

Fall Colour Progression Report



Ontario is the premier destination to witness the annual autumn spectacle of summer leaves changing to rich and vibrant shades of red, orange, and yellow. It's also harvest time - a perfect time to discover local flavours at farmers markets, orchards and pumpkin patches. Learn about great scenic lookouts, fall driving and hiking tours, and where leaves are changing across the province. The Fall Colour Progression Report is produced weekly and posted on www.ontariotravel.net from early September to late October and is designed to help you discover the best of Ontario's ever-changing fall landscape.

Thursday, October 31 – This week southern regions of Ontario are recording PEAK colour! Beautiful colour can be seen across province including in areas recording leaf fall. Check back weekly for updates on where you can see this annual phenomenon in Ontario.

Toronto & Area

High Park, Toronto

Percentage of Colour Change: PEAK with 50% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: bright yellow and orange

Best way to view colours: Park near the [High Park Nature Centre](#) and walk to OURSpace (located directly behind the Centre). OURSpace is open 24/7 and is free to the public. It features an accessible path, interpretive stops with accompanying signage, and our native savannah gardens. The space may need to be shared with High Park Nature Centre programs as we use this space as an outdoor classroom.

York Region

Percentage of Colour Change: PEAK with 30% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: red, orange and yellow

Durham Region

Percentage of Colour Change: 90% with 10% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: bright orange and lots of rich yellows; some strong pops of brilliant red

Headwaters Region

Percentage of Colour Change: PAST PEAK with 10% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: bright reds, oranges and yellows - sunset colours! Some rusty colours, too.

Eastern Ontario

Prince Edward Country

Percentage of Colour Change: PEAK with 30% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: bright yellow, red and orange

Best way to view colours: Sophiasburgh is all about the back roads. Sit back, relax and take in the last of the colour that Fall has to offer. County Road 15 follows the Bay of Quinte shoreline with some seriously stunning water views. Follow County Road 15 to County Road 5 for a loop of Sophiasburgh. The [Demorestville Conservation](#) Area on County Road 14 has a 3km walking trail. See all the reasons to check out Sophiasburgh, [here](#).

Ottawa Area

Percentage of Colour Change: PEAK with very little leaf fall

Predominant Colours: orange, yellow and red

Best way to view colours: See the fall colours by visiting [Rideau Canal](#), [Gatineau Park](#), [Cumberland, Rockcliffe Park](#), and the [Dominion Arboretum](#). It's also a nice time enjoy the [Fall Rhapsody](#) in Canada's Capital Region.

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Central Ontario

Haliburton Highlands

Percentage of Colour Change: PEAK

Predominant Colours: bright orange and yellow

Best way to view colours: Explore [Buttermilk Falls](#) during peak colour season to see beautiful fall colours.

Simcoe County

Percentage of Colour Change: PAST PEAK with 30% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: orange and yellow with pockets of red

Best way to view colours: Hike one of the many trails at [Hardwood Ski and Bike](#). Enjoy the sights from the viewing platform at the top of the Lookout Trail at [Earl Rowe Provincial Park](#). Or tour one of many [hiking](#) or [cycling](#) or [driving](#) trails in [Ontario's Lake Country](#).

Kawartha Lakes

Percentage of Colour Change: 20% PAST PEAK with 30% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: some yellow and orange

Best way to view colours: Take a drive on Hwy 35 to Hwy 7A, turn East towards Bethany. In Bethany, turn north onto Ski Hill Road (Cty Rd 38) and drive to Omeme (Hwy7).

Muskoka

Percentage of Colour Change:

Gravenhurst: PAST PEAK - 60% leaf fall; bareness on branches; colour fading

Bracebridge: PAST PEAK - 60% leaf fall; bareness on branches; colour fading

Huntsville/Lake of Bays: PAST PEAK - 100% leaf fall; trees almost bare; very little colour remaining

Bala: PAST PEAK - 100% leaf fall; trees almost bare; very little colour remaining

Georgian Bay: PAST PEAK - 60% leaf fall; bareness on branches; colour fading

Best way to view colours: Pick up a Muskoka Map from [Muskoka Tourism](#) and follow one of the six great driving tours. Or enjoy the views from one of these Fall lookouts: [Lions Lookout in Huntsville](#), [Huckleberry Rock near Port Carling](#) and the [Dorset Fire Tower in Dorset](#).

Top roads to drive in the Fall:

- Muskoka Rd 17 from Gravenhurst to Bracebridge, you could stop at Muskoka Beach for a gorgeous view of Lake Muskoka, sections of the road are like a canopy.
- Hwy 117 to Baysville and Dorset, stop and walk along the river in the park then to Dorset to the Lookout Tower.
- HWY 118 east Bracebridge to Hwy 35.
- Muskoka Rd 13 Severn Bridge to Torrance is a winding road, with lots of maple trees, stop and hike through the Torrance Barren.

