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Eastern Region Fall Color Report

Report for October 30, 2013

[Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest \(WI\)](#)

Unfortunately, the 2013 fall color season has come and gone on the Chequamegon-Nicolet with the first snow-fall and freeze of the season. Now is the time to plan a trip for some fun winter recreational activities!

[Chippewa National Forest \(MN\)](#)

The end of fall color season is on the horizon, with most trees past peak. However, the tamaracks are now changing to a lovely golden-orange color and are the last to cling to their fall splendor. With the first snowfall of the season, it's just a matter of time till the trees assume their new hue- winter white.

[Hiawatha National Forest \(MI\)](#)

Though fall color on the Hiawatha is almost over, its magnificent finale is displayed in the colorful tamaracks scattered throughout the Forest.

[Hoosier National Forest \(IN\)](#)

The Forest likes fall so much that they're going to keep it around a little longer! Trees along roadways are aflame with bright yellows, oranges, and splashes of red from the maples. However, some trees are holding tight to their summer green with only minor changes in sight. Overall, the Forest's fall color is at 50 percent with peak expected within the next week or two. Now is the time to visit with lots of local festivals going on and beautiful colors to behold on a scenic drive or hike through the woods. Weather continues to be cool, so be sure to dress in layers for that hike or camping trip. Perhaps you will catch a glimpse or hear the loud honk of migrating geese as your shoes traverse a bevy of color scattered on the Forest floor.

[Ottawa National Forest \(MI\)](#)

Thanks to some blistering wind and snow last week, any colors hanging on are basically gone. Now's the time to dust of those skis and snowshoes and plan a trip to the Ottawa for a fun winter escape!

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Shawnee National Forest (IL)

The Shawnee may be small in acreage, but it's "large" with fall color! At its peak, sunrises and sunsets are bringing life to the golden yellows of the maple trees and the dogwoods crimson red berries. The sumac has changed from crimson to a deeper purple. Southern Illinois weather is moderate with cooler night temperatures. Now is the time to plan your visit to see the Forest's autumnal splendor!

Superior National Forest (MN)

Fall color has ended and the Forest is waiting for winter; however, it's actually quite a nice time to visit and enjoy the crisp air.

Wayne National Forest (OH)

The Forest believes peak color may have hit last weekend, but there is still plenty of brilliant gold in the Forest canopy and the beginning of russet in the oaks. It's still a wonderful time to come out and visit. Plan a scenic drive or hike to catch a glimpse of the full variety of fall color the Wayne has to offer. Be sure to dress in layers in order to stay warm while hiking, hunting or camping. Also, along with fall colors come crop harvesting – be on the look-out for farm equipment on back roads.

White Mountain National Forest (NH)

With the first plowable snow of the season on the Kancamagus Highway, prime foliage season is over. There are still pockets of understory color, especially in the lower parts of the Sandwich range (Rte 113A) and surprisingly in Evans Notch in Maine between the historic Brickett House and the height of land (Rte 113). The tamarack trees (the only northeast conifer to lose its needles each fall) are also brilliant yellow. Coincidentally, moose like same wet areas tamaracks do, so maybe you'll be able to get a picture of both! Snow currently covers all the higher White Mountain summits adding a nice contrast for late-season visitors. You can monitor how our foliage has changed since mid-September at: http://www.flickr.com/photos/usfs_eastern_region/sets/72157635728564184/