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FALL

TRAVEL GUIDE
2025



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WELCOME TO FALL IN THE UKIAH VALLEY.

The air turns crisp, the vines glow in shades of gold, burnt umber and rust and the Ukiah Valley slows into its most generous season. Fall here is harvest and celebration. Grapes are gathered, tables are set and streets come alive with festivals, pumpkins, music, and marigolds.

Whether you are sipping new vintages at a harvest party, strolling along tree-lined streets glowing red, or picking pumpkins with your kids, Ukiah in autumn is all about connecting to the land, to the season, and to each other.

This guide highlights the best of fall, vineyard celebrations, outdoor adventures, changing leaves, signature festivals, cozy spots to eat and stay and local treasures for holiday gifting.

Pack a sweater, bring your camera and experience the warmth of the Ukiah Valley in one of its most beautiful seasons.

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CELEBRATE HARVEST

IN THE VINEYARDS

MENDOCINO WINEGROWERS HARVEST PARTY 2025

November 8th @ 5pm
Carl Purdy Hall, Ukiah Fairgrounds
[Learn more + purchase tickets](#)

SARACINA HARVEST CELEBRATION

October 4th @ 1pm - 4pm
Saracina Vineyards
[Learn more + purchase tickets](#)

CELEBRATE HARVEST AT JAXON KEYS

October 18th @ 12pm - 3pm
Jaxon Keys Winery
[Learn more + purchase tickets](#)

MCNAB RIDGE BLENDING + HARVEST PARTY

October 18th @ 10:30am - 4:30pm
McNab Ridge Wine Production Facility
[Learn more + purchase tickets](#)

BARRA OF MENDOCINO, HARVEST 5K WINE RUN CELEBRATION

October 26th @ 11am + 12:30pm
Barra of Mendocino
[Learn more + purchase tickets](#)

For all other events this season please
check: [Visit Ukiah's Event Calendar](#)



FALL COLORS

BEST LOCATIONS TO VIEW FALL FOLIAGE



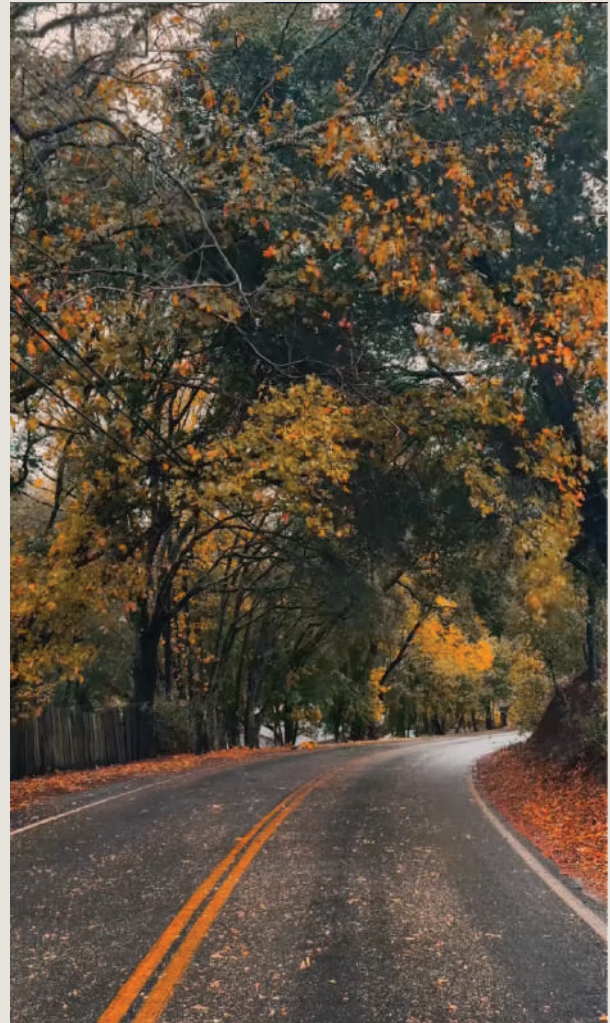
SCHOOL STREET

From W Henry St. to Mill St.

Downtown Ukiah and specifically School Street comes alive with fiery, glowing colors in the fall months. The leaves start turning around mid-September and are at peak color into November.

Tip: Stand at the cross-section of W. Standley and School St and look down the street to the South or North for the best colors and photo opps.

To view in google maps [click here.](#)



OLD RIVER ROAD

From Hopland to Ukiah

For one of the valley's most scenic fall drives, exit Highway 101 just before the Russian River Bridge in Hopland and follow Old River Road north. The route winds beneath golden oak canopies and past vineyard vistas where grape leaves glow in shades of yellow, rust, and burnt umber.

Tip: Pack a thermos of coffee and take an early morning drive for misty vineyard views.

