

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN POLK COUNTY

MAY 2025

WELCOME CENTER



May 26 – June 1 | 8AM – 5PM

Hurricane Prep Week

Visit the Central Florida Welcome Center May 26 – June 1 for Hurricane Prep Week and receive a FREE hurricane preparedness bag that includes a hurricane shelter map, hurricane prep checklists and other helpful information for storms.



Every Saturday | 12PM – 5PM

Creative Together Artisan Market

Join us every Saturday at the Visit Central Florida Welcome Center for the Creative Together Artisan Market! It's the perfect opportunity to support local artists, find unique treasures, learn new things about Polk county, and enjoy a fun day with friends and family.

SPORTS

April 28 – May 3

Homeschool World Series

2701 Lake Myrtle Park Rd, Auburndale

May 2 | 7PM

Camp Margaritaville: Margarita Run 5k

361 Denton Ave, Auburndale

May 6, 13, 20, & 27

Lakeland Runners Club – Kids Run Club @ Bonnet Springs Park

400 Bonnet Springs Blvd. Lakeland

May 23 – 26

Prospect Wire Memorial Weekend Classic

2701 Lake Myrtle Park Rd, Auburndale

FOOD

May 3 | 5PM

7th Annual Wine & Cheese presented by Jarrett

Gordon Ford Davenport @ Tom Fellows

Community Center

207 North Blvd W, Davenport

May 8 & 31

Wine Tasting @ the Treasured Olive

52 4th Street Northwest Winter Haven

May 9

Brunch & Bloom @ What's Cooking Lakeland

6935 S. Carter Road #6, Lakeland

May 10 | 9AM – 10AM

Wings 'n Waffles @ Sun N Fun Expo Campus

4175 Medulla Rd, Lakeland

May 17 | 1PM

Caribbean Street Fest

3800 US Hwy 98 N, Lakeland



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ARTS & CULTURE

May 1 | 2PM – 3PM

Access Art: Special Needs @ the AGB

800 East Palmetto Street, Lakeland

May 3 | 10AM – 11:30AM

Terrarium Workshop with The Pottery Bench @

Bok Tower Gardens

1151 Tower Blvd, Lake Wales

May 6 & 13 | 7PM -10PM

Paint and Sip - Family Friendly @Kava Bar

8515 US Hwy 98 N, Lakeland

May 17 | 10AM – 12:30PM

Traveler's Flower Press Class with Claire Formilan

@ Bok Tower Gardens

1151 Tower Blvd, Lake Wales

May 17 | 6PM – 8:30PM

Cinéma Art Historique: Midnight in Paris (2011) @

the AGB

800 E Palmetto St, Lakeland

CAR

May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 5PM – 8:30PM

Lakeland Cruisers Cruise Night

997 E Memorial Blvd, Lakeland

May 3 | 4PM – 7PM

Lake Wales Car Show

200 E Park Ave, Lake Wales

May 3 | 8AM

Lakeland Cars and Coffee @ the Lakeland Linder

Airport

3900 Don Emerson Dr, Lakeland

May 28 | 6PM – 9PM

JEEP Night @ CRAVE

2250 Griffin Rd, Lakeland

May 31 | 9AM

Downtown Cars & Coffee @ The Joinery

640 E Main St, Lakeland





MUSIC & THEATRE

Tribute Tuesday @ the Ritz Theatre
May 13: Tribute to Whitney Houston
May 27: Tribute to Shania Twain

May 4 | 1PM
LSO Cookie Concert
111 Lake Hollingsworth Dr, Lakeland

May 7 | 6:30PM
Night at the Opry @ the Ritz Theater
263 W Central Ave, Winter Haven

May 9 | 6PM – 9PM
STELLA BEAT LIVE @ Balmoral Bar & Grill
124 Kenny Blvd, Haines City

May 16 – 25
The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe @ Theater Winter Haven
210 Cypress Gardens Blvd, Winter Haven

May 21 | 6:30PM @ the Ritz Theater
Daisy Fever
263 W Central Ave, Winter Haven



FESTIVALS & EXPOS

May 2 | 5PM – 8:30PM
Fire Festival @ Bok Tower Gardens
1151 Tower Blvd, Lake Wales

May 3 | 10AM
Watermelon Festival @ Bonnet Springs
600 Bonnet Spgs Blvd, Lakeland

May 3 | 10AM
Central Park Reserved: Heritage Day
1-35 4th St NW, Winter Haven

May 3, 4, 10, & 11 | 10AM – 6PM
LEGO Festival @ Legoland Florida
1 Legoland Way, Winter Haven

May 10 | 11AM
Sheryl's BreastFest - 10th Annual Music Festival & Cancer Benefit
4529 Harden Blvd, Lakeland

May 10 | 6PM – 9PM
AAPI Cultural Celebration @ Bonnet Springs
400 Bonnet Springs Blvd, Lakeland

