

Where to Enjoy Fall in Arizona

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There is no better time to be in Arizona than during the beautiful fall season. Whether you're looking for a fun outdoor activity or some sightseeing around the Valley, we've put together some of the best places for locals to enjoy fall this season—from apple-picking to ski lifts to corn mazes and more.



Apple Picking in Willcox

Nothing says fall like the smell of freshly-picked apples and yummy apple-themed treats. Collect some apples for your delicious apple pie recipe or just spend a nice day out with family at Apple Annie's Orchard this season. Apple Annie's is located on 2081 W. Hardy Rd. in Willcox. Go to <http://www.appleannies.com/apple-annies-orchard/> for more information.



Sightseeing at Sunrise Park Resort and Arizona Snowbowl

Catch a glimpse of the changing fall leaves on a scenic lift ride this fall. Take a ski lift up to the top of the mountain, spotting your favorite colors as you go, and then take a scenic hike through tall aspen and spruce trees. Sunrise Park Resort is located in Greer; check [here](#) for more info. Arizona Snowbowl is located in Flagstaff; lift opens on Sept. 19; get more information [here](#). Lift ticket prices for both resorts range from \$15 for adults to \$10 for juniors.



Bisbee 1000

If you're feeling up for a challenge this fall, take on the Bisbee 1000 Great Stair Climb. Get some fresh air and exercise as you run through the most scenic parts of Old Bisbee on Saturday, Oct. 18. For more information on the event, check out <http://www.bisbee1000.org/index.htm>.



Corn Mazes at Tolmachoff, Mortimer Family

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See which member of your family or group of friends is the best at getting themselves out of a maze —a maze made entirely of corn that is. Each year, Tolmachoff Farms in Glendale offers a new maze theme, as well as train rides, a petting zoo, feeding the chickens and more. Admission is \$9; get more info [here](#). For the folks up north, Mortimer Family Farms in Prescott features a 25-acre corn maze, barn dance and other farm games every weekend in October. Admission is \$13 per person; check <http://mortimerfamilyfarms.com/events/upcoming/> for more information.



Schnepf Farms Tour

Ever wondered what life on a farm would be like? Schnepf Farm, named an Arizona Treasure, takes guests on a guided hay ride through the farm and offers them a fresh lunch. The tour is only \$5 per person and takes about a half hour. The farm, located in Queen Creek, also has a museum, bakery and gardens to explore while you're there. Find out more information [here](#).



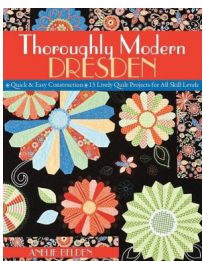
Bearizona Wildlife Park

We can bet you've never been through a drive-thru wildlife park before. Well, now's your opportunity to experience animal life in the most natural setting possible courtesy of Williams. From bison to bighorn sheep to bear cubs, see what animals you can spot as you drive through the gateway to The Grand Canyon. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Get more info at <http://www.bearizona.com>.



Patagonia Fall Festival

Sometimes small towns have the best hidden treasures. Patagonia's annual fall festival is filled with everything you'd expect from the "Best Small Town Festival in Arizona": arts, crafts, food, music and more. The event brings more than 16,000 visitors each year and runs from Oct. 11 through Oct. 12. Check out <http://www.patagoniaaz.com/attractions/25th-annual-patagonia-fall-festival/> for more information.



Payson's Rim Country Quilt Roundup

Take a fall getaway trip and head to Payson to see a unique collection of southwest, wearable art from across the country. Payson is popularly known as the "Rim Country" as it is located in the largest Ponderosa Pine Forest of North Central Arizona, a perfect place to go during the fall season. The event will take place the weekend of Oct. 10. Go to <http://www.quiltroundup.com/Pages/default.aspx> for more info.

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Tempe Town Lake Oktoberfest

Look no further than Tempe Town Lake for your free Oktoberfest activities during Oct. 10 through Oct. 12. This fun weekend event features everything from beer gardens and live music to eclectic German food and a polka stage. The kiddos can have their own fun with a carnival and other kid-friendly activities. Go to <http://www.tempeoktoberfest.com> for a full rendition of the event.