

The Ultimate FALL EXPERIENCE

Autumn Adventures in the Midlands



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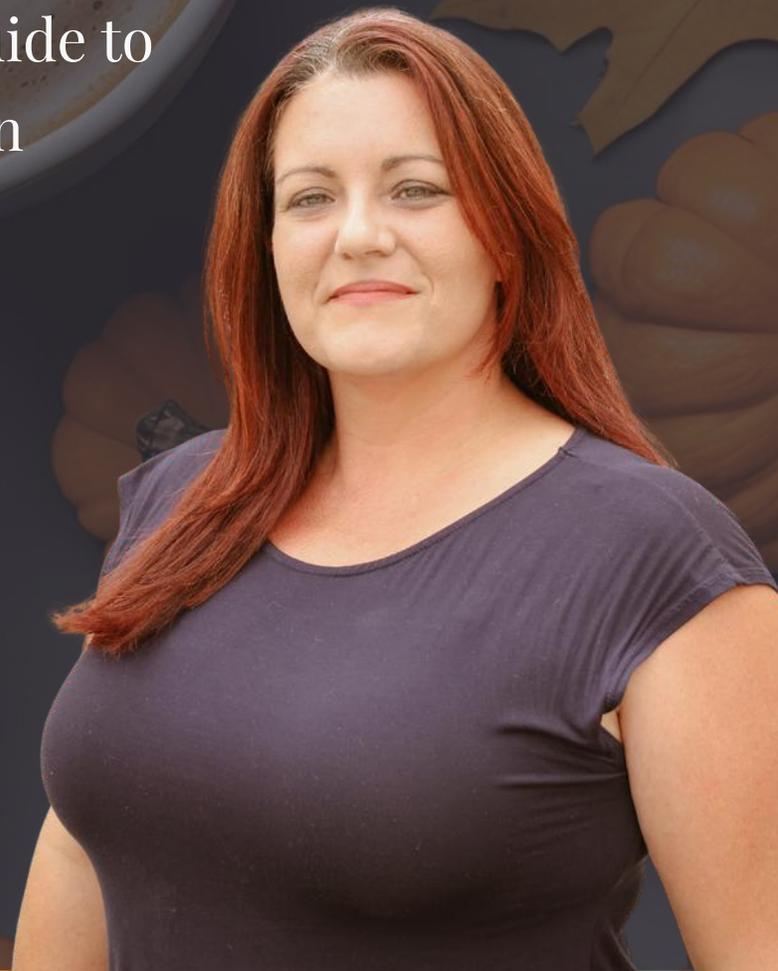


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Hello Fall!

As the weather cools, the Midlands area comes alive with crisp mornings, vibrant foliage, and a calendar packed with seasonal fun. Whether you're new to the area, thinking about moving here, or just looking for fresh ideas, here's my handpicked guide to making the most of fall in Raleigh.

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The Midland's Fall

BUCKET LIST

01

South Carolina State Fair

For two weeks each October, the SC State Fair turns Columbia into a vibrant celebration filled with rides, concerts, agricultural competitions, and countless food stalls, attracting visitors statewide. Don't miss trying at least one deep-fried treat!

 **OCTOBER 8TH - OCTOBER 19TH**

 12PM-9:00PM

02

Jubilee: Festival of Black History & Culture

47th annual celebration at Mann-Simons Site, complete mainstage lineup with LADY STOUT headliner, Kids Zone activities, cultural demonstrations, historical significance, and free guided tours

 **SEPTEMBER 20TH**

 11AM-6PM

03

Irmo Okra Strut

Since forming in 1961, the [Lake Murray-Irmo Woman's Club](#) has been dedicated to improving the local community. Their outreach became the foundation of the annual Okra Strut. Enjoy Annual music festival, parade, local food, amusement rides, and crafts.

 **SEPTEMBER 26TH - SEPTEMBER 27TH**

 6PM-11PM | 9AM-5PM

04

Midlands Plant & Flower Festival

This event is free and open to the public, so we encourage you to invite your friends and family! You can expect a variety of home, yard, and garden décor, along with crafts, traditional fall plants, in-season [#CertifiedSC](#) produce, and much more!

