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**Saturdays, May-October**, TD Saturday Market, Greenville, SC, [www.saturdaymarketlive.com](http://www.saturdaymarketlive.com)  
Sixteen years ago, a small-scale farmer's market began with 17-22 vendors on a side street in Downtown Greenville—the Saturday Market. Today, with some 75 vendors on the city's Main Street, the open-air market runs every Saturday morning from May through October. Choose from locally-grown fresh produce, gourmet food, fresh-cut flowers and artisan goods. Also, for the enjoyment of patrons, there is live music, cooking demos and educational kids' activities in the Lowe's Foods Front Porch area. New for 2019 is the Spuds and Sprouts booth, now a full mini-market for children.

**May 2, 2019**, Taste of Alpharetta, Alpharetta, GA,  
<https://www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/departments/recreation-parks/special-events/featured-yearly-events/taste-of-alpharetta>

Taste of Alpharetta is an annual tradition for festival lovers, families and food connoisseurs. Choose from more than 60 restaurants for your dining pleasure in Downtown Alpharetta sampling delicious appetizers, entrees and desserts from the town's top chefs. Also enjoy culinary demonstrations, activities for all ages and entertainment. While admission is free, guests will need food tickets (available at the Alpharetta ticket booth) as the restaurants do not accept cash. Don't forget the Music Stage with harmonic rock/folk/R&B bands and the Culinary Competition Stage which will pair top area chefs against one another. Play in the fun zones and party with Metro Atlanta radio stations.

**May 3-4, 2019**, Cameron Antique Festival - SPRING, Cameron, NC,  
[www.antiquesofcameron.com/](http://www.antiquesofcameron.com/)

Each spring this quaint village opens itself to about 15,000 shoppers within the half mile stretch of town where 300+ antique dealers from both in and outside of the North Carolina area converge for this two-day festival. Dealers set up in yard after yard and along the streets with their wares for sale (furniture, jewelry, cast-iron items, textiles, glassware and kitchen collectibles) and there are also about 10 antique and vintage shops mixed in as well. The event is free and takes place rain or shine. Refreshments and food are available through vendors, The Dewberry Deli and McPhersons Store.

**May 3-4, 2019**, Market Street Festival, Columbus, MS, [www.marketstreetfestival.com](http://www.marketstreetfestival.com)  
Historic Downtown Columbus is home to the Market Street Festival offering more than 225 arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, dozens of special events and family-friendly activities. Four stages accommodate over 20 musical acts and folks can also take in the car show, tractor display, a hands-on children's area, inflatables, high-powered swings, pony rides, a petting zoo, train rides and more. Join in the fun by dressing for the country and western theme and attending the kick-off—Market Street After Dark—a concert held on the banks of the Tennessee Tombigbee River at the Columbus Riverwalk.

**May 3-5, 2019**, Louisiana Pirate Festival, Lake Charles, LA, [www.louisianapiratefestival.com](http://www.louisianapiratefestival.com)  
Unique to the Lake Charles area, the Louisiana Pirate Festival is a celebration of the legend of pirate Jean Lafitte. The tale is that Lafitte docked his boat on the sandy shores of Lake Charles and buried his treasure somewhere along its banks. See modern-day pirates in full regalia on boats out on the lake, hear the cannons fire and bear witness to the capturing (and plank-walking) of the town's mayor. Enjoy the vast treasures of the Pirate Festival including carnival rides, games and live music. Galley Alley Food Area offers amazing food vendor booths, so bring your appetite. Other noteworthy activities include the arm-wrestling contest, costume contest, pirate parades, the Tour Lafitte bike ride and building your own pirogue boat. The event closes with spectacular fireworks over beautiful Lake Charles. Please note that this year the festival moves to one week versus two as in the past.

**May 3-5, 2019**, Westlake Family Fun & Food Festival, Westlake, LA, [www.visitlakecharles.org](http://www.visitlakecharles.org)  
Westlake Family Fun & Food Festival is a church bazaar turned three-day festival celebrating families, fun and food. The festival, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church, offers activities for the young and young at heart. Families may enjoy moonwalks, games and train rides for the kiddos as well as live entertainment, bingo, and both silent and live auctions. Yes, there will be food: gumbo, catfish, funnel cakes, sausage on a stick, boudin, crawfish étouffée and the famous Bosco burgers. Call the church for more information at (337) 439-6585.