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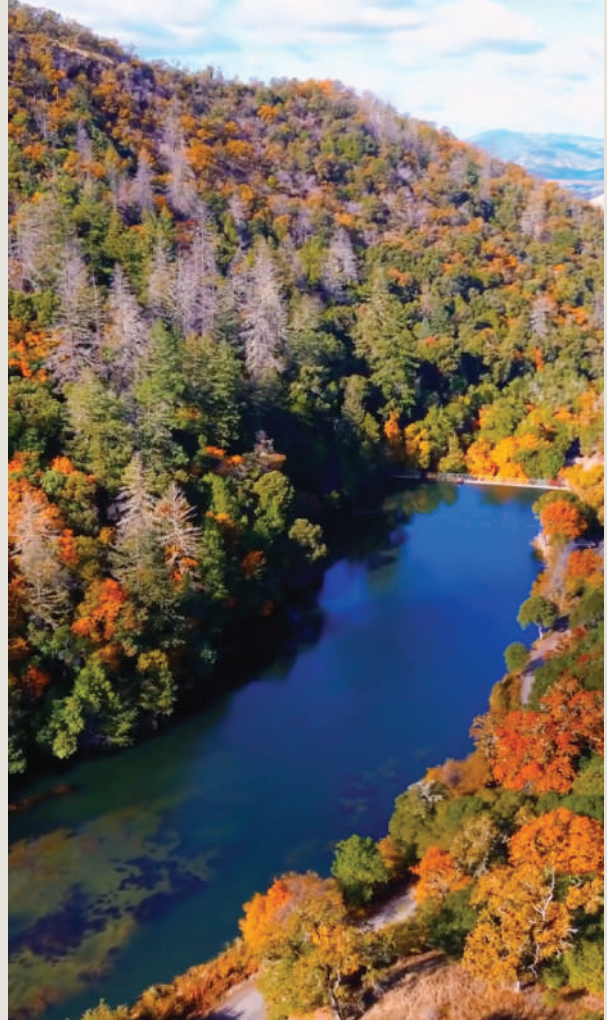


CITY OF TEN THOUSAND BUDDHAS

Wander the serene grounds of the [City of Ten Thousand Buddhas](#) as the tree-lined avenues shift into golden yellows and deep reds. The quiet atmosphere makes the changing colors even more striking.

Tip: While there grab lunch at the [Jyun Kang Vegetarian Restaurant](#) or visit the [Book and Gift](#) store for Buddhist souvenirs.

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MILL CREEK

[Mill Creek Road, Talmage](#)

A local favorite for fishing, hiking or a picnic on a fall day. Mill Creek offers the beauty of reflective water views surrounded by changing leaves. To take in the views of the Ukiah valley, try the [Valley View Trailhead \(West\) hike](#).

Tip: Head out in the late afternoon light when the sun hits the water for glowing photo-worthy scenes.

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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

FALL AT LAKE MENDOCINO



Cooler days and crisp mornings make fall the perfect season to explore Lake Mendocino. Trails wind through oak woodlands and golden hillsides, the disc golf course stays lively and the waters are stocked for autumn fishing. Whether you're pedaling or paddling, casting a line or taking a family hike, the lake offers endless ways to enjoy this season.

TO DO:

Hiking & Biking: Miles of trails with changing fall scenery.

[Trail maps and info](#)

Disc Golf: 18-hole course with lakefront views.

[More info + map of disc golf course](#)

Fishing: Bass, trout, and catfish are active in cooler temps.

Picnics + Play: Day-use areas are perfect for a fall afternoon outdoors.

[Learn more about all day use areas](#)

Kayak Rentals: Self-service kayak and paddleboard rentals are available at the North Boat Ramp.

[Learn more and reserve](#)

DOWNLOAD THE LAKE MENDOCINO GOOGLE MAP

*to open on mobile, user needs to be signed into Google account.

SIGNATURE FALL EVENTS



DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

November 2nd @ 11am–4pm
Alex Thomas Plaza, Ukiah

Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a vibrant celebration honoring loved ones who have passed. Downtown Ukiah comes alive with live performances, food and artisan vendors, a community altar and lowrider cars. All are welcome to join in the traditions in a colorful, heartfelt atmosphere.

For more information [click here](#).



PUMPKIN FEST

October 17th–19th
Downtown, Ukiah

Step into a wonderland of pumpkin fun at Mendocino County's biggest street fair! This year's theme, "Pumpkins of Oz," brings a pumpkin contest, rides, food and festive fun for all ages.

Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off: Oct 17, 4–7 pm
Downtown Street Fair: Oct 18 (10 am–6pm) + Oct 19 (10 am–4 pm)

For more information [click here](#).



FALL EATS + TREATS

SEASONAL FLAVORS + FESTIVE BITES



From pumpkin spice to playful Halloween-themed goodies, local cafés and bakeries embrace the season. Downtown restaurants highlight seasonal menus made from valley produce, perfect for a cozy dinner after a day of exploring. And don't miss the [Ukiah Farmers Market](#), where fall harvests bring pumpkins, squash, apples and more to the table. Whether you're craving something sweet, savory, or spirited, autumn in Ukiah serves it up!

For a full directory and to find all about our great cafés, restaurants, bakeries and brewery visit www.visitukiah.com.

SHOP LOCAL

LOCAL WINE + MERCH + PINK FRIDAY



Ukiah's fall season is the perfect time to shop local treasures. Stop by the [California Welcome Center-Ukiah](#) for Lake Mendocino hats, stickers, and a curated selection of local wines, your one-stop shop for fall sipping and gifts. Explore downtown boutiques and makers for artisan goods and cozy finds. Be sure to shop all the amazing deals on [Pink Friday, Nov 21st](#) to shop small and support local this season!

For a full directory of local shops and businesses visit www.visitukiah.com

WHERE TO STAY

CAMPING, HOTELS, INNS + RESORTS



When the air turns crisp, Ukiah is the perfect place to slow down and settle in. With more than 1,000 guest rooms in and around the valley, there's a stay for every kind of traveler.

Wake up under golden oaks at a [lakeside campsite](#), soak in mineral springs at a [historic resort](#), or tuck into an inn just steps from dining and shopping.

A [vineyard guesthouse](#) offers a front-row seat to harvest, while a [historic hotel](#) with a cozy wood lined library gives you space to reconnect with yourself and the season.

For a directory of all hotels and resort stays in Ukiah and the surrounding valley, visit www.visitukiah.com/stay





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