 **OCTOBER 3TH - OCTOBER 5TH**

 8AM-6PM | 10AM-4PM



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05

Oktoberfest Columbia

The original German festival in Columbia returns with authentic food, beer, live music, dance, and fun for all ages (kid zones included). Great excuse to wear lederhosen or just eat a giant pretzel.

 **OCTOBER 10TH - OCTOBER 12TH**

 11AM-10PM | 12PM-6PM

06

Savage Craft Oktoberfest: Hope to Harvest

A fall brew & food themed festival in West Columbia; local craft beers + harvest vibes + live entertainment makes it ideal for unwinding after a long week.

 **OCTOBER 4TH**

 11:30AM-11PM

07

Maxwell: The Serenade 2025

Big concert event: Maxwell brings "The Serenade" tour to Columbia; smooth vibes, great production, perfect for a night out.

 **OCTOBER 4TH**

 8:00PM

08

10th Annual Oysters & BBQ Bash - Camden

Camden's Seafood meets smoke: oysters, BBQ, music, and a casual southern atmosphere at Camden City Arena, 420 Broad Street.

 **OCTOBER 23TH**

 16:30PM-9:30PM

09

Artisan's Market Sesquicentennial State Park

Enjoy a day filled with art, food and music set in beautiful Sesquicentennial State Park. Shop for a range of unique, locally made arts and crafts like ceramics, jewelry, fine art, photography, and more. This is a family-friendly event that all ages can enjoy.

 **NOVEMBER 9TH**

 10AM-4PM

10

Jonas Brothers Concert

Pop powerhouse night; fun for younger crowd, families, or anyone who still (secretly) loves boy band energy.

 **NOVEMBER 6TH**

 7:30 PM



Gorgeous Fall Foliage

01

Goodale State Park

Near Camden; old-mill pond lake + tall cypress trees make for beautiful reflections and fall colors.



Insider Tip:

Go mid-morning when fog lifts off the water for moody photos. Canoeing Pine Tree Creek gives a different vantage.

02

Peachtree Rock Heritage Preserve

About 460 acres; dramatic sandstone and pine forest mix + ancient geology + simpler trails so not a brutal hike.



Insider Tip:

Visit on weekdays to avoid crowds; late October often brings best leaf color here.

03

Harbison State Forest

Close to Lake Murray; many trails, lush forest, good mix of oak/pine for color contrast.



Insider Tip:

Take one of the less obvious trails (not just the main ones) for quiet spots. Sunset via the skyline paths gives great silhouettes.

04

Lake Murray (Dreher Island, Dam, Bomb Island)

Water + foliage = double the eye candy; islands, shoreline + reflections make scenes pop.



Insider Tip:

Bring a kayak or rent a boat; being on the water early morning or near dusk gives amazing color reflection.



Family Fall Adventures

01 Pumpkin Run & Fall Festival

Mix of playful fitness (5K + kids' fun run), then games, crafts, food trucks; good energy for families who like moving + festive vibe



Insider Tip:

Register ahead of time so packet pick-up is smoother.

02 Lever Farms, Pomaria, SC

Pick your pumpkin, ride in wagons, corn maze, vendors, simple farm-fun in a classic countryside setting.



Insider Tip:

Arrive early in the day to avoid traffic and get the best pumpkins.

03 Adventure Farms, SC

A bigger-scale festival: pumpkin patch, hayrides, zip lines, obstacle course, petting zoo; plenty for toddlers to grandparents



Insider Tip:

Wear comfortable shoes because there's walking and possibly muddy spots.

04 Clinton Sease Farm

Think pumpkin patches, a giant corn maze, hayrides (including after-dark for spookier fun), playgrounds, and extra charm when sunflowers are blooming.



Insider Tip:

Visit on a weekday if possible to avoid the weekend crowds.

Cozy Coffee & Fall Drinks

01

Piecewise Coffee Co

They've got a Butterbeer Cold Brew this fall — caramel + butterscotch cold-foam giving off magical vibes rather than just pumpkin clichés.



