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As the leaves change and the air becomes crisper, it's a perfect time to prioritize your well-being. The fall season offers unique opportunities to care for your mental and physical health, helping you prepare for the winter ahead. In this newsletter, we'll explore three tips to guide you on your wellness journey this October.



#### **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES TO BOOST YOUR PHYSICAL HEALTH**

Fall's mild temperatures and beautiful landscapes make it an ideal season for outdoor activities. Here's how you can make the most of it:

- **Hiking:** Explore local trails and parks to enjoy the colourful foliage while getting some exercise. Hiking is not only physically beneficial but also a great way to clear your mind.
- **Biking:** Dust off your bicycle and take leisurely rides through the neighborhood or nearby trails. It's a low-impact activity that's easy on the joints and fantastic for cardiovascular health.
- Yoga in Nature: Consider taking your yoga practice outdoors. Practicing yoga in natural settings can enhance your sense of well-being and connection to the environment.



### MINDFUL EATING FOR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING

Fall is known for its delicious seasonal produce, and you can use this to your advantage for both mental and physical health:

- Pumpkin and Squash: These fall favorites are rich in vitamins and antioxidants, which can boost your immune system and reduce inflammation. Include them in your diet for a healthful autumn.
- Nutrient-Rich Soups: Homemade soups are not only comforting but also a fantastic way to load up on vegetables. Incorporate ingredients like sweet potatoes, carrots, and kale for a nutritious and warm meal.
- Limiting Sugar Intake: While it's tempting to indulge in fall treats, be mindful of your sugar consumption. High sugar intake can affect mood and energy levels. Opt for healthier alternatives or limit your sweet indulgences.

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#### PRIORITIZING SELF-CARE AND MENTAL WELLNESS

Fall can sometimes bring a sense of change and transition. It's essential to care for your mental health during this period:

- Create a Fall Self-Care Routine: Incorporate self-care activities into your daily routine, such as
  meditation, journaling, or taking warm baths. These practices can help reduce stress and increase your
  overall well-being.
- Stay Socially Connected: As the days grow shorter, it's easy to isolate yourself. Make an effort to maintain social connections with friends and loved ones, even if it's through virtual meetings or outdoor gatherings.
- Mindful Breathing: Engage in deep breathing exercises to manage stress. Try the 4-7-8 technique, where you inhale for 4 seconds, hold for 7 seconds, and exhale for 8 seconds. This simple practice can help calm your mind and body.



This October, make the most of the fall season by focusing on your mental and physical well-being.

Incorporate outdoor activities, nourishing foods, and self-care practices into your routine to ensure a healthy and balanced autumn.

By following these tips, you can prepare yourself for the colder months ahead while enjoying the beauty and serenity of fall.



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