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### **N.H. expecting big Columbus Day Weekend**

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CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - New Hampshire tourism officials are looking for a huge Columbus Day Weekend.

A report by the Institute for New Hampshire Studies predicts almost 600,000 visitors -- an increase of 1% over last year's record Columbus Day holiday.

Many of the visitors will come to see the colorful fall foliage, and the state forecasts they will be spreading around a lot of green. The study predicts visitors will spend more than \$97 million during the weekend, about three percent more than last year.

During the year, most visitors typically are from the Northeast, but fall foliage attracts visitors from all regions of the country and around the world.

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