Insider Tip:

Go early in the morning to snag a comfy seat; their fall drinks often sell out midday.

02

Azalea Coffee

Creative seasonal lattes like chocolate-cardamom or sweet-potato-pie esque chai, plus new flavors with juniper & orange that lean away from standard PSL territory.



Insider Tip:

Order your drink “for here” so you get the real glassware — looks way better in photos than a paper cup.

03

Loveland Coffee

Their twist on pumpkin spice (named Cinderella) and a “Bananas Foster” seasonal drink are perfect for those wanting cozy, familiar but not overdone sips.



Insider Tip:

Try the Banana Foster Latte. It is delicious

04

The Daily Grind Café

Locally owned, solid food & pastries plus your coffee staples. Also has outdoor seating, which helps when there's nice fall weather.



Insider Tip:

Ask for their “Dirty” Lattes with Seasonal Beer or Porter



Instagram-Worthy Fall Displays

01 Columbia Museum of Art

Architecturally beautiful, stately, seasonal decorations + surroundings make for classic, elevated shots.

03 Vista Lights

The Vista's art galleries and retail shops decked out in lights with festive decorations; great for evening strolls and capturing illuminated architecture + street scenes.

02 Holiday Lights on the River

Drive-through or walk-through light show with sparkly displays over the water; reflections + light tunnels = photo moments.

04 Fireflies Holiday Lights

Huge LED light installations, seasonal ambiance, plus kid-friendly bits (snacks, crafts) that make for memorable shots.





Fall Markets & Seasonal Shopping

01 Midlands Fall 2025 Native Plant Market

Focus on native plants — perfect for gardening, landscaping, and seasonal fall planting.



Insider Tip:

Get there early on Saturday for best selection; bring a tote bag for all the small gifts & crafts you'll want.

02 Midlands Plant & Flower Sale- Fall Edition

Seasonal plant/flower festival: fall colors, potted plants, home decor items — good for both gardeners and decor lovers.



Insider Tip:

If you want rare varieties, show up near opening; many sellers sell out for the day.

03 Mistletoe Market SC

Local vendors, unique gifts, holiday vibe, seasonal decor — good for early holiday shopping + festive atmosphere.



Insider Tip:

Subscribe to their newsletter so you know when vendor apps close;

04 Midlands Christmas Arts & Crafts Market

It's a perfect stop for early holiday shoppers and folks who want unique stuff instead of mass produced.



Insider Tip:

Bring cash & maybe a small rolling bag — some pieces are bulky,



Spooky Season Fun

01

Boo at the Zoo

Zoo transforms with Halloween activities, trick-or-treating, haunted elements, likely and family-friendly but fun.



Insider Tip:

Buy tickets in advance; arrive early because lines and traffic get bad.

02

Boo Bash at Dreher Island

Dreher Island State Park for this year's Boo Bash Halloween event activities include costume contests for kids and pets, food truck, and pumpkin painting.



Insider Tip:

Costume contests start at 3:30 PM for kids at various age groups, adults, dog costume, best decorated campsite

03

Dark Castle Haunted Attractions

More intense spooky-horror attraction for those who want thrills rather than candy.



Insider Tip:

Leave kids early; attend on off-peak nights to avoid huge crowds.

04

Deceased Farm at Clinton Sease Farm

History meets mystery in these lantern-lit guided walks. Learn the stories of Raleigh's past while soaking in the atmospheric setting.



Insider Tip:

Wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes — you'll be trekking through uneven ground. Lines move faster after 9 PM



Pumpkin Patches & Corn Mazes

01 Clinton Sease Farm

Corn maze, playgrounds, pumpkin patch & photo ops; open on weekends including evening hours.



Insider Tip:

Go on a Friday night if they have twilight hours for cooler temps and fewer people.

02 Lever Farms, Pomaria

Classic pumpkin patch + fun fall farm atmosphere.



Insider Tip:

Bring sturdy shoes & maybe a tarp or blanket if you want fall pics in the patch.

