

FALL 2026

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO *Autumn*

IN UKIAH



WELCOME

What fall *looks like* here

Every year I get the same question around this time: what is there to do here once fall settles in? The honest answer is the community gathers more, the colors are brighter than anything you've witnessed, your windows can stay open all night.

This is the list I send to friends, the mornings worth getting up for, the places I take people from out of town, and the few things I do every single year without fail. Steal all of it.

If we haven't met yet, I'm Kasie Gray, and I've been showing people around Ukiah for 10 years.

FALL HERE MEANS

School Street turns to orange

Gearing up to spend every weekend doing fun fall activity

Hikes become an all day activity



Make the most of *the season*

Every year the season sneaks up the same way: one month you're still in summer mode, the next you're outside every weekend, and then suddenly it's the holidays.

September

HAPPENING:

Deep Valley Exhibit
Grace Hudson | 10am–4:30pm

WORTH EATING:

The Beehive
Main St

GET OUTSIDE:

Kayak Lake Mendocino
before the rains

October

HAPPENING:

Ukiah Country PumpkinFest
Oct 17–18 | 10am–6pm

WORTH EATING:

Oco Time
W Church St

GET OUTSIDE:

Vichy Hot Springs Resort
for Champagne Bath

November

HAPPENING:

Mendocino Co. Homebrew Festival
Nov 14 | Ukiah Conference Center

WORTH EATING:

Patrona
Standley St

GET OUTSIDE:

Redwoods at
Montgomery Woods



Slow mornings

The best mornings here don't have a plan. Coffee first, then wherever the rest of the day goes.



COFFEE

Black Oak Coffee Roasters

Locally roasted, and the breakfast burritos are legendary.

BREAKFAST

Mama's Cafe & Bakery

Sourdough pancakes and biscuits, all made from scratch.

BAKERY

Schat's Bakery & Cafe

Ukiah's fresh-baked bread for over 35 years.

QUIET SPOT

Vichy Springs Resort

A day pass, a mineral soak, and total quiet.

Outside

The whole point of this season is ending up outside for longer than you meant to.



TRAIL OR WALK

Lake Mendocino Blue Oak Trail

Gnarled oaks, woodpeckers, and lake views.

LOOKOUT

Valley View Trail

Climb Cow Mountain for views to Clear Lake.

PARK

Low Gap Park

Creekside trails and disc golf under the trees.

BEST PATIO

Patrona

Quiet Downtown street, covered and great drinks

With the kids

Weekends go easier when you already know where you're going. These are the reliable ones.



WEEKEND ACTIVITY

Ukiah Farmers Market

Saturday mornings on Alex Thomas Plaza.

PARK

Todd Grove Park

Make sure you bring cash for the ice cream truck!

TREAT STOP

The Nook

Ukiah's original artisan gelato, downtown.

DOG FRIENDLY

Great Redwood Trail

A paved, easy path right through town.

After dark

Evenings get better this time of year. Here is where I'd spend one if I had it free.



DINNER

The Beehive

A downtown favorite for a night out.

DESSERT

Paleteria Corazón Purépecha

Handmade paletas in bold, fun flavors.

DRINKS

Ukiah Brewing Company

Pints, pub favorites, and local music.

LIVE MUSIC

The Thirsty Axe

Live music, karaoke, and axe throwing.

When people visit

When someone is in town for a weekend, this is the short list I actually hand them.



FIRST STOP

Grace Hudson Museum

Art, history, and the Sun House on Main St.

THE ONE MEAL

Oco Time

Sushi, tempura, and noodles downtown.

THE VIEW

Montgomery Woods

Old-growth redwoods, west of town.

ONLY HERE

City of Ten Thousand Buddhas

Vegan lunch with peacocks strolling by.

EVERY YEAR

Traditions

The things locals look forward to every season.

Ukiah Country PumpkinFest

Downtown street faire, parade, and rides.

Scarecrow City

Scarecrows built by local classes.

Friday Art For All

Stop by Medium Art Center for fun art and music on fridays.

Ukiah Community Concerts

A new season opens every September.

Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off

Giant pumpkins hit the scale downtown.

Día de los Muertos

Altars, music, lowriders, and food downtown.

Saturday Farmers Market

Local harvest on the plaza every week.

Fall Races at Ukiah Speedway

Race weekends that run into October.



DON'T MISS THESE

The *Fall* bucket list

- ☐ A latte from Crepes Cafe
- ☐ Fresh bread from Knead A Knibble Farm Stand
- ☐ A Saturday at the Ukiah Farmers Market
- ☐ A Friday night Ukiah High football game
- ☐ The Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off
- ☐ Walk Scarecrow City at PumpkinFest
- ☐ Sunset from the Valley View Trail
- ☐ Paddle Lake Mendocino
- ☐ A mineral soak at Vichy Springs
- ☐ The redwoods at Montgomery Woods
- ☐ Sangria at the garden at Testa
- ☐ Lunch at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas
- ☐ Late Night at Patrona
- ☐ Race night at Ukiah Speedway
- ☐ Wine tasting in the Ukiah Valley
- ☐ Día de los Muertos on the plaza
- ☐ Ramen Cubed on the first cold night



Ten Things, *One Weekend*

☐ Clear the gutters

☐ Flush the water heater

☐ Fresh smoke detector batteries

☐ Clean the dryer vent

☐ Reverse the ceiling fans

☐ Swap the HVAC filter

☐ Check the weather stripping

☐ Shut off the outdoor faucet

☐ Walk the roof line

☐ Test the garage door sensors

WHO I'D CALL

The four numbers I give out most. Save them before you need them.

PAINTER

Vision Painting & Coating

707-291-5257

LANDSCAPER

Mello Landscaping

707-489-0928

HANDYMAN

Fabian Garcia

707-480-7699

HVAC

The Climate Co

707-479-1742



Need a different vendor referral or recommendation?
I've spent years building relationships with local businesses I'd genuinely recommend to family. Send me a message and I'll connect you.

WORTH THE DRIVE

Weekend trips

Mendocino

DRIVE TIME

About 1.5 hours west

KNOWN FOR

Coastal bluffs and village charm

WORTH THE STOP

Mendocino Headlands State Park

Anderson Valley

DRIVE TIME

About 45 minutes via Hwy 253

KNOWN FOR

Apple orchards and Pinot Noir

WORTH THE STOP

Tasting rooms along Hwy 128

Healdsburg

DRIVE TIME

About 45 minutes south

KNOWN FOR

Wine country dining and shops

WORTH THE STOP

A slow afternoon on the Plaza





Hey there, I'm Kasie Gray

UKIAH LOCAL REAL ESTATE AGENT

I love sharing about all the things that make Ukiah special. I hope you learned something new in this guide!

If you're looking for more local recs—check out my Instagram or send me a message, I'd love to hear from you!

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Let's talk

Thinking about a move before the year turns?
Start here.

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