

# downtown events & entertainment

Items marked with an asterisk (\*) are presented free to the public. Information subject to change, please call or visit website to confirm. For more events, visit [www.chattanooga4fun.com/events/](http://www.chattanooga4fun.com/events/).

## **Bessie Smith Cultural Center** 423-266-8658 [www.bessiesmithcc.org](http://www.bessiesmithcc.org)

Open Monday-Saturday, closed Sunday. Visit our website for upcoming exhibits, performances and events.

## **Hunter Museum of American Art** 423-267-0968 [www.huntermuseum.org](http://www.huntermuseum.org)

Bluff View Art District • Open daily. Check our website for a schedule of changing exhibitions and events.

## **River Gallery Exhibits & Events\*** 423-265-5033 ext. 5 [www.river-gallery.com](http://www.river-gallery.com)

Bluff View Art District • Open daily. Changing exhibits monthly – Please visit our website for current artists and exhibits!

## **Main Street Farmers Market\*** [www.MainStFarmersMarket.com](http://www.MainStFarmersMarket.com)

Wednesdays Year Round, 4-6 p.m. (Winter 4-5 p.m.) • Corner of Main & Williams Streets  
Supplying the Chattanooga community with the freshest, tastiest, and healthiest locally grown and produced foods available in our region.

## **\*Sandhill Crane Festival** [www.TNWildlife.org](http://www.TNWildlife.org)

Mid-January • Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge • A chance for participants to watch these amazing creatures during their peak migration time. Along with the wildlife viewing and displays at the Hiwassee Refuge site, other programs and activities will be held at nearby venues.

## **Ruby Falls Lantern Tours** 423-821-2544 [www.RubyFalls.com](http://www.RubyFalls.com)

February – November, Friday nights • Ruby Falls  
Experience Ruby Falls in a whole new light! Limited size tours; reservations required.

## **\*River Market** 423-648-2496 [www.ChattanoogaMarket.com](http://www.ChattanoogaMarket.com)

April–Early December, Saturdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m. • Tennessee Aquarium Plaza  
Browse local farm produce in the morning; enjoy an arts & crafts market and live entertainment until close. Free admission and parking!

## **\*Chattanooga Market** 423-648-2496 [www.ChattanoogaMarket.com](http://www.ChattanoogaMarket.com)

Late April–Early December, Sundays 11 a.m.-4 p.m. • First Tennessee Pavilion  
Local is better at the Chattanooga Market! Featuring live musical entertainment every week. Enjoy open-air ambiance while you savor food from local eateries and shop for fresh produce, cut flowers, herbs, and handcrafted works by local and regional artisans. Free admission & parking.

## **Shamrock City** 706-820-2531 [www.SeeRockCity.com](http://www.SeeRockCity.com)

March 9-10 & March 16-17, 2019 • Rock City • Find the luck of the Irish at Rock City's Irish Celebration!

## **Fairytale Nights** 706-820-2531 [www.SeeRockCity.com](http://www.SeeRockCity.com)

Mid-March–Mid-April, Evenings 6-8 p.m. • Rock City • Where Dreams Come to Life!

## **Earth Dayz** 706-820-2531 [www.SeeRockCity.com](http://www.SeeRockCity.com)

3rd Weekend in April • Rock City • A naturally fun outdoor event!

## **Chattanooga Lookouts** 423-267-2208 [www.Lookouts.com](http://www.Lookouts.com)

April–Labor Day • AT&T Field • Southern League baseball

## **Southern Blooms Festival** 706-820-2531 [www.SeeRockCity.com](http://www.SeeRockCity.com)

May 11th & 12th, May 18th & 19th (Founder's Day weekend) • Rock City  
Celebrate the beauty of southern blooms during this premiere garden event!

## **\*Nightfall Concert Series** 423-265-0771 [www.ChattanoogaPresents.com](http://www.ChattanoogaPresents.com)

Memorial Day Weekend–September, Friday evenings 7 p.m. • Miller Plaza • Free concerts by nationally & internationally acclaimed artists.

## **Summer Music Weekends** 706-820-2531 [www.SeeRockCity.com](http://www.SeeRockCity.com)

Memorial Day–Labor Day, Friday-Sunday & Holidays • Rock City • Live music, great food and Birds of Prey Shows!

## **Rock City Raptors** 706-820-2531 [www.SeeRockCity.com](http://www.SeeRockCity.com)

Memorial Day weekend–Labor Day weekend • Rock City • Birds of Prey shows take flight each weekend. A unique learning experience high atop Lookout Mountain!

## **Riverbend Festival** 423-756-2212 [www.RiverbendFestival.com](http://www.RiverbendFestival.com)

June 7-15, 2019 • Ross' Landing • Local, national & international performers with a spectacular fireworks display on the last night.

## **\*Pops on the River** 423-265-0771 [www.ChattanoogaPresents.com](http://www.ChattanoogaPresents.com)

July 3, 2019, 8-10 p.m. • Coolidge Park • Enjoy a live patriotic concert featuring the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra & fireworks on the banks of the Tennessee River.

## **\*Riverfront Nights** [www.RiverfrontNights.com](http://www.RiverfrontNights.com)

July & August • Ross' Landing • A series of free, family-friendly evening concerts featuring a variety of music on the Chattanooga Waterfront.