03 Cottle Strawberry Farm

Huge fall festival with a giant corn maze, pumpkin patch in many shapes & sizes, hayrides, lots of photo props, and food trucks.



Insider Tip:

check their website for special "Pumpkins in the Park" weekends (they often have carving, painting & extra photo ops).

04 Great Pumpkin Patch & Chuckin' Pumpkins

A community pumpkin patch fundraiser with "chuckin' pumpkins" toss games + family-friendly patch picking.



Insider Tip:

Come later in the day when light is soft for photos; cash is likely needed for extras



Fall Weekend Getaways

01

Asheville, NC

Take a drive along the Blue Ridge Parkway to see fiery mountain foliage, tour the Biltmore Estate, and sample local craft beers.



Insider Tip:

JC Raulston peaks mid-to-late October.

03

Charlotte, NC

A bigger-city vibe with breweries, art, shopping, and nearby orchards for apple picking, Charlotte mixes urban fun with seasonal day trips.



Insider Tip:

Stay in South End for walkable nightlife, then drive an hour out for orchards and mountain foliage.

02

Greenville, SC

Downtown charm meets the Blue Ridge foothills, giving you foodie streets plus quick access to Paris Mountain, Table Rock, and Caesars Head.



Insider Tip:

Use Greenville as your base — spend one day in town, then catch sunrise at Caesars Head for unbeatable valley views.

04

Charleston, SC

Historic streets, pastel homes, and mild weather make Charleston a fall getaway where architecture meets autumn light.



Insider Tip:

Visit plantations and gardens in late October for peak foliage and fewer tourists than summer months.





Fall Date Night Ideas

01 Hampton Street Vineyard

Enjoy a romantic dinner and wine pairing in a refined setting downtown, where seasonal menus and a curated wine list let you unwind in style.

 *Insider Tip:*

Go Wednesday or Thursday evening when the crowd is thinner and you can snag a window table—or check out their "L'Apero" hours

02 One Moxy Rooftop Bar

Sip craft cocktails on the rooftop with skyline views and stylish ambiance, perfect for a cozy fall evening under the stars.

 *Insider Tip:*

Arrive just as they open for evening service to catch sunset and avoid the weekend rush; bring a light jacket because rooftop heights get chilly after dark.

03 Molto Vino

Boutique wine bar offering curated wine selections, intimate ambiance, and occasional tasting events or themed wine nights.

 *Insider Tip:*

Check their events calendar and show up during one of their wine-tasting or "Vino & Vibes" evenings for a more lively experience

04 Chophouse of Chapin

Steakhouse fare with aged ribeyes, crafted wine pairings, and an upscale, warm ambiance downtown.

 *Insider Tip:*

Reserve ahead and ask for a booth — they tend to fill up early on weekend nights; end with dessert at a table by the window to enjoy people-watching and soft lighting.



THINKING ABOUT MAKING A MOVE

THIS FALL?

Fall isn't just about cozy sweaters and pumpkin spice, it's also one of the best times to buy or sell a home in Raleigh.

Why Fall is the *Perfect Season* to Move:

- **LESS COMPETITION:**

Fewer buyers means you can shop with less pressure.

- **MOTIVATED SELLERS:**

Many homeowners want to close before the holidays or year-end.

- **TAX PERKS**

Closing before December 31 could help with year-end tax benefits.

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HERE'S WHAT MAKES WORKING WITH ME DIFFERENT:

- **LOCAL EXPERTISE →**

I know Midland's neighborhoods inside and out.

- **SMART STRATEGY →**

I track seasonal shifts to time your move right.

- **MARKETING THAT MOVES HOMES →**

Professional photography, online ads, social media, and open houses to showcase your home to the right buyers.

- **NO TRICKS, JUST TRANSPARENCY →**

Clear communication and honest advice.

- **NEGOTIATION THAT DELIVERS →**

I'll help you harvest the best deal.

- **COMMUNITY CONNECTION →**

I don't just sell homes, I help people find their place here.

Whether you're thinking about selling before the holidays, buying your first home, or just curious about your home's value, I'd love to be your go-to guide.



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