May 10 – 11 | 9AM – 4PM
Mayfaire by-the-Lake Art Festival
100 Lake Morton Dr, Lakeland

May 10
Nuts About Nature @ Bonnet Springs
600 Bonnet Spgs Blvd, Lakeland



FAMILY FUN

May 1, 15, & 22 | 10AM – 10:30AM
Storytime @ the Larry R. Jackson Branch Library
1700 N Florida Ave, Lakeland

May 1 – 2 | 2PM – 6PM
Fingerprint Charm Walk-In Event @ Picassoz Art Cafe
4636 Cleveland Heights, Lakeland



POLK COUNTY



Avelo has flights from Lakeland (LAL) to many fun and new destinations! You can fly to New Haven, CT; Rochester, NY; Manchester, NH; Wilmington, DE; San Juan, PR; & Nashville, TN! Flights to Long Island, NY; & Grand Rapids MI start in June.



MARKETS & CRAFTS

Artisan Market: Every 2nd Sunday at Lakeside Village, Lakeland | 12PM – 5PM

Bartow Antique & Collectibles Market: Every 2nd Saturday in Downtown Bartow | 8AM – 1PM

Brew Hub Night Market: Lakeland | Monthly, check site for dates | 6PM

Buena Market: Lakeland pop up market | Check site for more information

Dixieland Night Market: Every 2nd Friday | Union Hall, Lakeland | 6PM – 11PM

International Market World: Every Friday-Sunday in Auburndale | 8AM – 4PM

Lake Wales Farmers Market: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday | 9AM – 1PM

Lake Wales Third Thursday Market: Every 3rd Thursday in Downtown Lake Wales | 4PM – 7PM

Lakeland Farmers' Curb Market: Every Saturday in Munn Park, Downtown Lakeland | 8:30AM – 1PM

Moonlight Market at Grove Roots Brewing Co.: Winter Haven | 6PM | Check site for dates

Paradise Market at Camp Margaritaville: Auburndale | Select Sundays | 9AM – 2PM

Sunset Market at Balmoral Event Center | Check site for dates.

Winter Haven Farmers Market: Every Saturday in Downtown Winter Haven | 8:30AM – 11AM

Winter Haven Saturday Market: Every 2nd & 4th Saturday in Central Park | 9AM – 3PM



REOCCURRING EVENTS

TUESDAYS

Story Time: Florida Air Museum | Tuesdays | 10AM

Tasty Tuesdays: Downtown Lakeland | 4:30PM-9PM | Every 3rd Tuesday

Trivia Tuesdays: Grove Roots Brewing Co., Winter Haven | 6:30PM-8PM | Every Tuesday

WEDNESDAYS

Family Game Night: Bonnet Springs Park Rooftop Bar | 5PM-8PM | FREE | Every 1st Wednesday

THURSDAYS

After Hours at the Museum & Curator Tour: Polk Museum of Art | 4PM-8PM | The museum hosts a curator tour at 6PM | Every 1st Thursday

Cookies & Convos: Florida Air Museum | 6PM-7PM | Speaker on aviation/aerospace | Aimed ages 7-10 | Every 1st Thursday

Lakeland Food Truck Rally: Munn Park, Lakeland | 6PM | Every 2nd Thursday

FRIDAYS

Bartow Friday Fest: Downtown Bartow Main St. | 6PM-9PM | Every 3rd Friday

First Fridays: Munn Park, Lakeland | 6PM-9PM | The 1st Friday of the month

Gallery Perspectives: Ashley Gibson Barnett Museum of Art | 12PM-1PM | An expert gives an in-depth overview a current exhibition. | Every 2nd Friday

Lake Wales Live Series: Music in Downtown Lake Wales | 5PM-8:30PM | Select Fridays

Winter Haven First Friday: Downtown Winter Haven | 6PM | Every 1st Friday

SATURDAYS

Birding on the Boardwalk: Bonnet Springs Park | Every 1st Saturday | 10AM

Caffeine and Gasoline: Bonnet Springs Park | 8AM | Every 1st Saturday

Docent Led Tours: AGB Museum of Art: | 11AM-12PM | Registration is required. | Every 1st & 3rd Saturday

Downtown Lake Wales History Walking Tour: Lake Wales History Museum | 10AM | 90 Minute Tour | Reservations Required | Every 3rd Saturday

Family Nature Walks: Bonnet Springs Park | 9:30AM | Mile long guided hike. | Every 1st Saturday

History Center Architectural Tour: Polk County History Center | 11AM | Every 3rd Saturday

Lake Wales History Bus Tour: Lake Wales History Museum | 10AM | 90 Minute Tour | Reservations Required | Every 1st Saturday

Nuts about Nature: Bonnet Springs Park | 10AM | Every 2nd Saturday

Community Marketplace: 9120 Teacher Lane | Every 2nd Saturday