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Errands and outings inside your own metro — you leave and come back the same day. Columbus is the worked example, because it is this site's metro template.

Everything here is assembled from pages already on this site. Where the site has no record of something,

this page says so rather than filling the gap.

Two things set the in-town year. The markets run roughly **April or May through October or November** and then stop, and the parks do not: Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks operates **22 parks** across **more than 28,900 acres** in **seven central Ohio counties**, with **over 270 miles of trails**, and none of that closes for the winter. Park figures are sourced in [ohio parks](#).

The other two scopes are [Seasonal Activities at Home](#) and [Seasonal Activities out of Town](#).

The market year

From [Columbus Farmers Market Guide](#). **Days and hours are seasonal and were not re-verified** — confirm with the market before making the trip.

Market	Season	Day and time
Worthington	May–October	Saturdays, 8am–12pm
Clintonville	April–November	Saturdays, 9am–12pm
Bexley	May–October	Thursdays, 4–7pm
Pearl Market (downtown)	May–October	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11am–2pm
German Village	May–November	Saturdays, 9am–1pm

Worthington is the one to pick if you only go to one: the largest in central Ohio, around 100 vendors, at The Shops at Worthington Place, 7227 N. High St. The guide records it as voted **5th best farmers market in the country** by *USA Today* readers in 2025.

North Market Downtown is the year-round exception — a historic public market with 30-plus eateries and shops — but its dedicated **outdoor farmers market is temporarily suspended**, so it is a food hall in market season rather than a market.

Paying with SNAP/EBT. The guide names Franklin Park Conservatory and Hilliard Farm Market as participating in Produce Perks, which doubles SNAP/EBT dollars on fresh produce.

An older page, [Columbus farmers' market](#), names Bexley, Upper Arlington and Clintonville and records no days or hours at all. Treat it as a list of names that the guide above supersedes. [Farmers Markets](#) is the general version.

Spring — March to May

Markets come back. Clintonville from April, most of the rest from May. This is the first month of the year when the shopping list and the season line up.

Parks. The Metro Parks system is free and open; [recreational activities](#) and [skateparks](#) are the built end of it.

What is on. Nothing dated. [Columbus Events](#) is a frontmatter block with no body, and so is [Ohio Art Events](#). The one spring food festival the site names is the Ohio Maple Festival in Chardon, in April — Geauga County, which is a drive rather than an outing ([Ohio Food Events](#)).

Summer — June to August

Markets at full stretch. All five above are running. Pearl Market's Tuesday–Thursday lunchtime slot is the one that fits a workday.

Two festivals in the metro, both from [Ohio Food Events](#), both recorded with a month and no year-specific date or source:

- **Taste of Dublin** — Dublin, June. Local restaurants and food trucks.
- **Columbus Food Truck Festival** — Columbus, August. Over 50 trucks; the page puts attendance above 100,000.

Confirm either against the organizer before planning around it. The rest of that note is Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Akron and Dayton — out-of-town trips, not this page.

Eating out. [food truck and stands](#) is the summer form of dinner; [Top Ten Restaurants in Columbus Ohio](#), [sub shops](#) and [Local bar](#) are the year-round ones, and [Cuisines](#) is how to pick by kitchen rather than by address.

Fall — September to November

Markets wind down. October ends Worthington, Bexley and Pearl; Clintonville and German Village run into November. Buy for [preserving](#) before they do.

What is on. [Ohio Permaculture Events](#) carries an open checkbox for a pawpaw festival and another for county fairs, and nothing else — no date, venue, or organizer for either. The intent is logged; the facts are not. Do not quote a fall festival date from this site until that page is filled in.

Dated. From [Yearly Calendar 2026](#): [Halloween](#) on October 31 and [US Thanksgiving](#) on November 26. Both are the restaurant-booking kind of date as much as the home kind.

Leaf season has one entry on the site calendar, [Leaf Season Ridge Walk](#) on October 10 — but it is marked a placeholder, with the trailhead still unset.

Winter — December to February

No winter market is documented in this site. North Market is indoors and year-round; everything in the table above is closed.

Indoors, in the city. [art museums](#) and [Ohio Art Museums](#), [Ohio Stage Theatre](#), and the film side — [Columbus 48 Hour Film Festival](#) is the local fixture the site knows by name. [Tourism](#) holds the museum and public-art notes.

Dated. From [Yearly Calendar 2026](#): [Christmas Day](#) on December 25, [New Year's Eve](#) on December 31, [New Year's Day](#) on January 1, [Valentine's Day](#) on February 14 — the busiest restaurant night of the year, so book early — and Lunar New Year on February 17 in 2026.

Any season

- **Secondhand.** [garage sales](#) are a warm-weather habit and [auctions](#) are not — estate and property sales run through the winter.

- **Making rather than buying.** [Columbus Makerspaces](#), and [Municipal](#) for what else the city runs.
- **The city itself.** [Columbus, Oh](#).
- **An evening version of all of this.** [Date night](#), whose Going into Town section is this page at dinner length.

What this page is still missing

- **A single sourced central Ohio festival date.** Every festival named above is month-level and unsourced, and the two Columbus event notes are empty.
- **Verified market hours.** The guide's own header says the days and times were not re-verified.
- **County fairs.** Named as a to-do in [Ohio Permaculture Events](#), nowhere else.
- **Any Columbus trail, park loop, or race.** The parks section is a park system, not a route.

Related

- [Seasons](#) — the hub these three pages hang off.
- [Seasonal Activities at Home](#) · [Seasonal Activities out of Town](#) — the same year, nearer and further.
- [Columbus Farmers Market Guide](#) — the market table above, in full.
- [ohio parks](#) — Metro Parks, ODNR, and the federal land, with sources.
- [Events](#) — every dated entry.
- [Calendar](#) and [Holidays](#) — how a dated entry joins the site calendar.
- [Municipal](#) and [Food business](#) — the two folders most of this material came from.