



2026

West Orlando Summer Guide

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Hey there, *I'm Mike*

I'm a Winter Garden REALTOR®. Before real estate I spent 25 years in HR, which means I'm good with people and hard to rattle in a negotiation.

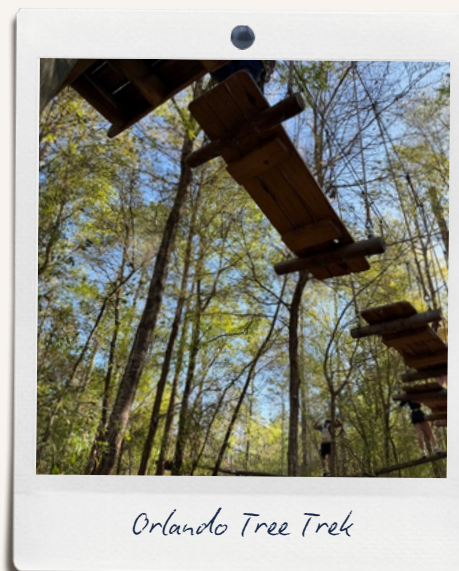
Home base is Winter Garden, downtown to Horizon West. But I know what's worth the drive. The springs up in Apopka. The lake towns like Mount Dora. This guide is my honest list of where to go this summer. The stuff I actually do, not a tourist brochure.

Save it. Share it with a friend planning their summer.

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...a few things I love about summer in West Orlando



SUMMER *bucket* LIST

- Pick up fresh pastries from Rosallie Le French Café
- You-Pick blueberries at Tom West Blueberries
- Catch a show at the Garden Theatre
- Buy local at the Winter Garden Farmers Market
- Try a summer brew from Crooked Can Brewing
- Explore Gatorland
- Kayak Wekiwa Springs
- Eat on the beach at Salt Shack on the Lake
- Bike the West Orange Trail
- Ride the monster trucks at Showcase of Citrus
- Volunteer with Matthew's Hope
- Watch the cruise ships sail out of Port Canaveral
- July 4th bike parade downtown Winter Garden
- July 3rd or 4th Fireworks over Magic Kingdom

CONCERTS *and* EVENTS

JUNE

Carín León
June 26 | Kia Center

Micky Dolenz
June 26 | Hard Rock Live

Electric Ocean: Drones
Fri & Sat | SeaWorld

Meghan Trainor
June 30 | Kia Center

Francesca Tarantino
June 26 | Centennial Plaza, WG

Disney Springs Live Music
Nightly | Disney Springs

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June 14 | Hard Rock Live

\$5 Summer Flix: The Sandlot
June 30 | Garden Theatre, WG

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June 26 | House of Blues

JULY

Earth, Wind & Fire
July 25 | Kia Center

Red, White & Blues
July 3 | Centennial Plaza, WG

Electric Ocean: Drones
Fri & Sat | SeaWorld

Joji: SOLARIS
July 1 | Kia Center

Raul Lugo: steel drums
July 31 | Centennial Plaza, WG

Queen Herby
July 25 | House of Blues

Lord Huron
July 29 | Hard Rock Live

All-American Kids' Parade
July 4 | Downtown WG

\$5 Ferris Bueller's Day Off
July 14 | Garden Theatre, WG

AUGUST

Ella Mai
Aug 10 | Hard Rock Live

PhoeNyx
Aug 14 | Centennial Plaza, WG

Electric Ocean: Drones
Fri & Sat | SeaWorld

Mon Laferte
Aug 9 | Hard Rock Live

Bobby France
Aug 28 | Centennial Plaza, WG

Disney Springs Live Music
Nightly | Disney Springs

Devo
Aug 30 | Hard Rock Live

\$5 The NeverEnding Story
Aug 4 | Garden Theatre, WG

Disney Springs: Gospel Brunch
Sundays | House of Blues

SUMMER *eats* *and* DRINKS

COFFEE

Axum Coffee | Downtown WG
The French Café | Hamlin
Piccolo | Downtown WG
Prairie House Coffee | Oakland
Juan Valdez Café | Horizon West

