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Iconic Fall Events Make a Comeback in Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Sept. 7, 2021) — As the weather chills, there is anticipation in the air for a special season that is a perfect mix of festivals, food and scenic weekend getaways: [Fall in Ohio](#). It is also prime time to catch the vibrant [fall colors](#) across our state.

"Fall in Ohio is a special time of year," said Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine. "Fran and I encourage families to maximize their weekends by seeing all of the beautiful fall colors and taking advantage of the wide variety of activities Ohio has to offer."

Ohio. Find It Here., the state's tourism agency, just announced some tried-and-true as well as new ideas to celebrate the changing season that include [100 Things to Do in Ohio this Fall](#), [autumn events](#) and road trips.

Fall Events Back in 2021

The biggest and best seasonal events are back this year!

- Oktoberfest celebrations are back throughout the month of September in [Columbus](#), [Cleveland](#), [Dayton](#) and [Cincinnati](#).
- The [45th Ohio River Sternwheel Festival](#) returns to Marietta Sept. 10-12 along with its fabulous fireworks show.
- [Fall Fest](#) at Kings Island and [HalloWeekends](#) at Cedar Point are also back for the weekends from mid-September through the end of October.
- The [23rd Annual Ohio Pawpaw Festival](#) in Albany, Ohio, celebrates one of America's largest native tree fruits, the pawpaw, through food, art and music all weekend long Sept. 17-19.
- The [Circleville Pumpkin Show](#) returns this year from Oct. 20-23. Hundreds of thousands are expected to attend the festival, which includes parades, music, the infamous pumpkin growing competition, and every type of pumpkin food and beverage imaginable.

"From incredible fall food and drink to timeless festivals and attractions, there are so many opportunities to make memories with your family here in Ohio," said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Ohio Department of Development, which oversees *Ohio. Find It Here.* "Whether it's a quick road trip or a long weekend with family and friends, you can plan your Ohio adventure at [Ohio.org](#)."



Fall for the Music

Live music is back in Ohio and can be heard across the state from large arenas to small-town festivals. The [Creekside Blues and Jazz Festival](#) in Gahanna plays hot blues and cool jazz Sept. 17-19. That same weekend, on Sept. 18, [Festival Latino](#) celebrates the heart of Latin America with a free, one-night-only concert at the Columbus Commons. And on Oct. 30, rock legends will descend into Cleveland for the [2021 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony](#) at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse. Inductees include Carole King, Tina Turner, Jay-Z, The Go-Go's, Todd Rundgren and the Foo Fighters, whose lead singer, Dave Grohl, was born in Warren, Ohio.

Foodies Love Fall

Every foodie living in or visiting Ohio can find what they are craving, everything from pumpkin-spiced food and drinks to those favorite comfort food dishes. The [Foodie Road Trip](#) includes 15 stops in Ohio's three C's as well as Amish Country and Athens, the beloved hometown of Ohio University. A new stop this year includes [Breitenbach Wine Cellars](#), a winery in Dover, Ohio, with incredible outdoor views, delectable dishes and more than 40 varieties of wine. Watch the video on the website to learn more about the family-owned winery.

Build a mini-getaway around fall food festivals. The [Marion Popcorn Festival](#) celebrates 40 years with three nights of free entertainment beginning Sept. 9. [The Ohio Sauerkraut Festival](#) in Waynesville, Ohio, scheduled for Oct. 9 and 10, attracts nearly 350,000 visitors each year and serves up seven tons of sauerkraut. The 50th Annual [Bob Evans Farm Festival](#) is back down on the original farm in Rio Grande, Ohio, Oct. 8-10. Both [Columbus](#) and [Cincinnati](#) serve up coffee festivals for those who can't get enough java in their life.

Road Trips with Must-See Sight

Ohio. Find It Here. has compiled [road trips](#) with dozens of must-see sights and weekend trip inspiration to enjoy this fall.

- [Charming Towns](#) — The eight towns on this road trip offer visitors a chance to experience the charm of local retailers and restaurants in some of Ohio's smaller destinations.
- [The Scenic Route](#) — Explore some of the natural wonders in Ohio at 17 stops across the state. The road trip offers opportunities to hike, bike, zipline, and paddle through incredible parks and nature preserves.

And just in time for college visits, the [Guide to the Best College Towns in Ohio](#) blog offers an education on fun places to visit, eat and stay when checking out Ohio campuses, including the University of Akron and Miami University.

Be sure to check with each venue website for updated COVID-19 safety precautions. For more travel ideas and inspiration, follow @OhioFindItHere on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), and don't forget to share your fall adventures with #FallInOhio and #OhioFindItHere.

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