

15 Secret Places to See Fall Foliage in the U.S.

Make plans to leaf peep in these off-the-radar destinations nationwide.



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Summer's end signals the last days of warm weather in most areas. But it also means the return of fall's dazzling colors in full display as [trees begin to turn](#) for the season. You can plan entire trips around leaf peeping, whether it's heading to a national park for unimpeded foliage or planning a drive to take in the dazzling orange, red, and yellow hues that dominate the landscape. And while the pastime is popular enough to send crowds to well-known viewing destinations, there are still plenty of under-the-radar options for getting your fix. Read on to see which secret places in the U.S. experts say are the best to see fall foliage.

2. Providence, Rhode Island



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It's not surprising to see a Rhode Island destination on this list, but it *is* unexpected that it's not one of the state's famous seaside towns.

Providence is an especially perfect leaf-peeping destination for any budding arborists. The city's 435-acre [Roger Williams Park](#) was designed in 1872 by landscape architect **Horace Cleveland** "to create natural vistas punctuated by notable trees at every turn," according to the Providence Parks Department. (Be sure to download this [tree map](#) if you're planning a visit.)

"One iconic tree is worth the trip alone: The American Sycamore, with its beautiful yellow leaves and huge spreading limbs, [which] dominates the entrance to the historic Betsey Williams Cottage," they share. The 100-foot tree dates back to 1860 and is considered the most famous tree in Rhode Island.

"Other notable trees include the Scarlet Oak, which lives up to its namesake with deep red leaves, the Weeping Beech with golden bronze hues, Crabapple Grove, which features an assortment of amber tones, the Ginkgo with fan-shaped gold leaves, the Purple Beech with copper leaves, the Sweetgum with star-shaped orange and purple

leaves, and the Yellowwood with autumn seed pods contrasted with yellow leaves,” the Parks Department continues.

And don’t miss Civil War Veterans Grove, where 27 trees planted in a star pattern turn a vibrant orange color.

Just a short drive away in Bristol, Rhode Island, you can also visit [Blithewold Manor](#), a 19th-century estate set on 33 acres on Narragansett Bay. In addition to fall foliage, you’ll see a magnificent display of late-blooming flowers.