RESTAURANTS

Hangry Bison | Downtown WG
Yellow Dog Eats | Gotha
Salt Shack on the Lake | Clermont
Pisces Rising | Mount Dora
Rocco's Tacos | Dr. Phillips

SWEETS

David Ramirez Chocolates | Downtown WG
Scoops Ice Cream | Downtown WG
Rosallie Le French Café | Downtown WG
DG Doughnuts | Ocoee
Jeremiah's Italian Ice | Windermere

DRINKS

Crooked Can Brewing | Downtown WG
Home State Brewing | Hamlin
The Whole Enchilada | Downtown WG
Windermere Brewing Co. | Windermere



NEW *and* *coming* SOON

Harlow Grove

Two-story restaurant and lounge opening steps from Plant Street.

Dutch Bros

Drive-thru coffee with a big following. Coming to Hamlin.

Outback Steakhouse

Sit-down steakhouse headed to the Hamlin corridor.

Sushi Kindai

Modern Japanese and sushi. Targeting fall in Horizon West.

Swig

Dirty sodas land in Hamlin. Custom sodas, energy drinks, and treats.

Filigree Coffee

Hamlin's own coffee roaster opens a standalone storefront.

The Mark

Cigar and craft cocktail lounge coming to Horizon West.

Fresco Pizzeria

Wood-fired pizza headed to downtown Windermere.

Horizon West Regional Park, Phase 1B

Splash pad, boardwalk, and floating dock. Broke ground in June.

Also landing in Hamlin: **Wawa, ABC Fine Wine & Spirits, Chipotle**



SUMMER *vacations*

STAYCATIONS

Grande Lakes

Dr. Phillips, lazy river and the works.

Evermore Orlando Resort

8-acre tropical lagoon near Disney.

Disney resort night

The magic without the drive home.

BEACHES

New Smyrna Beach

About an hour, a local favorite.

Cocoa Beach

About an hour, easy and classic.

Canaveral National Seashore

About an hour, quieter and wilder.

SPRINGS

Rock Springs / Kelly Park

About 40 minutes, tubing in cold spring water.

Wekiwa Springs State Park

About 40 minutes, swim and paddle.

Blue Spring State Park

About an hour, crystal clear.

UNDER 4 HR DRIVE

Clearwater / St. Pete

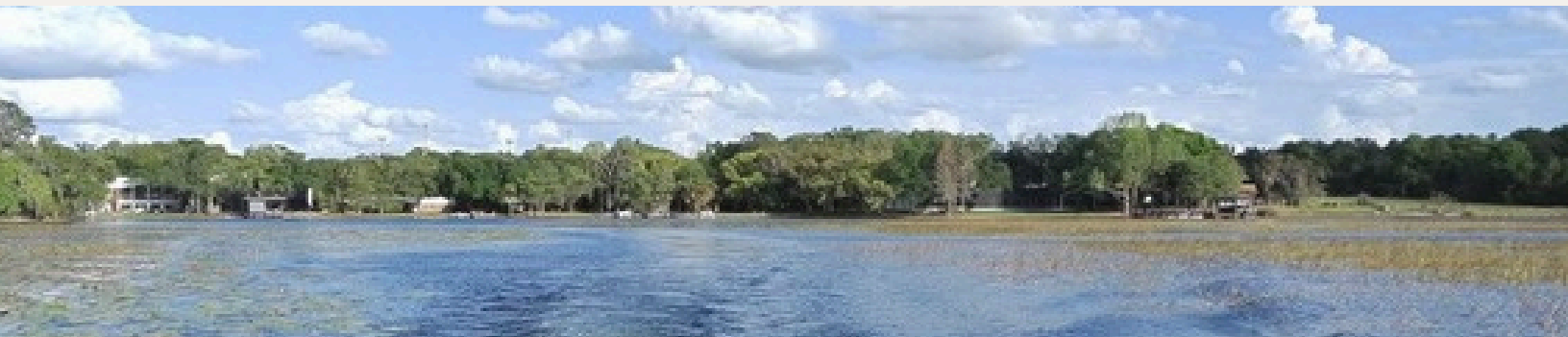
About 2 hours, the sunset coast.

