

## Tarheels and Apples and Scares, Oh My! 10 North Carolina Must-Visit Fall Festivals

During the fall, North Carolina boasts some of the most beautiful scenery, most delicious apples, and most savory craft beers you'll find in the South. From the winding hills of the Blue Ridge Mountains to the gentle slopes of the Piedmont and Coast, everyone can find a fall festival to celebrate their favorite fall events. So go ahead! Check out 10 of North Carolina's best fall festival options from across the state!

SCarowinds- Charlotte, select days September 15- October 29, 2017

Looking for some Halloween fun? If you and your family love thrilling rides and all things scary, then SCarowinds is the fall event for you! A branch of Carowinds, SCarowinds offers 16 thrilling rides and over 500 scares to get your blood pumping for the holiday! You can find out more and purchase tickets to this once a year event by clicking here:

<https://www.carowinds.com/play/scarowinds>

Oktoberfest- Asheville, October 7, 2017

Nestled in Asheville's Pack Square Park is one of Asheville's most iconic beer celebrations, Oktoberfest. The festival gives visitors a taste of the craftsmanship of its local brewers. Keeping true to the German roots of Oktoberfest, this festival pairs German beers and traditional German foods. Entertainment includes all types of German singing and dancing, all nestled in Asheville's Pack Square Park. For more information and ticket pricing click here:

<https://www.romanticasheville.com/oktoberfest.htm>

Ciderfest NC- Asheville, October 7, 2017

Created specifically for the cider connoisseur, Asheville's Ciderfest: is the largest annual fundraiser for the nonprofit WNC Green Building Council. Ciderfest displays many of Asheville's local craftsmen, brewers, artists, and entertainers. At Ciderfest, visitors can taste fine baked goods from local bakers, while sipping choice beers and wines from local and national breweries against the scenery of the French Broad River. Ciderfest also offers a Kids' Learning Zone so that all members of the family can enjoy the festival! For more information and ticket pricing click here: <http://www.ciderfestnc.com/#home-more>

Brushy Mountain Apple Festival- North Wilkesboro, October 7, 2017

One of the Southeast's largest apple celebrations, the Brushy Mountain Apple Festival is a fun way to celebrate North Carolina apples. The festival is organized and run by Brushy Mountain Ruritan Club, a national organization that exists to help grow and keep up communities where it has branches. All proceeds of this organization are donated to the community! What's not to love about supporting a great cause while enjoying apples? Another part of this festival that makes it different from other festivals is the focus on Appalachian history and culture. For more information on this fun event, click here

[http://www.applefestival.net/n\\_index.php?utm\\_source=www.visitnc.com&utm\\_medium=website&utm\\_campaign=downstream-referral](http://www.applefestival.net/n_index.php?utm_source=www.visitnc.com&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=downstream-referral)

The North Carolina State Fair- Raleigh, October 12-22, 2017

A list of North Carolina festivals would not be complete without the State Fair. Held in North Carolina's capitol city, everyone is sure to find fun and excitement while exploring all the fair has to offer! After you've ridden all the rides, enjoy perusing the booths of games or locally made crafts. You can purchase tickets and see special deals going on during the fair here <http://www.ncstatefair.org/2017/Attractions/RidesGames.htm>

#### Burnpile Harvest Festival- Asheville, October 14, 2017

This unique craft beer festival is an exhibition of over 40 local breweries. But these beers aren't the everyday menu item. Many exhibited beers are handcrafted and brewed for this event only, meaning this is the only time and place you can grab a bottle for yourself! Bottle packages and online ticket sales as well as more information on this one of kind event can be found here: <https://www.exploreasheville.com/event-calendar/detail/burnpile-harvest-festival/13406/>

#### Apple Harvest Festival- Waynesville, October 21, 2017

Nestled into the heart of Waynesville is a fun-filled celebration of anything and everything apples. The Apple Harvest Festival exhibits apples and apple products from local farmers and is an excellent way to discover what all the fuss about North Carolina apples is all about! Lined with local vendors' crafts and art, this is a great, free fall activity the whole family can enjoy! <https://haywoodchamber.com/events-calendar/signature-events/apple-harvest-festival>

#### Barbecue Festival- Lexington, October 28, 2017

Since 1983 the Lexington Barbecue Festival has exhibited some of North Carolina's finest pitmasters. Ten blocks of vendors' booths surround the three large tents filled with the smell of freshly made barbecue and pig tail fries. The festival even includes attractions including the 50 ton pig themed sand sculpture, the Corvette display, and the Hogway Speedway- a popular Southern attraction where pigs and other animals race around a track! The festival also includes a kids' area where there are rides and activities just for them. More information on this delicious festival can be found here [http://www.barbecuefestival.com/?utm\\_source=www.visitnc.com&utm\\_medium=website&utm\\_campaign=downstream-referral](http://www.barbecuefestival.com/?utm_source=www.visitnc.com&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=downstream-referral)

#### Tweetsie Ghost Train Halloween Festival- Blowing Rock, dates vary

Climb aboard this haunting adventure the whole family is sure to enjoy! Throughout the month of October, Blowing Rock, NC is home to a halloween town full of fun, food, and scares. Enjoy Trick-or-Treating or exploring the Haunted House with your family under the October skies. Be sure to get your tickets for this scare-tacular adventure by clicking here [https://tweetsie.com/special-events/ghost-train/?utm\\_source=www.visitnc.com&utm\\_medium=website&utm\\_campaign=downstream-referral](https://tweetsie.com/special-events/ghost-train/?utm_source=www.visitnc.com&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=downstream-referral) to reserve your spot on the Tweetsie Ghost Train!