



YOUR LOCAL GUIDE · FALL 2026

The Houston Fall Guide

Events, farm festivals, weekend plans, and the seasonal spots worth your time, from someone who knows fall here is a slow burn worth waiting for.

Let's be honest about fall in Houston.

It does not arrive on the calendar. September is still 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, and when that first real cool front rolls through, usually sometime in October, the whole city exhales. Patios reopen. The bayou trails get busy again. The AC finally takes a nap. It is the reward for surviving the summer, and it is worth the wait.

This guide is how to make the most of it: the farm festivals and pumpkin patches (dates included), the events worth the calendar space, and the weekend plans that come alive the second it cools off.

How to use this: Screenshot the dates you want, and text me if you need a recommendation for your part of town. Dates are for 2026 but always double-check before you load up the car.

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

— Natalie

Part One

Pumpkin patches & farm festivals

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

- **Houston Pumpkin Festival at Discovery Green** **Sept 20 to Nov 2** — downtown, easy to reach, open most afternoons and all weekend.
- **Dewberry Farm** (Brookshire) **Sept 13 to Nov 9** — pumpkins, farm animals, and 40-plus rides and attractions. A full day out west.
- **Froberg's Farm** (Alvin) **late Sept to early Nov** — pumpkin patch, corn maze, and classic farm fun south of town.
- **Rice Village Pumpkin Patch** **Oct 18 to Nov 9** — free, inside the Loop, perfect for quick photos and a short visit.
- **Nature Discovery Center Fall Festival** (Bellaire) **Oct 17 to 18** — pumpkins, games, crafts, and food, close in.

Pro move: the big farms are best on a weekday morning or the first cool weekend. Weekend afternoons in peak October get packed.

Part Two

Events worth the calendar space

A mix of Houston traditions and only-in-fall happenings. Confirm exact dates before you go.

- **Fiestas Patrias September** — a celebration of Mexican Independence with a parade down Navigation, live music, food, and rides in the East End.
- **Texas Renaissance Festival** (Todd Mission) **weekends into November** — about an hour north, a full-day escape into turkey legs and jousting.
- **Bayou City Art Festival, Downtown October** — hundreds of artists take over the downtown streets for a weekend.
- **Día de los Muertos celebrations late Oct into Nov** — altars, art, and events across the city, especially in the East End and at local museums.
- **The Nutcracker Market** (NRG Center) **November** — Houston's giant holiday shopping tradition that kicks off the season.
- **Astros and Texans all fall** — October baseball if we're lucky, Sunday football either way. Prime patio-and-TV season.

Heads up: hurricane season officially runs through November, so keep half an eye on the forecast before any coast trip or big outdoor plan.

Part Three

Weekend plans for when it finally cools

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

Get outside

- **Buffalo Bayou Park** — the trails and the skyline views are 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 Miller Outdoor Theatre.
- **A farmers market** — Urban Harvest and the neighborhood markets hit their stride in fall.

Cozy up

- **Patio season, round two** — every good patio in the Heights and Montrose comes back to life.
- **Coffee and a walk** — a local roaster and a stroll down 19th Street.
- **Game day** — pick your bar, claim your booth, settle in for Texans Sunday.
- **A drive out to a farm** — pumpkins, kettle corn, and a hayride make an easy day trip.

The one-day fall plan: farmers market in the morning, tacos on a patio for lunch, a bayou walk as it cools, and the game on at night. That's a perfect Houston fall Saturday.

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

Whether you're thinking about a move before the year ends, want a recommendation for your part of town, or just need to know where to find the good pumpkins, I'm a text away. No pressure, no pitch.

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