

Discover the Most Spectacular Places for Fall Foliage Across the Mid-Atlantic

(Mid-Atlantic Region, USA, August 11, 2017)- The Mid-Atlantic region is awash in a spectacular array of colors each Fall. Enjoy the brilliance of the changing leaves and season with scenic road trips, fall events, historic sites, and mountain hikes.

Members of the Mid-Atlantic Tourism Public Relations Alliance ([MATPRA](#)) have compiled a list of the best ways to witness scenic fall foliage this season in the Mid-Atlantic region. If you're interested in learning more about a specific destination or experience, contact the individual Destination Marketing Organization listed below.

Delaware

Delaware's Quaint Villages

Take a leisurely drive through Delaware's Quaint Villages' peaceful Amish country-side; along the way see farms, orchards and stop at a farmers market. Or take the 12-mile wildlife driving tour along the Delaware Bay at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge offering picturesque foliage for all nature lovers. *Delaware's Quaint Villages, Danielle Jonigan, [VisitDelawareVillages.com](#), djonigan@visitdelawarevillages.com*

Greater Wilmington

One of five nationally renowned garden estates in the Wilmington-area and part of the du Pont family legacy, Mt. Cuba Center offers 600-acres of mixed formal gardens, towering poplar trees, woodland paths, meadows and tranquil ponds all of which burst into a spectacular display of color during fall. *Greater Wilmington Convention and Visitors Bureau, Lyn Lewis, [VisitWilmingtonDE.com](#), lynlewis@visitwilmingtonde.com*

Maryland

Annapolis & Anne Arundel County

Autumn glory shines at the 340-acre Quiet Waters Park. Nature lovers stroll along trails that wind through colorful forests and grassy fields. Cyclists head for the 13-mile-long Baltimore and Annapolis Trail, and motorists choose an afternoon drive along the colorful country roads of southern Anne Arundel County. *Visit Annapolis & Anne Arundel County, Susan Seifried, [VisitAnnapolis.org](#), sseifried@visitannapolis.org*

Hagerstown

The stunning and natural beauty of Autumn peaks from mid to late October and leaf peepers can experience magnificent fall colors here in the foothills of Western Maryland. Begin at Sideling Hill in Hancock on I-70, and end on the Appalachian Trail's overlook at the Washington Monument in Boonsboro. *Visit Hagerstown, Betsy DeVore, [VisitHagerstown.com](#), betsy@visithagerstown.com*

Pennsylvania

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Whether you're soaking in the colors at Clarion County's Tournament of Leaves Parade, browsing craft vendors at Annual Bedford Fall Foliage Festival or riding a train through the mountains in Jim Thorpe during Fall Foliage Weekends, Pennsylvania is sure to dazzle with its lush fall landscapes. *Pennsylvania Tourism Office, Robin Tilley, [VisitPA.com](#), rtilley@tierneyagency.com*

Butler County

Visitors can drive along scenic country roads for optimum fall foliage views in Butler County, PA. For those who wish to experience autumn's glory in the midst of the outdoors, enjoy a fall foliage cruise on Lake Arthur or hike along the trails at Moraine State Park. *Butler County Tourism & Convention Bureau, Tiffany Hernandez, VisitButlerCounty.com, tiffany@VisitButlerCounty.com*

Central Pennsylvania

Trek to the top of Mount Nittany overlooking surrounding valleys, Penn State campus and their vibrant color. If you want an adventurous route, bring your hiking boots to Rothrock State Forest to take in the leaves changing in the Seven Mountains region, including from the top of Tussey Mountain. *Central PA Convention & Visitors Bureau, Andy Rupert, VisitPennState.org, andy@visitpennstate.org*

Erie

Fiery oranges and reds, warm browns, splashes of purple and radiant golds transform Erie, Pennsylvania into a dazzling display of colors. Ideal fall foliage views include Presque Isle State Park, historic Pennsylvania Route 6, Great Lakes Seaway Trail and Erie's sprawling countryside. For best views, visit us in mid-October. *VisitErie, Christine Temple, VisitErie.com, cvb1@visiterie.com*

Lancaster

In the heart of beautiful Pennsylvania Dutch Country, Lancaster County's fall foliage season is primarily late September through late October. Our Covered Bridge driving tours are an ideal way to see some of our best foliage and farmlands, while experiencing charming towns and villages you'll find along the way. *Discover Lancaster, Joel Cliff, DiscoverLancaster.com, jcliff@discoverlancaster.com*

Laurel Highlands

Frank Lloyd Wright's masterpiece Fallingwater is even more impressive when framed by the colorful fall leaves. Cantilevered over Bear Run, this landmark is an extraordinary work of architecture inspired by the beauty of the natural landscape, making it one of the best places to enjoy the Laurel Highlands' fall foliage. *Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau, Anna Weltz, LaurelHighlands.org, aweltz@laurelhighlands.org*

Lehigh Valley

Take in bright reds and vibrant oranges as you tour Lehigh Valley. A drive along the Covered Bridge Tour gives you scenic glimpses of seven historic structures dressed in their finest fall colors. Or, hike along the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor for stunning views along the canal. *Discover Lehigh Valley, Kaitie Burger, DiscoverLehighValley.com, kaitie@discoverlehighvalley.com*

