Estimated peak viewing period is typically the 3rd & 4th weeks of October.

Cherokee National Forest, East Tennessee
November 8, 2006
Percentage of Current Fall Foliage:

Below 2000 Feet Elevation: **100% - Peaked; There is still sparse foliage left on some of the trees.**
Between 2000-4000 Feet Elevation: **100% - Peaked; Very little color left.**
Above 4,000 Feet Elevation: **100% - Peaked; Colors are gone.**

***Note**: Recent rain and strong winds have reduced the amount of foliage on trees in some areas.

Suggested Fall Foliage Viewing Routes (suitable for passenger vehicles)**:**

Southeast Tennessee:

Ocoee Scenic Byway: The first National Forest Scenic Byway in the nation lives up to its name in the fall of the year. The Byway is located in Polk County, and consists of segments of two roads. Seven miles of the Byway travel up Forest Service Road 77 to Chilhowee Mountain. The remaining 19 miles of the Byway follow U.S. Highway 64 through the Ocoee River Gorge and past the site of the 1996 Olympic Canoe & Kayak events.

Cherohala Skyway: The Skyway travels along U.S. Highway 165 from Tellico Plains, TN to Robbinsville, NC. This route offers spectacular views all along the way. The elevation of the highway reaches 5,000 feet in several locations.

Hiwassee River - Mecca Pike: From U.S. Highway 411 north of Benton take State Route 30 east to Reliance. This route follows the beautiful Hiwassee River. At Reliance take State Route 315 across the River and head north. At the intersection of Mecca Pike (State Rt 310/39) near Jalapa you will have two options. Turn west (left -Route 310) and head toward Etowah and Hwy 411. Or, turn east (right - Route 39) and go toward Tellico Plains.

Northeast Tennessee:

Greeneville - Newport: From Greeneville take State Route 70/107 southeast to where the road splits. Follow State Rt 107 south through Houston Valley and across Brush Creek Mountain to the French Broad River where Rt 107 ends at U.S. Highway 25/70. Turn west (right) and head toward Newport on Hwy 25/70 along the French Broad River.

Elizabethton - Roan Mountain: From Elizabethton take U.S. Highway 19E/321 east toward Roan Mountain and the North Carolina border. At Hampton you have the option of turning NE on 321 toward Watauga Lake and on to Mountain City via State Route 67; or travel east on Hwy 19E to Roan Mountain.

Bristol - Mountain City: From Bristol take U.S. Highway 421 east across South Holston Lake and through Shady Valley toward Mountain City.

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