

## Neighborhood Spotlight: Winter Garden

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*Current Scene:* Winter Garden has cemented itself as one of the most desirable neighborhoods in all of Greater Orlando. The town's location places it around prime infrastructure, making it a highly-practical settling spot for families and working professionals. In addition, the food and beverage scene has improved exponentially in recent years, attracting both in-and-out of towners from across Central Florida. A local farmers market every Saturday morning along with hot spot, Crooked Can Brewery, are musts on the frequent visit list. Properties are not cheap, especially the ones closer to Plant St., but there are values to be discovered.

*Local Hotspots:* Look for anything associated with Plant Street. That is, **Plant Street** itself where you'll find the awardwinning **Chef's Table at the iconic Edgewater Hotel** and new hot-spot **Whole Enchilada** (amazing rooftop bar) among the number of gems along the cobblestone strip. And it also means **Plant Street Market** where locals pack the house at Crooked Can Brewery while sampling the cuisine from the local vendors stationed inside the market.

Activities: Bike ride along the West Orange Bike Trail. Play a round of golf at the stunning Orange County National Golf Course. Shop, Dine, Workout at the Winter Garden Village. Take a ride to the West Orange 5 Movie Theatre in Ocoee. Visit the Oakland Nature Preserve.

*Infrastructure:* Well-connected to major highways, including the **429**, Florida Turnpike, and the **408**. Driving time to both the Disney and Downtown areas is approximately 20 minutes, while the airport is about 30 minutes.

**People who live here work in:** Just about anywhere within Central Orlando. It's fairly easy to access just about "everywhere" from Winter Garden.

*Great Perks:* New restaurants are continuously opening and they keep getting better and better. There's so much to do on west side of town these days that you don't really need to venture elsewhere for entertainment. The expansion in Winter Garden and surrounding cities seems as if it will continue for the foreseeable future, making it a relatively safe investment barring any unforeseen changes in market conditions.

**A look ahead:** Mainstream businesses opening in the area is a key sign of general expectation that Winter Garden will continue to grow in the years to come. As the population increases, so too, should property values. Winter Garden is a very cool place to live and I would advise just about anyone to consider living here.

Other areas you may like: Ocoee, Mills 50, Clermont, Lake Nona, Davenport