Pocono Mountains

In autumn, the Pocono Mountains is ablaze with brilliant fall foliage. Stunning reds, oranges and yellows line the landscape as events and activities celebrate the season. There are endless ways to enjoy autumn in the Pocono Mountains, from fairs and festivals to tours, train excursions and outdoor activities. *Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau, Kelly Shannon, PoconoMountains.com, kshannon@poconos.org*

York County

Immerse yourself in fall foliage along the York County Heritage Rail Trail, where you can walk, hike or bike the 21-mile path from the Mason-Dixon Line to Downtown York. For a unique leaf-

peeping experience, hop aboard Steam Into History's replica Civil War-era steam engine and chug through the park. *York County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Andrew Staub, YorkPA.org, astaub@yorkpa.org*

Virginia

Alexandria

From a jog down the Mount Vernon Trail to a leisurely drive along the George Washington Memorial Parkway, there are plenty of ways to take in the season's most stunning colors while in Alexandria, Virginia. Alexandria is also home to more than 100 champion trees that transform in the fall. *Visit Alexandria, Leah Spellman, VisitAlexandriaVA.com, ispellman@visitalexva.com*

Charlottesville & Albemarle County

Charlottesville & Albemarle County boasts an impressive and breathtaking fall foliage display every year. Visitors can enjoy the stunning colors at nearby Shenandoah National Park, on Grounds at the University of Virginia, the historic pedestrian Downtown Mall, or even at the homes of former Presidents Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe. *Charlottesville Albemarle Convention & Visitors Bureau, Bri Warner, VisitCharlottesville.org, warnerb@charlottesville.org*

Fairfax County

For a unique and memorable perspective of the area's triumphant array of fall colors, drive to George Washington's Mount Vernon on one of America's most scenic historical byways, plot a hike along the Potomac River at Great Falls Park, or paddle a kayak out on one of the picturesque lakes. *Visit Fairfax, Ali Morris, FXVA.com, amorris@fxva.com*

Hampton

Some of the most beautiful fall colors on the Chesapeake Bay are found at Hampton's historic Fort Monroe National Monument. The picturesque live oaks are best viewed from inside the moat. There you'll find the Algernourne Oak, estimated to be nearly 500 years old, along the parade grounds. *Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau, Elizabeth Severs, VisitHampton.com, elizabeth.severs@hamptoncvb.com*

Harrisonburg

Fall is one of the most beautiful times of the year to visit Harrisonburg, Virginia. The Edith J. Carrier Arboretum invites you to step into a world of natural beauty. Find a comfortable spot to sit in the gardens or take in the serenity of the winding trails. *Harrisonburg Tourism, Jessica Williams, VisitHarrisonburgVA.com, jessica.williams@harrisonburgva.gov*

Lexington & Rockbridge Area

Bright foliage is the backdrop for adventure in the Shenandoah Valley. Top destinations include the Appalachian Trail, Blue Ridge Parkway, and the jumbled boulders at Devils Marblyard, where beauty and geology collide. Anglers and paddlers can enjoy autumn floats and camping on the James River, a Virginia Scenic River. *Lexington & Rockbridge Area Tourism, Patty Williams, LexingtonVirginia.com, marketing@lexingtonvirginia.com*

Loudoun County

Escape to Virginia's famed wine country to enjoy the changing colors by land, air, or water. Bike the W&OD Trail then savor the views from a winery, get a bird's eye view of the countryside at Empower Adventures' zipline course, or kayak to see the colors along the shoreline. *Visit Loudoun, Jen Sigal, VisitLoudoun.org, sigal@visitloudoun.org*

Newport News

It won't be long before the leaves on our trees turn a magnificent orange, red and yellow. Nothing compares to the color of autumn at its peak, so get outside and enjoy the great outdoors in Newport News Park, a 7,711-acre oasis in the middle of a large metropolitan city. *Newport News Tourism Development Office, Rebecca Cutchins, Newport-News.org, rcutchins@nnva.gov*

Prince William County & Manassas

Just 30 miles outside of D.C., experience photographic foliage kayaking on the Occoquan River or hike through Prince William Forest National Park. Sit back and sip hand-crafted Virginia wine at the base of the Bull Run Mountains or enjoy a craft beer at the Farm Brewery at Broad Run. *Discover Prince William & Manassas, VA, Nicole Warner, DiscoverPWM.com, nwarner@discoverpwm.com*

Richmond

For prime fall foliage scenery in Richmond, check out Libby Hill Park - which has the view that named Richmond (due to the resemblance of Richmond upon the Thames in England.). This beautiful park overlooks the James River and is located in the historic Church Hill neighborhood. *Richmond Region Tourism, Meghan Gearino, VisitRichmondVA.com, mgearino@visitrichmondva.com*

Virginia's Blue Ridge

Escape to Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains for the first time this fall on Amtrak passenger rail! Go mountain biking beneath a majestic fall foliage canopy, enjoy a scenic drive along the Blue Ridge Parkway and top it all off with a local seasonal brew. Plan your metro-mountain escape. *Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge, Taylor Ricotta, VisitVBR.com, tricotta@visitvbr.com*

West Virginia

Pocahontas County

From winding mountain roads to gentle curves that lay in valleys below, there is no better place to take in autumn than Pocahontas County! Cruise along Highland Scenic Highway Route 150, Route 39 or US 219 and catch a glimpse of peak fall foliage in Nature's Mountain Playground! *Pocahontas County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Chelsea Walker, NaturesMtnPlayground.com, cwalker@pocahontascountywv.com*