

What to do during Fall

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What do you look forward to during the fall season? I asked this question to students within Oak Hills High School and pretty soon I noticed a lot of answers were the same: The weather, watching the leaves change, nature trails, drinking apple cider and hot chocolate, fall breaks, and bugs leaving were among the most common answers. The next logical question would be where can I do some of these activities? I'm here to help with that dilemma by telling you about nature trails you have to go on, the best places to enjoy delicious food or drinks, and cool museums to visit.

Mt. Airy Forest, located at 5083 Colerain Avenue, is a beautiful 1500 acre park that holds a wide variety of trails and areas that will fit most needs for people. There is a dog park, a play area, and great trails for walking or running. The reviews posted on Google have Mt. Airy at a 4.5/5 rating, and most of the reviews talk about the beautiful trails and how much fun they have at Mt. Airy. Mt. Airy opens at 6 am and stays open until 10 pm. Parker Woods and Buttercup Valley Nature Preserve is actually two parks in one, Parker Woods and Buttercup Valley. The two form a charming 89-acre area of land, located in Buttercup Valley, which holds lovely hiking trails and relaxing nature areas. Based on Google reviews the park receives nothing but praise as it boasts a 4.9/5 overall rating. Parker Woods and Buttercup Valley Nature Preserve open at 6 am and closed at 10 pm. Miami Whitewater Forest located at 9001 Mt. Hope Road is a massive 4,438-acre park offering many different types of trails, a play area, a golf course, and a dog agility course. Miami Whitewater also has, for those who enjoy being on the water, licensed private canoes and kayaks available for use. Google reviews have Miami at a 4.7/5 rating and the comments consisted of nothing, but praise for the park. Miami Whitewater opens at 7 am and is open until 9 pm.

After checking out those beautiful scenic nature trails, you might want to warm up with some drinks and enjoy some food with friends and family, or you might feel like walking around and window shopping. If any of those activities interest you, definitely check out Findlay Market. Findlay Market is home to about 40 different indoor merchants selling a variety of different items such as fish, poultry, produce, flowers, cheese, deli, and ethnic foods. So, no matter what you're looking for, Findlay Market will most likely have it. Findlay Market is located at 1801 Race St., Cincinnati. During the fall season, there is nothing better than enjoying some hot drinks whether they be apple cider, hot chocolate, tea, or coffee. Hollmeyer Orchard is the place to go for mouthwatering apple cider, and delicious fresh fruits, vegetables, and jams. Located at 3241 Fiddlers Green Road, Hollmeyer Orchards is a favorite of Cincinnatians boasting a 4.7/5 review on Google and nothing but kind words for the beautiful farm. Hollmeyer Orchard opens at 9 am and closes at either 5 or 6 pm depending on the day. Coffee Emporium, located on 110 East Central Parkway, is the place to go if you're in the mood for tea, hot chocolate, apple cider, coffee or some food. Coffee Emporium has many different food options such as salads, soups, sandwiches, and breakfast foods. Coffee Emporium is reviewed as a 4.7/5 on Google with customers saying they really enjoyed the delicious drinks and amazing food. Coffee Emporium opens at 6:30-7 am and closes at 8 pm.

After enjoying a beautiful walk and getting some food and drinks, I would highly recommend checking out some of the amazing museums in Cincinnati. The Cincinnati Art Museum is the perfect place to see a wide variety of different art pieces from tons of amazing artists. The reviews on Google have wonderful things to say about all the exhibits and have rated the Cincinnati Art Museum 4.8/5. The exhibits going on currently are the *Treasures of the Spanish World*, *Women Breaking Boundaries*, and *The Levee: A Photographer in the American South*. The Cincinnati Art Museum opens at 11 am, closes at 5 pm (8 pm on Thursdays) and is closed on Mondays. The museum is located at 953 Eden Park Drive. If you like firefighters or learning about firefighter history, the Cincinnati Fire Museum is the place for you. The museum holds over 200 years of firefighter history and fun fact did you know Cincinnati is the birthplace of professional firefighting. In 1853 Cincinnati became home to the nation's first paid professional firefighting department. The museum is open Tuesdays- Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm and cost \$8 dollars for adults, \$7 for seniors (65+), \$6 for children (7-17), children 6 and under enter free of charge. The Cincinnati Fire Museum is located at 315 West Court Street and has a 4.4/5 rating on Google reviews.

I really hope you enjoy this fantastic fall weather by getting out and doing some of these activities with friends, family or alone! Be sure to take pictures so you can always remember the fun fall activities you did.