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## Leaf Peeping: The Best Drives for Checking Out Fall Foliage

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The Wild Center's Wild Walk, in the Adirondacks, provides a perfect way to view the colors of autumn. Image: courtesy of the Wild Center.

As the leaves change colors, this fall is the ideal time to hit the open road. Timing is everything, but you can see fall foliage through early November. Along the way, there are plenty of landmarks and museums to capture your interest. With a bit of planning, travelers can make a day trip, an entire weekend, or put those vacation days to work with fall foliage excursions. Here are seven states along with route options that have great views ripe for an autumn adventure.

# Rhode Island

Take to the open road, this fall and spend some time exploring the Ocean State for foliage. Rhode Island provides the perfect getaway for those looking to enjoy classic New England fall festivities. The state harvests a cornucopia of fall activities and brilliant foliage throughout November.

**Blackstone Valley:** Explore [Lincoln Woods](#), where freshwater beaches are shaded by golden yellow and red trees. Enjoy some family fun in the "Apple Valley" with an abundance of family-owned farms where travelers can pick seasonal fruits or experience the 11-mile long Blackstone River Bikeway.

**Providence:** Prospect Terrace, a quaint park perched on a hill overlooking the city, is a perfect place to snap some photos and take a rest from walking. Then head to the ultimate fall experience at the Roger Williams Park Zoo, the annual [Jack O Lantern Spectacular](#), and view over 4,000 intricately carved pumpkins and gorgeous foliage.

**Where to Stay:** [The Beatrice](#) is Downtown Providence's newest boutique hotel located in the historic district complete with Ignazio Cipriani's first Bellini Restaurant and private rooftop Club in the New England region.

**South County:** Drive along the Ocean State's coastline through South County's quaint towns for leaf-peeping and fall exploration. Route 1 offers views along the coves and inlets, which are equal parts water and countryside foliage. Start in Westerly for a vineyard tour at Tapped Apple Cidery & Winery, one of Rhode Island's oldest orchards where apples are transformed into alcoholic beverages that taste like fall.

**Where to Stay:** The autumnal wonderland, The Preserve Club & Residences, welcomes fall like no other. Zipline through the foliage, explore the pumpkin patch at the Hobbit House, and book the [Safari Tent Scotch and Cigar Tasting Experience](#), for an imaginative pop-up dining experience.