St. Augustine

About 2 hours, history and beach in one.

Crystal River

About 90 minutes, springs and a slower pace.



FARMERS *markets*

WINTER GARDEN FARMERS MARKET

104 S. Lakeview Ave.
Saturdays, 8am to 1pm.

HOMEGROWN MARKET AT HAMLIN

Home State Brewing.
1st & 3rd Sundays, 9am to 1pm.

MOUNT DORA VILLAGE MARKET

Sunset Park, downtown.
Sundays, 9am to 2pm.

WINDERMERE FARMERS MARKET

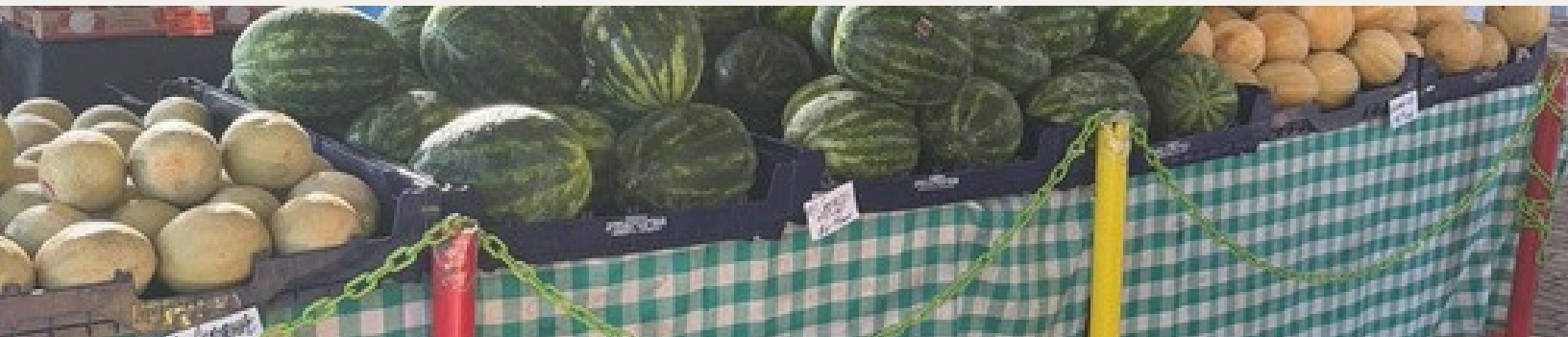
Town Square Park, 520 Main St.
Fridays, 9am to 1:30pm.

OAKLAND FARMERS MARKET

West Orange Trail, 126 W. Petris Ave.
2nd and 4th Thursdays, 9am to 2pm.

CLERMONT FARMERS MARKET

Historic downtown, Montrose St.
Sundays, 9am to 2pm.



FOR the KIDS

CAMPS

Lake Cypress Summer Camp

Windermere Prep, ages 5 to 14, weekly Jun 1 to Jul 24.

SeaWorld Camps

Day camps by grade, animal encounters, weekly all summer.

Timber Ranch Horse & Farm Camp

Horizon West, ages 8 to 16.

Nike Junior Golf at Orange County National

Ages 9 to 18, late July to early Aug.

ADVENTURES

Rock Springs / Kelly Park Tubing

Apopka.

Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive

Hundreds of gators from your AC car, Fri to Sun.

Horizon West Regional Park

Playground, splash pad, trails.

Central Florida Railroad Museum

Model trains, 101 S. Boyd St.

KID FRIENDLY EATS

Plant Street Market

Crooked Can food hall, something for everyone.

Yellow Dog Eats

Gotha, the yard and the dogs.

Hangry Bison

Burgers downtown.

Kelly's Homemade Ice Cream

Horizon West.





Wishing you a great Summer in West Orlando

That's my list. Not everything out here, just the spots I stand behind and send people to.

Buying or selling? That's where I come in. Moving in from another state or country? I do that all the time.

I know these neighborhoods street by street, downtown to Horizon West.

Text me. I answer my own phone.

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