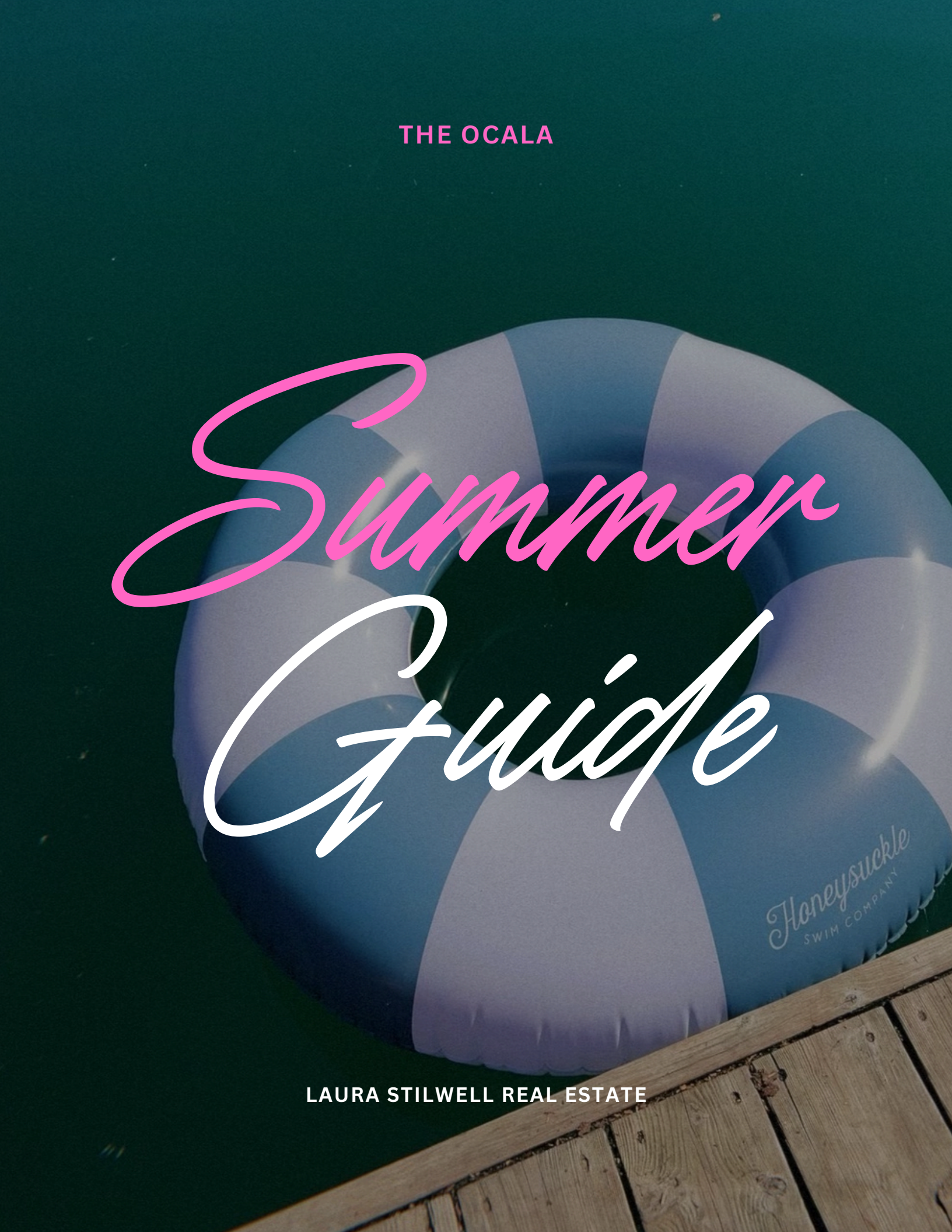


THE OCALA



Summer Guide

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Hey there, *I'm Laura*

I'm a Central Florida Realtor, mom to my daughter, dog mom to Opie 🐾, and a coffee lover who is always searching for the best caramel latte in town. ☕

One of my favorite parts about living in Ocala is everything there is to explore right in our backyard. From our beautiful natural springs and scenic trails, to local restaurants, coffee shops, parks, and hidden gems, there's always something new to discover.

After helping families put down roots here, I've learned that finding "home" is about so much more than four walls. It's the Saturday morning coffee runs, weekend adventures, favorite local spots, and memories you create along the way. I created this summer guide to share some of my favorite ways to enjoy Ocala and make the most of this season.