**May 4, 2019**, 45th Annual Wooden Boat Show, Beaufort, NC, [www.beaufortwoodenboatshow.com](http://www.beaufortwoodenboatshow.com)

The 45<sup>th</sup> annual Wooden Boat Show is a special event celebrating the art of wooden boat building, the sport of boat racing, and the culture and history surrounding both. Dozens of handcrafted wooden boats (full-size and model) will be on display with many making their way from outside the state. This is the longest running boat show in the Southeast and a signature event for the Crystal Coast. The event is sponsored by the North Carolina Maritime Museum.

**May 4-5, 2019**, Cotton Pickin' Fair, Gay, GA, [www.cpfair.org](http://www.cpfair.org)  
Georgia's original AgriTourism Event is the Cotton Pickin' Fair which began in 1972 on the 189-year-old Gay Family Farmstead. Come celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> edition of the Fair with some 350 artisans of antiques, crafts, art and gourmet foods intermingled with historic buildings. Other features include music, puppets, folk dancers and magicians as well as traditional southern foods (sausage biscuits, BBQ, catfish and fried chicken). Bring the family and enjoy a day on the farm.

**May 7-11, 2019**, Wilderness Wildlife Week, Pigeon Forge, TN,  
<https://www.mypigeonforge.com/event/wilderness-wildlife-week>

Nature lovers, hikers and outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy Wilderness Wildlife Week where participants have access to free workshops, lectures, seminars, concerts, hikes and other activities that keep folks in touch with the great outdoors. Award-winning Wilderness Wildlife Week explores the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains of East Tennessee while promoting education, environmentalism and community outreach.

**May 11, 2019**, Carthage Buggy Festival, Carthage, NC, <http://www.thebuggyfestival.com/>

The Carthage Buggy Festival is a commemorative event celebrating the famous Tyson & Jones Buggy Factory that produced the carriages of yesteryear that were essential to life in rural North Carolina. Expect to find more than 125 food and craft vendors around the Historic Courthouse with music on the stage on the Courthouse steps. Enjoy lots of varied entertainment from cloggers to bands playing everything from gospel, country and bluegrass to Southern Rock. Don't miss the event's signature showcase of classic cars, tractors and antique carriages. While there, take a stroll around town for a look at Three Mural Trail—a series of murals by artist Scott Nurkin that are pertinent to Carthage and its heritage.

**May 11-12, 2019**, North Carolina Brewer's & Music Festival, Huntersville, NC,  
<http://www.ncbrewsmusic.com/index.asp>

What is the North Carolina Brewer's & Music Festival? It's a celebration of great music, the state of North Carolina and its craft brewing traditions. Enjoy this two-day event with live stage performances, food trucks and awesome brews. Bring your dancing shoes and experience local bluegrass tunes as well as national New Orleans style blues. Come out and enjoy the many different brewers and bands.

**May 11, 12, 18 & 19, 2019**, Rock City's Southern Blooms Festival and Founder's Day Celebration, Lookout Mountain, GA, [www.seerockcity.com/southernblooms](http://www.seerockcity.com/southernblooms)

In its 11<sup>th</sup> year, Rock City's Southern Blooms Festival and Founder's Day Celebration enjoys the beauty of southern blooms during this grand garden event. Learn about the legacy and heritage of the gardens by way of tours, demonstrations and festivities. Kids will love learning with educational flower craft activities and they'll find out what it takes to make a garden. During the Festival and Founder's Day Celebration, Rock City's original gardener, Frieda Utermoehlem Carter, will be honored. There will be delicious southern food and other entertainment as well. Note that Founder's Day weekend is May 18-19.

**May 15-19, 2019**, Orange Blossom Jamboree, Brooksville, FL,  
<http://www.orangeblossomjamboree.com/>

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Orange Blossom Jamboree, a multi-day festival filled with music, camping and family entertainment, features only performances by Florida bands, highlighting the musical talent of the Sunshine State. The 80-acre Sertoma Youth Ranch offers a serene venue and camping during the event where Dunedin Brewery is the main sponsor (proceeds from the locally-produced brews benefit youth programs at the venue). Bring the family and enjoy the festival features: art, workshops, nature walks, yoga, theme parties, a coolest campsite contest and "Kid Row."

