

SARASOTA FALL CALENDAR

PUMPKINS • PARKS • LIVE MUSIC • FOOD • FAMILY FUN

October 19 – November 30, 2026 | Sarasota + UTC

THE BAY • DOWNTOWN SARASOTA

OCT 19–NOV 1	One Park FOUR All Anniversary Celebration The Bay's month-long celebration includes 70+ free activities—fitness, family activities, arts, music, movies, dance and more. Check the park calendar for the day-by-day schedule.
SUN, OCT 25 12–3 PM	Taste of The Bay: Kettle of Fish A food festival featuring signature dishes from locally owned restaurants, drinks and live music at The Bay.
SUN, NOV 1 1–7 PM	Best of The Bay Music Fest An all-day music festival featuring regional talent and special surprises. Check The Bay's official calendar for the latest schedule.
ONGOING	Free park experiences Enjoy bayfront paths, the Mangrove Bayou Walkway, Ibis Playground, lawns, waterfront views and sunset strolls. Some classes and programs require registration.

UTC • NATHAN BENDERSON PARK • NORTH SARASOTA

THROUGH OCT 25	Pumpkin Patch at UTC The Green at UTC. Pick a pumpkin, take fall photos and support Nate's Honor Animal Rescue. Hours vary by day; check UTC's listing before visiting.
WED, OCT 21	UTC Kids Club + Sunset Yoga Kids Club is listed for 9 AM; Sunset Yoga on The Green is listed for 6:30 PM. Confirm current details with UTC.
THU, OCT 22 7–9 PM	Halloween Dance Party The Green at UTC. Seasonal music and spooky-season characters; dress up and dance.
FRI, OCT 23 8–10 PM	Movies Under the Stars: Hocus Pocus Free outdoor movie at The Green at UTC; face painting, concessions and Sanderson Sisters photo opportunities are listed.
FRI, OCT 23 9 AM–1 PM	The Market at Nathan Benderson Park A Friday market with local vendors. Check the current location and weekly details before heading out.
OCT 24–25	Fruitville Grove Pumpkin Festival 38th annual festival at Fruitville Grove, 7410 Fruitville Road. Listed 10 AM–5 PM on festival weekends; admission and activities may vary.
OCT 24–25	Hunsader Farms Pumpkin Festival A large fall festival with food, entertainment and family activities at Hunsader Farms, 5500 C.R. 675, Bradenton. Check official site for ticketing and schedule.
TUE, OCT 27 4:30–7:30 PM	Trick-or-Treat on the Lake Nathan Benderson Park. Family Halloween event with a lakeside candy trail, 50+ booths, live music, circus performances and a haunted house.
OCT 29–NOV 1	UTC Fall Fest & Carnival The Mall at UTC. Carnival rides, games, food trucks, vendors and family activities; Saturday vendor trick-or-treating is advertised. Verify hours/ticket costs.
NOV 14 11 AM–9 PM	Suncoast Largest Food Truck Festival The Mall at UTC. Free entry and parking advertised, with food vendors, local vendors, Santa's Grand Arrival Parade at 6 PM and fireworks.

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MORE FALL FAVORITES AROUND SARASOTA

THROUGH OCT 31	Lights @ Spooky Point Historic Spanish Point, Osprey. A walk-through of illuminated, spooky and botanical displays; check the venue for hours, tickets and age guidance.
SAT–SUN, OCT 24–25 OCT 31–NOV 1	Fruitville Grove Pumpkin Festival Additional listed festival dates include the final October weekends and Nov. 1. Expect fall-themed activities and vendors; confirm details before visiting.
NOV 13–16	Siesta Key Crystal Classic International sand-sculpting festival at Siesta Beach. Check the official event site for the exact program, admission and evening illumination schedule.
NOV 14–JAN 3	Holidays at UTC begins Seasonal programming at UTC includes holiday lights, the outdoor Rink, holiday movies, carriage rides, live entertainment and special events. Some activities are ticketed.
NOV 14	Santa's Grand Arrival / Holiday Kickoff at UTC Parade, food festival, vendors, fireworks and after-party concert are promoted for the UTC holiday kickoff. Confirm the final schedule on UTC's official page.
NOV 28	Siesta Key Holiday Parade A seasonal community favorite in Siesta Key Village. Check the event organizer for the confirmed route and start time.
WEEKLY / CHECK CALENDARS	Markets, music and local arts Look for Sarasota Farmers Market, The Market at Nathan Benderson Park, live music at UTC, gallery events, theatre performances and free public programs at The Bay.

CHECK BEFORE YOU GO

Event schedules can change. Some events listed earlier in October have already passed as of October 19; this guide emphasizes remaining dates and ongoing programs. Confirm hours, admission, registration and weather changes on the organizer's website.

Official calendars: [UTC Events](#) • [The Bay Events](#) • [Visit Sarasota County](#) • [Hunsader Farms](#) • [Fruitville Grove](#)

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