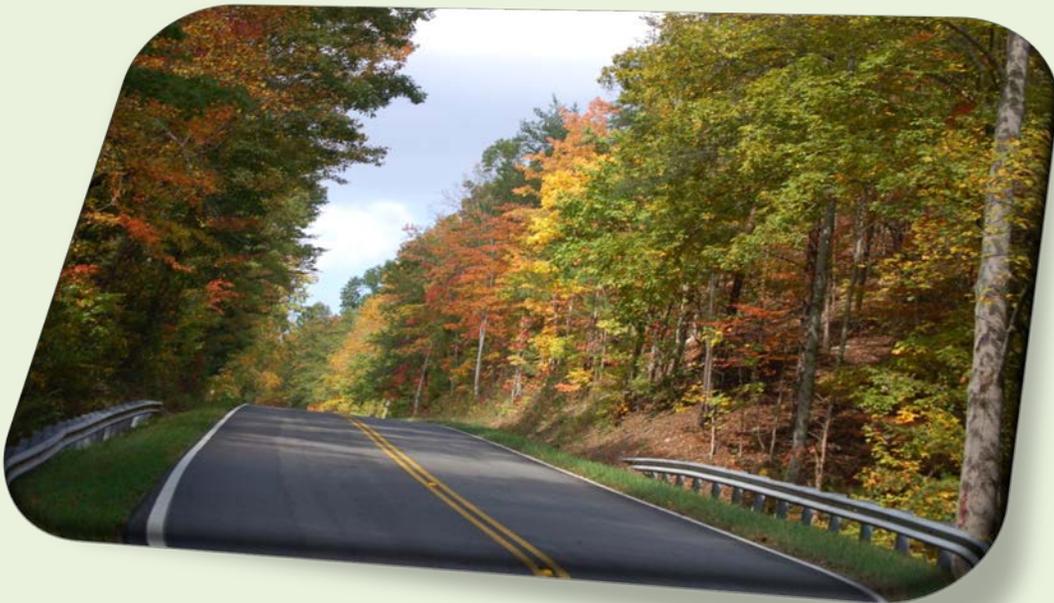


**US Forest Service – Southern Region
Cherokee National Forest Service
East Tennessee**

Weekly Fall Foliage Color Report



October 26, 2012

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**Southern Region
Cherokee National Forest - Tennessee
Weekly Fall Color Report – October 26, 2012**

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Color (or Expectation):



October 25, 2012

The peak of fall foliage color is here throughout most of the Cherokee National Forest.

Color at elevations above 3,000' has peaked. Color at lower elevations between 1,200' & 2,500 is at or near peak.

Wind and rain have caused some leaves to fall early throughout the Forest.

Recommended Viewing Routes:



October 25, 2012



Scenic Drives:

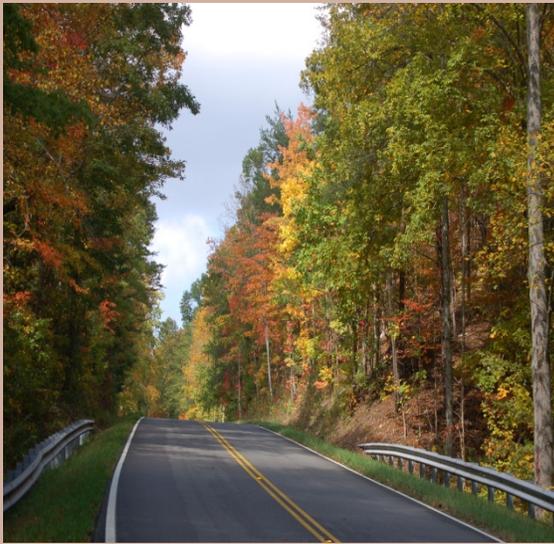
Visit the web site for details:

www.fs.usda.gov/activity/cherokee/recreation/scenicdrivinginfo





There are plenty of sights and sounds to take in while visiting the Cherokee National Forest. Just look up, down and around, you may be surprised!



Estimated Peak Period:

Peak viewing periods may vary from year to year & area to area.



Current Conditions:

Fall foliage color above 3,000' has peaked in most areas.

Colors at elevations between 1,200' and 2,500' are at or near peak. Colors in the valleys are at about 75% of peak throughout the area.

Things are changing rapidly. Don't wait too late to get out and take it all in!

Weather:



[Current weather conditions from the National Weather Service](#) are updated continually. Weather information is derived from National Weather Service data. [Chattanooga](#) [Knoxville](#) [Johnson City](#)

Remarks:



View of Sugarloaf Mountain and Parksville Lake from the Forest Road 77 section of the Ocoee Scenic Byway

Fall is the perfect time to visit many special places in the Cherokee National Forest:

www.fs.usda.gov/attmain/cherokee/specialplaces

Ocoee Scenic Byway

The first designated national forest scenic byway in the nation, the Ocoee, includes 26 miles of US Highway 64 and Forest Road 77. The section of the byway up Forest Road 77 to Chilhowee Recreation Area offers splendid viewing opportunities, especially during autumn. Take in long-range views of the Tennessee Valley and surrounding mountains. On a clear day you can see North Carolina, Georgia and excellent views of the Cherokee National Forest.

From US 64 the byway winds past Parksville Lake, through the Ocoee River Gorge and past the Ocoee Whitewater Center.

World class whitewater boating, mountain biking and hiking trails, a visitors center, the 1996 Olympic whitewater course, highly developed camping, and picnicking are a few features you'll find along the byway.

ENJOY YOUR VISIT!

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