone posting sweaters and pumpkin spice right now is lying to you.

But fall does come. When that first real cool front rolls through, the whole city exhales. Patios reopen, the bayou trails fill back up, and the AC finally takes a nap. It's the reward for surviving the summer, and it's worth the wait.

WHAT FALL ACTUALLY LOOKS LIKE HERE



Copper, not crimson. Bald cypress along the bayous turn rusty orange, usually around Thanksgiving.

Citrus season. Satsumas and Texas grapefruit start showing up at the farmers markets.

Pecans by the bag. Roadside stands and markets, and yes, it's pie season.

Windows open. The first morning under 65 feels like a holiday. Because it is.

Shorts and a latte. At the same time. No shame.

HOW TO USE THIS

Screenshot what you want and text me for a pick near you. Every spot here comes back most years, but hours and dates shift, so check before you load up the car.

THE AREA TAGS

INSIDE THE LOOP · CLOSE IN · NORTH · WEST · SOUTH

So you can judge the drive at a glance. In Houston, 40 minutes counts as close.

"Fall in Houston means it finally dropped to 89. We take it, and we celebrate."

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PART ONE

Pumpkin patches & farms

The classic fall day out. Most run for weeks, so there's no rush.



INSIDE THE LOOP

Houston Pumpkin Festival

DISCOVERY GREEN · FALL INTO NOVEMBER

A pumpkin patch, giant slide, and carousel right downtown, with skyline photos as a bonus.

INSIDE THE LOOP

Rice Village Pumpkin Patch

RICE VILLAGE · MID OCTOBER ON

Free, quick, and made for photos between errands.

CLOSE IN

Nature Discovery Center

BELLAIRE · FALL FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Pumpkins, games, crafts, and food in a shady little park.

NORTH

Old Time Christmas Tree Farm

SPRING CYPRESS RD · OCTOBER WEEKENDS

A pumpkin patch on the farm, weeks before the Christmas trees show up.

NORTH

Cochran's Crossing Fall Festival

THE WOODLANDS · MID OCTOBER

Free petting zoo, rock wall, face painting, and hot dogs. Little kid heaven.

WEST

Dewberry Farm

BROOKSHIRE · MID SEPTEMBER INTO NOVEMBER

The big one. Pumpkins, farm animals, and 40 plus rides. Plan the whole day.

SOUTH

Froberg's Farm

ALVIN · LATE SEPTEMBER INTO NOVEMBER

Pumpkin patch, corn maze, and old school farm fun south of town.

PRO MOVE

Go on a weekday morning or the first cool weekend. Peak October afternoons get packed.

PART TWO

Events worth the drive

Houston traditions and only in fall happenings. People drive in from both directions for these.

WORTH THE DRIVE · NORTH

Texas Renaissance Festival

Todd Mission · Weekends from mid October through Thanksgiving weekend. Turkey legs, jousting, and costumes very much encouraged. About an hour from downtown, closer if you're already up north.

CLOSE IN

Bayou City Art Festival · MEMORIAL PARK · OCTOBER

Hundreds of artists, a kids area, and a nonprofit behind it.

INSIDE THE LOOP

Miller Outdoor Theatre · HERMANN PARK · ALL SEASON

Free shows under the stars. Grab a covered seat or a blanket on the hill.

NORTH

Market Street Fall Concerts · THE WOODLANDS · THURSDAY NIGHTS

Free live music on the lawn. Coolers and blankets welcome.

NORTH

Rock the Row · HUGHES LANDING · THURSDAY EVENINGS

Live music on Lake Woodlands as the sun goes down.

CITYWIDE

Día de los Muertos · LATE OCTOBER INTO NOVEMBER

Altars, art, and community celebrations, especially in the East End and at local museums.

INSIDE THE LOOP

The Nutcracker Market · NRG CENTER · NOVEMBER

Houston's giant holiday shopping kickoff. Wear comfortable shoes.

ANYWHERE

Game day · ALL FALL

October baseball if we're lucky, Sunday football either way. Prime patio and TV season.

Heads up: hurricane season runs through November 30. Glance at the forecast before a coast trip or a big outdoor plan.

PART THREE

For when it finally cools off

Save these for the first real front. You'll want a list ready.

IN TOWN

Buffalo Bayou Park. Trails and skyline views, unbeatable once the heat breaks.

Memorial Park. The Eastern Glades and the Land Bridge, made for a cool morning.

Hermann Park. A paddle boat, the Japanese Garden, and a show at Miller.

Urban Harvest. The Saturday farmers market hits its stride in fall.

19th Street. Coffee from a local roaster and a slow Heights stroll.

UP NORTH

The Waterway. A walk from Waterway Square, then a patio lunch with a view.

Lake Woodlands. Rent a kayak or paddleboard at Riva Row Boat House.

Grogan's Mill market. Saturday morning farmers market, bring cash and a tote.

Old Town Spring. Antique shops, little cafes, and a porch rocker or two.

The trails. Miles of shaded pathways across the villages, finally walkable at noon.



THE PERFECT FALL SATURDAY

Farmers market in the morning. Tacos on a patio for lunch. A bayou or lakeside walk as it cools. The game on at night.

Works in Montrose. Works in The Woodlands. Works anywhere the patio has a fan.

PART FOUR

Your Houston fall home checklist

Fall here is short. Your to do list doesn't have to be long.

- [ ] **Test the heat before you need it.** Run it once on a mild day so the dusty first run smell happens on your schedule, not at 2am.
- [ ] **Swap the HVAC filter.** It worked overtime all summer. Give it a break.
- [ ] **Keep the go kit stocked.** Hurricane season runs through November 30, cool front or not.
- [ ] **Clean the gutters.** Once the leaves drop, before the next big storm.
- [ ] **Buy your freeze kit now.** Pipe wraps, faucet covers, and frost cloth (the breathable plant fabric) for tender plants and citrus. Shop before the first freeze, while the shelves are still full. We all remember 2021.
- [ ] **Know where your sprinkler shutoff is.** Turn it off and protect the backflow before a hard freeze.
- [ ] **Test smoke and CO detectors.** Easy to remember: do it when the clocks fall back.
- [ ] **Swap summer gear for holiday decor.** Clear bins, one category each, labeled on two sides. Future you says thanks.

THINKING ABOUT SPRING?

Fall is the quiet season to declutter, fix the little things, and find out what your home is worth before the spring rush.



LET'S TALK

Enjoy the season. I'm here when you need me.

Thinking about a move before the year ends? Want a pick for your part of town? Just need to know where the good pumpkins are? I'm a text away. No pressure, no pitch.

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Want the weekly version? Comment SCOOP on any of my posts for this week's picks in Houston and The Woodlands.

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