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IT'S TIME TO LEAVE SUMMER BEHIND

New England's fall kaleidoscope can be seen from so many points of view

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The way to truly appreciate New England's fall foliage is to get out where the colors surround you, where the rich smell of autumn air fills your lungs, where you can reach out and touch the textured bark of the trees, hear the wind and watch views change at the relaxed pace of human-powered travel.

There's plenty of time to enjoy the spectacle. Trees are already showing wonderful splashes of color in New England's North Country, with northern Vermont, New Hampshire and the western mountains of Maine well on their way to peak. And it will be after Halloween before the last of the colors fade in south-eastern Massachusetts, Rhode Island and the Connecticut coastline.

Tracking the Color

MASSACHUSETTS: www.mass-vacation.com. Berkshires specific foliage report at www.berkshires.org; 800-237-5747

CONNECTICUT: www.CTvisit.com; 800-Ctvisit; foliage-specific info at www.dep.state.ct.us/updates/foliage

MAINE: www.maine.gov/doc/foliage/; foliage hotline: 888-MAINE-45

NEW HAMPSHIRE: www.visitnh.gov/harvest; foliage hotline: 800-258-3608

RHODE ISLAND: www.visitrhodeisland.com; 800-556-2484.

VERMONT: www.800-vermont.com/seasons/fall.asp; foliage hotline: 800-Vermont

Also see: www.yankeefoliage.com



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Take a hike – and you just might find a view like this from which to take in the colorful New England foliage.

show, live music and a children's area.
INFO: Kingdom Trails Association in East Burke, Vt., (802-626-0737; www.kingdomtrails.org) gives good biking information and links to area lodging.

HIKING: Carrabasset Valley, Maine
WHEN: Now to late September

From the treeless top of Sugarloaf Mountain you can see all the way from

