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Great New England Foliage Adventures Featuring Jousting, Waterfalls, and Hot Air Ballons

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Some folks think the best time of the year revolves around the winter holidays. On behalf of all New Englanders—and with the utmost respect—our fall foliage season is a contender. It's no surprise we have mixed emotions about the throngs of visitors. Mostly, we adore leaf peepers; we just ask for a little common sense—like don't park your car on a narrow, curvy road (with no shoulder). Otherwise, if you say hello in the coffee shop, we just might share some of our favorite New England fall foliage hidden gems with you. For now, here are a few favorites to kickstart your leaf-peeping adventure planning.

Providence, Rhode Island

Route 102, in Rhode Island, awaits those looking for a classic and oh-so-fabulous New England fall foliage drive. It's especially dazzling starting in [Blackstone Valley](#) and going through [Wickford](#) in [South County](#). Blackstone Valley—a short 20-minute drive from Newport or Providence—proves a surprisingly uncrowded foliage drive. Stop by any number of fantastic spots like the vibey waterfront restaurant [Tavern by the Sea](#), boutique shopping hub [Wickford Village](#), or [Wright's Dairy Farm & Bakery](#). Anchor yourself at the dog-friendly gem, [The Beatrice](#) in Providence, and be sure to get to the much-loved rooftop for the spectacular seasonal views.