



See the leaves change: 10 best New England fall foliage vacations

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Autumn in New England is a spectacular time to get outdoors and enjoy the colorful quilt of leaves that blanket the region. As temperatures drop and days get shorter, families on New England fall foliage vacations can expect weather tailor-made for fresh-air activities like hiking, apple picking, and old-fashioned hayrides. And the crisp fall nights are just right for warming up by a bonfire, telling [spooky Halloween stories](#), and gazing at the starry night sky.

Immerse in leafy landscapes in these beautiful New England towns perfect for your family's next fall foliage getaway.

4. Newport, Rhode Island

Famous for its Gilded Age mansions, Newport is the place to go for manicured gardens and a true bonanza of autumn color. Don't miss the 3.5-mile Cliff Walk, a coastal path weaving by mansions and shoreline, with a chorus of chirping birds as your soundtrack. Then head to Brenton Point State Park, located on the grounds of what was once a grand estate. Enjoy the native coastal vegetation and assorted small animals scurrying to prepare for winter. You'll build up an appetite after so much walking, and Newport's restaurant scene won't disappoint. [The Reef](#) serves delectable cuisine, including a special menu for kids, in a casual waterfront setting.

► **Where to stay in Newport on a New England fall foliage vacation**

Situated alongside Miantonomi Park with room to roam, [The Wayfinder Hotel](#) is a boutique property with a casual surfer vibe that suits the many families who come for New England fall vacations.