

THINGS TO DO IN CENTRAL FLORIDA SUMMER 2026

LOCAL GROCERY STORES

Winn Dixie

11957 South Apopka Vineland Rd

Orlando, FL. 32836

Trader Joes

8323 Sand Lake Rd

Orlando, FL. 32819

Whole Foods

8003 Turkey Lake Rd

Orlando, FL. 32819

Sprouts

7603 Turkey Lake Rd

Orlando, FL. 32819

Publix

7640 Sand Lake Rd

Orlando, FL. 32819

Target

11619 Daryl Carter Pkwy

Orlando, FL. 32821

Walmart

3250 Vineland Rd

Kissimmee, FL. 34746

Orlando, FL

THEME PARKS/ATTRACTIONS

Walt Disney World	https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/
Universal Orlando Resort	https://www.universalorlando.com/web/en/us
SeaWorld Orlando	https://seaworld.com/orlando/
Fun-Spot Orlando & Fun-Spot Kissimmee	https://fun-spot.com/
I-Drive (International Drive) District	https://www.internationaldriveorlando.com/
Icon Park	https://iconparkorlando.com/
Dezerland Park	https://dezerlandpark.com/
Andretti Karting (GO KARTS)	https://andrettikarting.com/orlando
Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament	https://www.medievaltimes.com/
Old Town	https://www.myoldtownusa.com/
Gatorland	https://www.gatorland.com/
Get ready for down-home family fun at “The Alligator Capital of the World®” – Gatorland!	
Boggy Creek Airboat Adventures	https://bcairboats.com/
Legoland (Winter Haven, FL)	https://www.legoland.com/florida/

Downtown Orlando, FL

	https://www.downtownorlando.com/Home
Orlando Magic NBA Basketball Team	https://www.nba.com/magic/
Orlando City Soccer Major League	https://www.orlandocitysc.com/
Orlando Solar Bears Hockey	https://orlandosolarbearshockey.com/
Lake Eola Swan Boats	https://www.orlando.gov/Parks-the-Environment/Directory/Lake-Eola-Park/Rent-a-Swan-Boat-at-Lake-Eola

Lake Eola Farmer's Market- Sunday's from 10:00am- 3:00pm

<https://www.orlandofarmersmarket.com/>

Orlando Museum of Art

<https://omart.org/>

Orlando Science Center

<https://www.osc.org/>

Well's Built Museum of African American History & Culture

<https://www.wellsbuilt.org/>

Orange County Reginal History Museum

<https://www.thehistorycenter.org/>

Harry P. Leu Gardens

<https://www.leugardens.org/Home>

Osteria Esther Italian American Restaurant

<https://www.osteriaester.com/>

Winter Park, Florida

<https://cityofwinterpark.org/residents-guests/things-to-enjoy/arts-culture/>

Winter Park is known as the city of arts and culture. Outside of the city's natural beauty found in it's parks and lakes there are a plethora of cultural organizations to explore, all who are member of Winter Park's Art & Culture Alliance. The best resource to find out more about the Alliance members and their cultural programs is wpinspires.org. On this site you will also find an [event calendar](#) highlighting current exhibits and performances. A few other notables:

[Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art](#) – the most comprehensive collection of Tiffany art (can plan a group tour)

[Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens](#) – Explore the beautiful gardens enjoying famed sculpture Albin Polasek work and rotating exhibits

[Mead Botanical Gardens](#) – a free stroll through the largest green space in Winter Park comprised of wetlands, nature trails and native habitats

[Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts](#) – Thursday-Sunday local and national acts perform blues, Bozza Nova, jazz and more

Rollins College – walking the campus is an immersion in art & Spanish-Mediterranean architecture. Located on the campus are several cultural institutions.

[Rollins Museum of Art](#) – a free art museum that is also bilingual (Spanish/English)

[Knowles Memorial Chapel](#) – walk in the side door to view this beautiful chapel where the [Bach Society Festival of Winter Park](#) performs

[Winter Park History Museum](#) – A small free museum housed in the historic Farmers’ Market Building with rotating exhibits on various historical aspects of Winter Park. In July the exhibit will be America 250 themed.

[Alfond Inn](#) – The only hotel in America also recognized also as a museum. The Alfond houses the contemporary collection of the Rollins Museum of Art as well as good place to stop for food and drink.

[Casa Feliz Historic Home](#) – The signature work of renowned architect James Gable Rogers II, this home sits at the end of Park Avenue on the Golf Course and is a beautiful example of Andalusian-style masonry farmhouse.