**May 16-19, 2019**, Chesapeake Jubilee, Chesapeake, VA, [www.chesapeakejubilee.org](http://www.chesapeakejubilee.org)  
In its 36<sup>th</sup> year, the Chesapeake Jubilee continues to grow and add new family activities promoting community spirit through inexpensive entertainment. Additionally, visitors will find fun in the nationally-ranked Barbeque Cook-Off, carnival, arts and crafts, and fabulous fireworks.

**May 17, 24, 31 and June 7, 2019**, Downtown at Sundown - Outdoor Concert Series, Lake Charles, LA, [www.visitlakecharles.org](http://www.visitlakecharles.org)  
Over the course of four consecutive Friday evenings from mid-May to early-June, Downtown at Sundown, an outdoor music and art event, takes place. Come and enjoy music such as Cajun, Zydeco swamp-pop and classic rock along with food and beverage booths, tabletop galleries, art sales and activities for kids. The event serves as the main fundraiser for the Literacy Council of SWLA (they receive the revenue from beverage sales) and shows appreciation for local artistic and musical talent.

**May 18, 2019**, Asian Festival and Dragon Boat Race, Cornelius, NC, <http://www.charlottedragonboat.com/>  
This festival celebrates Asian cultures, diversity, ethnicity, roots and history through exploring the cultural heritage showcase, retail vendors, live music and dance performances, and exciting dragon boat races. Dragon boats will be coming from the greater Charlotte region as well as several states to compete along the banks of Lake Norman. Bystanders will get a glimpse of how to race and what it takes to win while the rhythm of the drum keeps the rowers on beat. There will be no shortage of vendors with signature dishes from various Asian countries and talented performers on stage during the Asian music and dance fest. This year the Asian Festival and Dragon Boat Race will support the Charlotte Rescue Mission.

**May 24-25, 2019**, Papa Joe's Banjo-B-Que, Evans, GA, <http://banjobque.com/>  
Celebrating 10 years, Papa Joe's Banjo-B-Que started as a tribute to local businessman, Joe Pond. Today, it's a top music festival in Georgia held over Memorial Day weekend offering a good mix of Papa Joe's favorite things: Bluegrass Music, Barbeque and community. The bands will be stellar as always (past artists include Willie Nelson, the Avett Brothers and Old Crow Medicine Show) and it's a Kansas City Sanctioned Barbeque cook-off as well with teams competing for more than \$40,000 in prize money. There will be some 50 craft beers on hand and lots for the kiddos to do. Proceeds will benefit the Joseph R. Pond Memorial Foundation which gives funds to various local causes.

**May 24-June 9, 2019**, Spoleto Festival USA, Charleston, SC, <https://spoletousa.org/>  
The Spoleto Festival USA is an amazing performing arts festival with 17 days full of events showcasing both established and rising artists in over 150 performances of opera, dance, theater, classical music and jazz.

**May 25-26, 2019**, Garden Jubilee, Hendersonville, NC, [www.visithendersonvillenc.org/garden-jubilee](http://www.visithendersonvillenc.org/garden-jubilee)

Hendersonville's premier lawn and garden show is the annual Garden Jubilee Festival—a one-stop shopping place for garden lovers. Held in Downtown Hendersonville, the two-day event has space for over 260 vendors offering a wide variety of items such as annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, hard-to-find plants, distinctive garden art, handmade lawn furniture, jewelry, garden tools, yard art and so much more. Visitors can also attend lawn and garden workshops and check out how-to exhibits as well as a hands-on kid's clinic plus a hospitality tent.

**May 25-27, 2019**, Alpharetta Arts Streetfest, Alpharetta, GA, [www.splashfestivals.com/events-festivals/alpharetta-arts-streetfest/](http://www.splashfestivals.com/events-festivals/alpharetta-arts-streetfest/)

Get ready for Alpharetta Arts Streetfest featuring more than 95 artists (some new) from across the U.S. Enjoy strolling through the outdoor gallery, meeting the artists or acquiring a whimsical new piece of art. Artists featured will represent many mediums such as mixed media, photography, pottery, jewelry, textiles, glass, wood, metal and paper. Also, there will be live music from Russ Still & The Moonshiners.