

Autumn Activities in Arizona

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As summer drifts to an end, step into the new season with these exciting events and attractions.



Fall Concerts

Balance the hot days with some cool autumn shows. Artists from Taylor Swift, Foo Fighters, Bon Iver and Fleet Foxes to Santana, Def Leppard and Heart are performing throughout the state over the coming months. Check out many new venues while enjoying classic favorites or upcoming bands. www.stubhub.com and www.ticketmaster.com



Flagstaff

If you want that raw experience of the changing season, visit the Coconino National Forest around Flagstaff. The high elevation is home to hundreds of deciduous trees that penetrate the area with vivid colors of fall and create that once-in-a-year effect to get any Grinch in the mood for the upcoming holiday season. www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino



Apple Annie's Orchard

Whether you love apples or not, this place has something for everyone. You can choose to pick from the dozens of types of apples, peaches and pears, or feast on all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts and apple-smoked bacon burger lunches. Apple Annie's Orchard is located in Wilcox, 5.5 miles off Grant Road and accommodates special events and birthday parties. They even make homemade ice cream, churned before your very eyes. www.appleannies.com

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Fall Food

As the weather begins to change, the Arizona food scene takes on a banquet of different flavors. The 4th Annual Arizona Restaurant Week showcases more than 100 of the state's best restaurants over a week-long held throughout Phoenix on Sept.

17-25. www.ArizonaRestaurantWeek.com



Arizona State Fair

There's only one place in the state that combines the best attractions, rollercoaster rides, vendors and concerts into one place fit for all ages—the state fair. From Oct. 14- Nov. 6, savor this important time with family with delicious carnival cuisine among the many amusing rides and exhibits. www.azstatefair.com