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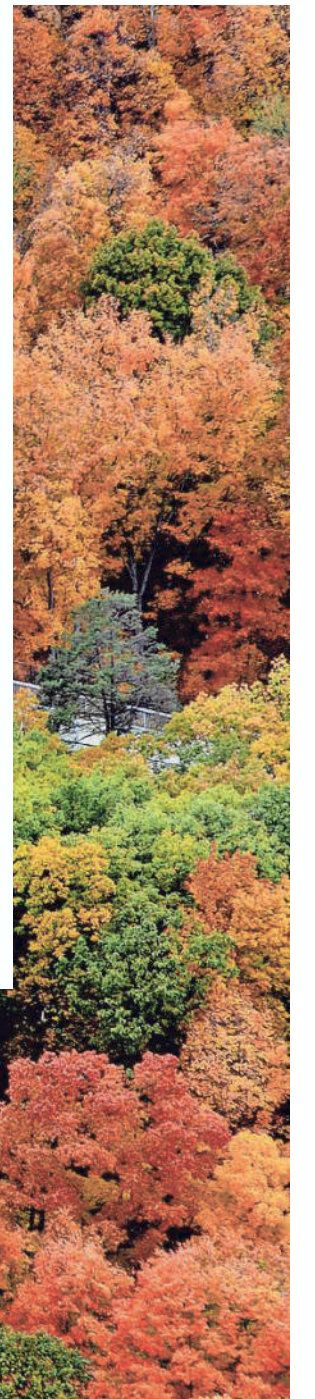
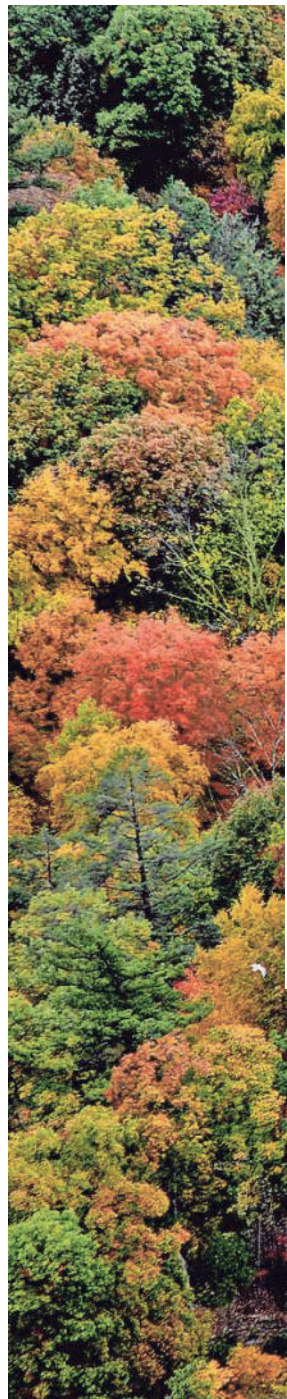
Try these spots for some of the best leaf peeping

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Those of us who love summer may not want to admit it but fall is around the corner. And that means leaf peeping. • But you've got to plan now if you want to catch Mother Nature's colorful show. Some of the best fall foliage starts in mid-September to late October. • Ideas on where to go follow, though if you're staying local, your best bet is to tune into I Love New York's Fall Foliage report at iloveny.com/things-to-do/fall/foliage-report.

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TOP: Fall foliage in all its glory can be found at Otesaga Resort Hotel in Cooperstown, nicknamed "America's Most Perfect Village." **BOTTOM:** Fantastic views await you from the Walkway Over the Hudson. **TOP:** PROVIDED BY THE OTESAGA RESORT HOTEL; **BOTTOM:** SPENCER AINSLEY/THE JOURNAL NEWS



Cincinnati museum celebrates art of commercial signs

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Tucked away in an industrial area of Cincinnati, the American Sign Museum is a hidden gem, dedicated to the art and history of commercial signs, as well as sign making.

"We're the largest public sign museum in the country," said Executive Director David Dupee in a recent telephone interview. "Our mission is to celebrate America's sign history through education and preservation."

Enter under the giant statue holding a welcome sign into a sea of neon lights. The museum – which saw 60,000 visitors in 2023 – covers more than 100 years of American sign history in an expanded 40,000-square-foot space.

As of July 13, the museum opened a new wing, doubling its size and utilizing the full space of the building.

Dupee said the expansion features an extension of the museum's Main Street, the main museum exhibit that recreates a nostalgic slice of Americana.



David Dupee, American Sign Museum director, stands inside the American Sign Museum in Cincinnati. ALBERT CESARE/ CINCINNATI ENQUIRER

"It really gives a main street, trip-down-memory-lane vibe," he said.

Along with the new signs along the Main Street extension, the new space will feature a 300-person event space, a classroom and a theater. Dupee said the theater is a recreation of an old-time theater that utilizes a marquee from New Hampshire. It can be used as an educational space as well as for pri-

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