Parry Sound:

Percentage of Colour Change: PAST PEAK with 20% leaf fall in Nobel, McKellar, Carling, Dunchurch, Rosseau, Orrville, Humphrey and Pointe Au Baril

Best way to view colours: Enjoy the fall colours while cycling or hiking the many trails in the Parry Sound area; Park to Park Trail, Rotary Algonquin Regiment Waterfront Trail, Twin Points Trail, Lynx Loop Trail, Balsam Trail, Rose Point Trail, Whitestone Lake Trail, Clear Lake Trail, Humphrey Nature Trails or a Rosseau Self Guided Walking Tour. Bike rentals and bike maps available at Parry Sound Bikes.

Top roads to drive in the Fall:

- Tally Ho Swords Road: This is a connector between the village of Orrville in the north and the village of Rosseau in the south – both in Seguin Township
- Highway 141: A connector between the villages of Rosseau in Seguin Township and Windermere
- Highway 124: This is a connector between Town of Parry Sound through, Wuabmik, McKellar and Dunchurch

Grey County

Percentage of Colour Change: PAST PEAK with 50% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: still some great pockets of colour to see

Best way to view colours: Check out these [fall colour driving tours](#); part of the Apple Harvest Festival

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Niagara Region

Niagara Falls

Percentage of Colour Change: 70% with 10% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: colour has advanced; most trees are a subtle red, yellow and orange; several trees have changed to bright red or vibrant red

Best way to view colours: Take a drive along the Niagara Parkway from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Fort Erie, or along RR 81 from West St. Catharines to Stoney Creek.

Southwestern Ontario

Centre Wellington (Fergus and Elora)

Percentage of Colour Change: PAST PEAK with 60% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: pockets of orange and yellow

Best way to view colours: It's a great time of year to enjoy a fall hike at the [Elora Gorge](#).

Leamington – Essex County

Percentage of Colour Change: 30% change with 10% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: green still showing with some dull yellow and some red

Best way to view colours: Enjoy the changing colours along Hwy 3 and County Road 18

Northern Ontario

Thunder Bay Area

Percentage of Colour Change: PAST PEAK with close to 100% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: very little colour left; some larches still have bright yellow/gold needles but those are decreasing daily

Best way to view colours: The larches are the only seasonal colour-change vegetation left to observe. Local roadways and hiking/walking trails provide opportunities to view the larches before the remainder of their needles are shed.

Sault Ste. Marie / Agawa Canyon

Percentage of Colour Change: PAST PEAK with 90% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: some yellow and gold

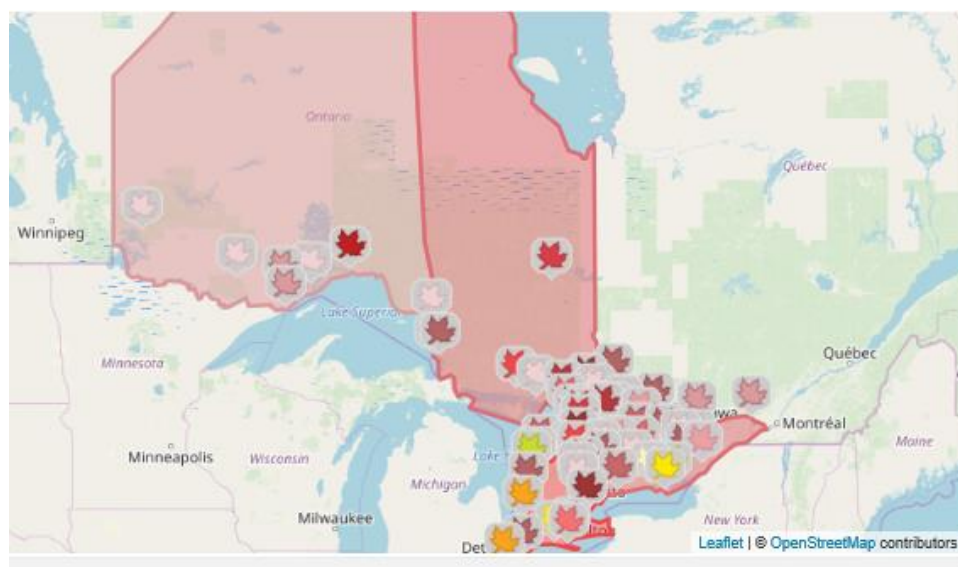
Best way to view colours: Visit Lake Superior Park, around Old Woman Bay and the Nokomis Hiking Trail to view some nice yellow and gold mixed with green from the white birch and poplar.

Northeastern Ontario

Percentage of Colour Change: 100% colour change with 70% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: some yellow left with small amounts of orange

Ontario Provincial Parks



The colour of the leaf icon is representative of each specific park

As of October 30: Most Ontario Provincial Parks are reporting 100% colour change this week. For a complete Ontario Parks report please visit the official [Ontario Parks Fall Reporting](#) page.