[City of Winter Park Public Art Collection](#) – View Winter Park’s Public Art Collection online and visit the various sculptures and paintings while in town

[Winter Park Arts & Culture Walking Tour](#) – Book this guided tour and learn more about Winter Park’s arts, culture & history

[Scenic Boat Tour](#) – Tour Winter Park via the lakes and canals on this “must do” 1-hour boat tour

Park Avenue, Central Park & Hannibal Square – stroll these areas and enjoy unique shops, restaurants and community

Two Winter Park Italian cultural tie-ins that our Alliance members provided me are:

[Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens](#) – Albin does have an Italian connection! If they are interested in a group coming, we are happy to customize the tour to really showcase the Italian influence. Polasek won the prestigious Prix de Rome competition and studied at the American Academy in Rome from 1910-1913. Work like *The Sower* created while in Italy, won Honorable Mention at the 1913 Paris Salon and can be seen at the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens (as well as the Chicago Botanical Gardens). Polasek’s piece *Young Eve* which is on display in the historic home (a version of which is also in the Metropolitan Museum of Arts permanent collection) and *Maiden of the Roman Campagna* and *Evolving Memories* which are on display in our Sculpture Gardens were all created during his time in Rome as well. If interested in a customize tour please reach out to Ellie Saylor at volunteer@polasek.org.

[Central Florida Vocal Arts' Opera del Sol](#) would be delighted to create curated, operatic offerings from the bel canto tradition and Venetian inspired art activations to enhance the convention experience for UNICO attendees. Past clients include United Way, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, City of Winter Park, AdventHealth, The Scout Guide, Sunrail, Gordon Food Services and many more. Named the 2025 Community Organization of the

Year by the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce and the fastest growing arts organization in the region by Orlando Business Journal, our clients can enjoy world class entertainment while supporting a mission that furthers a brighter future for Central Florida. For more information, email info@centralfloridavocalarts.org.

DELAND. FL. North of Orlando, vibrant arts scene <https://mainstreetdeland.org/attractions>

CASSADEGA, FL Spiritualist Camp <https://www.cassadaga.org/>

OCALA, FL <https://www.ocalamarion.com/>

LAKE COUNTY, FL.

Yalaha Bakery- German Bakery <https://yalahabakery.com/>

Yalaha Bootlegging <https://www.yalahabootleggingco.com/>

STATE & COUNTY PARKS

Blue Springs State Park <https://bluespringadventures.com/>

Wekiva Springs <https://wekiwaspringsadventures.com/>

DeLeon Springs <https://deleonspringsadventures.com/>

Rock Springs/Kelly Park <https://www.ocfl.net/cultureparks/parks.aspx?d=22&m=dtlvw>

Weeki Wachee Springs State Park “City of Mermaids” <https://weekiwachee.com/>

NATURAL & HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS

Bok Tower Gardens <https://boktowergardens.org/>

EAST COAST BEACH TOWNS

New Smyrna Beach, FL <https://newsmyrnabeach.co/>

Cute beach town a little over an hour away from Orlando. Charming shops and various dining options

The Garlic Restaurant <https://thegarlic.net/>

556 E. 3rd Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169

A local institution not to be missed!

Cocoa Beach, FL/Space Coast <https://www.cityofcocoa-beach.com/129/Visitors>
<https://www.visitspacecoast.com/>

Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex <https://www.kennedyspacecenter.com/>

Cocoa Bioluminescence Kayak Tours <https://www.bkadventure.com/package/clear-kayaking-bioluminescence-cocoa-beach/>
<https://bioluminescencetours.com/>

Mangia e Bevi Pizzeria Napoletana <https://www.mangiaebevipizzeria.com/>

WEST COAST BEACH TOWNS

Tampa Bay, FL. <https://www.visittampabay.com/>

St. Pete/Clearwater, FL. <https://www.visitstpeteclearwater.com/>

Tarpon Springs, FL. Sea Sponge Capital of the world <https://spongedocks.net/>

DISCOUNTS/ TRAVEL RESOURCES

America 250 Florida <https://america250fl.com/>

Enjoy Florida <https://www.enjoyflorida.com/>

Visit Orlando <https://www.visitorlando.com/>

Visit Florida <https://www.visitflorida.com/>
<https://www.visitflorida.org/>

LoveFL <https://www.lovefl.com/>
<https://www.lovefl.com/orlando/>