## **Chattanooga Symphony & Opera** 423-267-8583 [www.ChattanoogaSymphony.org](http://www.ChattanoogaSymphony.org)

September–May • Tivoli Theatre • Performances with internationally renowned guest artists.

## **Railfest** [www.TVRail.com/pages/Railfest](http://www.TVRail.com/pages/Railfest)

September 8 & 9, 2018 • Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum • A multi-day railroad celebration over Labor Day weekend – for a full schedule of events and more information visit website.

## **IronMan Chattanooga**

### [www.ironman.com/triathlon/events/americas/ironman-70.3/chattanooga](http://www.ironman.com/triathlon/events/americas/ironman-70.3/chattanooga)

September 30, 2018 • Ross' Landing • Classic triathlon including a downstream swim in the Tennessee River. For full schedule of events and more information visit website.

## **Wine Over Water** [www.WineOverWater.org](http://www.WineOverWater.org)

October 6, 2018 • 5-8 p.m. • Walnut St. Bridge • Stroll the historic bridge while sampling wines from over 100 world wineries. Live music and sample fare from area restaurants. 21 yrs. up.

## **Rock City's Enchanted MAiZE** 706-820-2531 [www.SeeRockCity.com](http://www.SeeRockCity.com)

Late September–Late October • Friday–Sunday • Rock City's fall attraction at Blowing Springs Farm in the valley below Lover's Leap – a cornfield maze that intrigues adventurers, tractor-pulled hayrides, special events and more. Plus, scary Halloween fun weekends in October.

## **\*Hamilton County Fair** 423-209-6030 [www.HamiltonTN.gov/fair/](http://www.HamiltonTN.gov/fair/)

Last Weekend in September, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. • Chester Frost Park • Activities for the whole family—live entertainment, arts & crafts, food, blue ribbon competitions and more—kick off the fall season. Off-site parking; a small fee per person is charged for round-trip shuttle bus.

## **3 Sisters Bluegrass Festival\*** 423-265-0771 [www.ChattanoogaPresents.com](http://www.ChattanoogaPresents.com)

October 5 & 6, 2018 • Ross' Landing • Free music festival featuring top bluegrass names.

## **RiverRocks** [www.RiverRocksChattanooga.com](http://www.RiverRocksChattanooga.com)

October 5-21, 2018 • Downtown Chattanooga and outlying communities  
A month of adventure sports in and around downtown.

## **Ruby Falls Haunted Cavern** 423-821-2544 [www.HauntedCavern.com](http://www.HauntedCavern.com)

October • Ruby Falls • Once you're underground, no one can hear you scream! Ruby Falls' annual haunted event is not recommended for children under 10.

## **Rocktoberfest** 706-820-2531 [www.SeeRockCity.com](http://www.SeeRockCity.com)

Saturdays & Sundays in October, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. • Rock City • Get in touch with Rock City's German heritage! Rock City Square is transformed for a celebration of harvests and fall foliage with German music, beverages & food.

## **Fall Color Cruises** 423-266-4488 [www.ChattanoogaRiverboat.com](http://www.ChattanoogaRiverboat.com)

Last Two Weekends in October • Southern Belle • Enjoy the region's most spectacular fall foliage while cruising the Tennessee River.

## **\*Head of the Hooch** [www.HeadoftheHooch.org](http://www.HeadoftheHooch.org)

November 3 & 4, 2018 • Ross' Landing • One of the world's largest rowing regattas, with 2,000+ boats racing over two days; boasts the largest number of national and international entries per event of any major regatta.

## **Ice on the Landing** 423-265-0771 [www.IceOnTheLanding.com](http://www.IceOnTheLanding.com)

Thanksgiving–Mid-January, See website for hours. • Chattanooga Choo Choo  
All ages can ice skate under the stars in the Gardens at the Chattanooga Choo Choo. Special events, available for group rental; more information on website.

## **Enchanted Garden of Lights** 706-820-2531 [www.SeeRockCity.com](http://www.SeeRockCity.com)

Mid-November–End of December; closed Christmas Eve night; 6-9 p.m. • Rock City  
Rock City's annual award-winning holiday light extravaganza.

## **\*Grand Illumination on the River** 423-265-0771 [www.ChattanoogaPresents.com](http://www.ChattanoogaPresents.com)

Friday after Thanksgiving • Ross' Landing • A lighted boat parade, a singing Santa Claus performing with talented singers & dancers, and fireworks kick off the holiday season.

## **\*MainX24 Festival** [www.MainX24.com](http://www.MainX24.com)

December 1, 2018 • Main Street/The South Side District • 24-hour festival featuring entertainment, green living, fashion shows, parades, parties, music & motion. Santa will be at the Chattanooga Choo Choo.

## **Christmas Underground** 423-821-2544 [www.RubyFalls.com](http://www.RubyFalls.com)

Thursday–Sunday December 1-9, Daily December 15-23, 2018; 12-8 p.m. • Ruby Falls  
Bring the family to experience Ruby Falls decked out in seasonal finery during this special holiday celebration. Highlights include a magical journey to visit Santa and a glittering ice cave.

## **The Singing Christmas Tree** 423-622-1182

First weekend in December • Tivoli Theatre • A Chattanooga holiday tradition presented by the Chattanooga Boys Choir.

## **The Nutcracker** 423-870-1518

Second weekend in December • Tivoli Theatre • Tchaikovsky's Christmas classic presented by Chattanooga Ballet & Chattanooga Symphony.