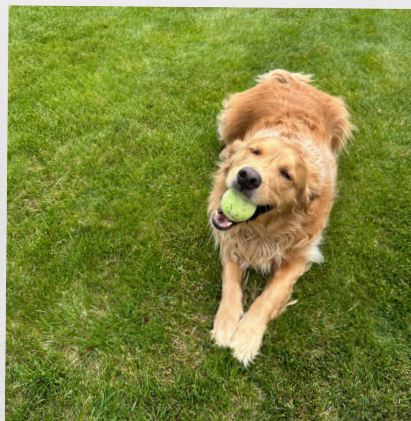
Hope you find a new favorite spot. ❤️

Laura

...a few things I love about summer in Ocala



sunset hangs at the beach



park hopping with Opie



Time on the Springs

SUMMER 2026

SUMMER *bucket* LIST



- ☐ Pick up fresh pastries from Magnolia bakery
- ☐ Pick strawberries/flowers at Amber Brooke Farms
- ☐ Catch a show at Reilly Arts Center
- ☐ Buy local at Ocala Downtown Market
- ☐ Try a summer brew from Infinite Ale Works
- ☐ Explore Sholom Park
- ☐ Pack a picnic for Silver Springs State Park
- ☐ Eat on the patio at The Yellow Pony at WEC
- ☐ Bike/Hike/Walk Santos Trailhead
- ☐ Wine tasting at Katya Vineyards
- ☐ Volunteer at Humane Society of Marion County
- ☐ Museum day at Appleton Museum of Art
- ☐ Attend Rock the Country at Florida Horse Park
- ☐ Attend Bull Bash Country Music Festival

SUMMER *eats* *and* DRINKS

COFFEE

The Gathering Cafe
Symmetry Coffee Co.
Chelsea Coffee Co.
BD Beans Coffee Co.

RESTAURANTS

Brick City So. Kitchen
The Yellow Pony
Harry's Seafood
Ivy on the Square

DRINKS

Bank Street Patio Bar
The Tipsy Skipper
Flying Boat Tap Room
Bank Street Patio Bar

SWEETS

Soleil Bakery
Sweet Treet's Ice
Cream
Magnolia Bakery
La Dolce Vita



NEW *and* *coming* SOON

The Remedy Dog Park – Ocala's premier full-service dog bar and restaurant. Features a 5,000-square-foot astroturf outdoor play area, a food menu for humans, and flexible day passes or memberships for pups.

The Forge: A massive, three-acre food and entertainment hub. It features a diverse range of international cuisines, multiple bars, and a two-story speakeasy style venue with DJ booths and private lounge areas

The Equestrian Manor: A newly opened, sprawling event and dining complex at the World Equestrian Center featuring exceptional restaurants like Genievieve's (Italian) and the Asian-inspired rooftop spot The White Willow

The Riding Academy Hotel at World Equestrian Center

A new boutique hotel experience expanding the WEC lifestyle with more ways for locals and visitors to enjoy Ocala's Horse Capital charm.

Shoppes Off 80th

New shopping and dining options coming to the growing SW Ocala area.

Hotel by Marriott Downtown Ocala

A new hotel project bringing more rooms, visitors, and energy to the heart of downtown.

New Chipotle Location

Another Ocala location planned as growth continues east.
Silver Springs Shores area



SUMMER *vacations*

STAYCATIONS

The Equestrian Hotel | Luxury
WEC weekend

Rainbow Springs | Tubing +
Swimming

Silver Springs State Park | Glass
bottom boats + kayaking

BEACHES

St. Augustine Beach | history +
beach + restaurants

Clearwater Beach | White sand
getaway

New Smyrna Beach | classic
Florida beach day

KID-FRIENDLY

Gypsy Gold Horse Farm

Petting Zoo Ocala

Jervey Gantt Splash Pad

UNDER 4 HR DRIVE

Orlando Theme Parks

Crystal River + scalloping season

St. Augustine



FARMERS *markets*

OCALA DOWNTOWN FARMER'S MARKET

403 SE Osceola Ave
Saturday 9-2

CIRCLE SQUARE COMMONS FARMERS MARKET

8405 SW 80th Street
Thursday 9-1

RISING HARVEST FRESH PRODUCE

8260 SW SR 200
M-F 9-5:30
Sat-Sun 9-3

MARION COUNTY FRIDAY MARKET

601 SE 25th Ave.
McPherson Field
Friday 9-2

THE MARKET OF MARION

12888 SE US Hwy 441
Friday 8-3
Sat-Sun 8-4



FOR the KIDS



CAMPS

Discovery Center

Ocala Recreation &
Parks

Appleton Museum Art

Florida Horse Park

Programs

ADVENTURES

Silver Springs Glass Bottom Boats

Easy Street Family Fun Center

Sky Zone

Shalom Park Scavenger walk

KID-FRIENDLY EATS

Mellow Mushroom

Elevation 89

Mojos

Gator's Dockside

CELEBRATE *father's* DAY



RESTAURANTS

Stirrups Restuarant

Hilton Ocala - Arthurs

Bistro

Brick City Southern

Kitchen

Impanema Brazilian

Steakhouse

ADVENTURES

Round of golf at Candler Hills Golf Club

Beer at Infinite Ale Works

The Canyons Zip Line & Adventure Park

Bike Santos Trailhead

LOCAL GIFTS

Gift certificate to The Lodge

WEC shopping + dining gift card

Golf Gift card

Professional shave at a local barber



Wishing you the best and blessed Summer in Ocala

I hope this guide inspires you to get out and enjoy everything Ocala has to offer this season.

And if you need help buying, selling, or relocating, I'm here to be a resource.

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REACH OUT!

Have questions about real estate in Ocala? You don't have to be ready to buy or sell to get in touch! Send me an email or schedule a call below.

SCHEDULE A CALL



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