

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 September to November and is designed to help you discover the best of Ontario's ever-changing fall landscape.

Thursday, November 1, 2018 – Many regions are experiencing significant leaf fall this week but you can still enjoy fall colours in some southern regions of the province.

Southwestern Ontario

Wellington County - Fergus / Elora

Percentage of Colour Change: past peak, 80% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: mostly yellow with some pockets of dull red

Best way to view colours: The Victoria Park trail along the top of the [Elora Gorge](#) is still open with clear views to the bottom because of the leaf fall

Lambton County

Percentage of Colour Change: 60 - 70% change with significant leaf fall

Predominant Colours: bright patches of colour

Best way to view colours: The [St. Clair River Parkway](#) and country roads are perfect for viewing the fall colour.

Essex County - Leamington

Percentage of Colour Change: 50% change with minimal leaf fall

Predominant Colours: mostly dull reds and yellows

Best way to view colours: [Point Pelee National Park](#) is a great way to enjoy nature in Essex County.

Niagara Region

Niagara Region / Niagara Falls

Percentage of Colour Change: 30 - 40% change with minimal leaf fall

Predominant Colours: orange, red, yellow

Best way to view colours: [Beamer Memorial Conservation Area](#) offers one of Niagara's most breathtaking and panoramic views of the Niagara Escarpment and Lake Ontario. Take a drive on the Niagara Parkway from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Fort Erie or view the sights from the [Brock's Monument](#) in Queenston Heights Park. [Balls Falls Conservation Area](#) and [Dufferin Islands Niagara Falls](#) are two more great locations to see the changing landscape.

Toronto & Area

York Region

Percentage of Colour Change: past peak, 40% leaf loss

Predominant Colours: rusty orange and dull yellow

Best way to view colours: Enjoy the fall colours along the self-guided [York Temperance and Temptation route](#).

Durham Region

Percentage of Colour Change: past peak, 40% leaf loss

Predominant Colours: dark orange and pomegranate red

Best way to view colours: Enjoy the fall colours along the self-guided [Durham Temperance and Temptation route](#).

Toronto & Area (continued)

Headwaters Region

Percentage of Colour Change: past peak, 50 - 60% leaf loss

Predominant Colours: dark yellow, rusty orange; mostly dull colours

Best way to view colours: Take a stroll through quaint and beautiful [Downtown Erin](#) and combine that last glimpse of fall colour with a jump start on your holiday shopping!

Fall Events:

- [Headwaters Taste of the Harvest](#), until November 4

Caledon Area

Percentage of Colour Change: past peak, 50 - 60% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: colour is fading

Best way to view colours: Check out these [suggested itineraries](#) or visit a local conservation area: [Terra Cotta Conservation Area](#), [Glen Haffy Conservation Area](#), [Albion Hills Conservation Area](#), [Belfountain Conservation Area](#) and [Forks of the Credit Provincial Park](#).

Toronto

Percentage of Colour Change: past peak, 20 - 30% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: colours are fading

Best way to view colours: Take a trip to the top of the [CN Tower](#) to enjoy a bird's eye view of the city, or enjoy one of [Toronto's Discovery Walks](#) - a program of self-guided walks that link city ravines, parks gardens, beaches and neighbourhoods.

High Park, Toronto

Percentage of Colour Change: past peak, 30% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: predominantly yellow and orange; small patches of red; barely any green left and several trees have lost their leaves entirely

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.

Burlington – Royal Botanical Garden

Percentage of Colour Change: 70 - 80%

Predominant Colours: some green leaves are still visible but now large pockets of fall colour can be observed including fractal patterns in varying shades of yellow, red, orange, scarlet, vermillion, magenta, brown and purple

Best way to view colours: All garden areas and the Niagara Escarpment look fantastic so it's a great time for leaf peeping. The best locations for viewing are at [The Arboretum](#), and in the natural areas at the [Escarpment Sanctuaries](#), [Cootes Paradise Trails](#), and the [Hendrie Valley Sanctuary](#).

Eastern Ontario

Prince Edward County

Percentage of Colour Change: past peak, 50% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: colour is fading

Best way to view colours: It's still a nice time of year to visit local conservation areas and [Sandbanks Provincial Park](#).

Cornwall / Thousand Islands / Kingston

Percentage of Colour Change: past peak, 70% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: colour is fading; bareness on branches

Best way to view colours: Visit the [Cooper Marsh Conservation Area](#) and Visitor's Centre. Follow the wetland boardwalks to explore the marsh and isolated ponds. Climb the viewing platforms and visit the viewing blinds to enjoy more than 130 species of birds that call Cooper Marsh their home.

Ottawa Area

Percentage of Colour Change: 70% change, 80% leaf fall

Predominant Colours: yellow, light green, orange

Best way to view colours: Explore some of the region's [scenic parkways](#) or [greenbelt](#). [Gatineau Park](#) is a favourite leaf peeping destination with hiking/cycling trails and lookouts, or check out [The Dominion Arboretum](#) with over 2400 varieties of trees and shrubs. Be sure to visit the following areas near Ottawa to see nice colour: Carp, Almonte, Cumberland, Manotick, Merrickville.

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Central Ontario

Muskoka

Percentage of Colour Change: past peak, 100% leaf fall
Predominant Colours: no remaining colour

Parry Sound

Percentage of Colour Change: past peak with 90% leaf fall
Predominant Colours: colour is fading

Simcoe County

Percentage of Colour Change: past peak, 80% leaf fall
Predominant Colours: dull yellow and orange
Best way to view colours: Hike one of the many trails at [Hardwood Ski and Bike](#) where colours can still be seen. Or tour one of many [hiking](#) or [cycling](#) or [driving](#) trails in Ontario's Lake Country.

Haliburton County

Percentage of Colour Change: past peak, 100% leaf fall
Fall Events:

- [Wagon Ho! The Fall Colour Tour](#), Minden, until November 4

Grey County / Owen Sound / Beaver Valley Area

Percentage of Colour Change: past peak, 80% leaf fall
Predominant Colours: starting to dull slightly but still some yellow, gold, red and orange
Best way to view colours: Cycle or take a drive on one of the following routes:

- The [Beaver Valley Fall Driving Route](#) is a great introduction to the region's beauty
- The [Blue Mountain Fall Driving Route](#) offers both colour and adventure as you explore the Blue Mountain and Scenic Caves Route
- The [Owen Sound to Wiarton Fall Driving Route](#), offers waterfalls, scenic lookouts, jumping salmon and amazing food
- The [Southern Grey County Fall Driving tour](#), steeped in history, takes you past historic mill dams, longstanding breweries and organic orchards as you tour the countryside

Fall Events:

- [Fallicious](#), Blue Mountain Village, until November 30
- [Peeling Back the Layers: Apples in Grey County](#), Grey Roots Museum, until May 25, 2019
- Visit [Grey County Tourism](#) for more great area events

Kawarthas / Northumberland

Percentage of Colour Change: past peak, 80% leaf fall
Predominant Colours: colour is fading
Best way to view colours: Pack a lunch and take in the sites at [Burleigh Falls](#), or try the [Ranney Gorge Suspension Bridge](#) at Ferris Provincial Park.

Northern Ontario

Thunder Bay Area

Percentage of Colour Change: past peak, 100% leaf fall
Predominant Colours: very little colour remaining; the tamaracks have some colour but are shedding their needles quickly

Sault Ste. Marie / Agawa Canyon

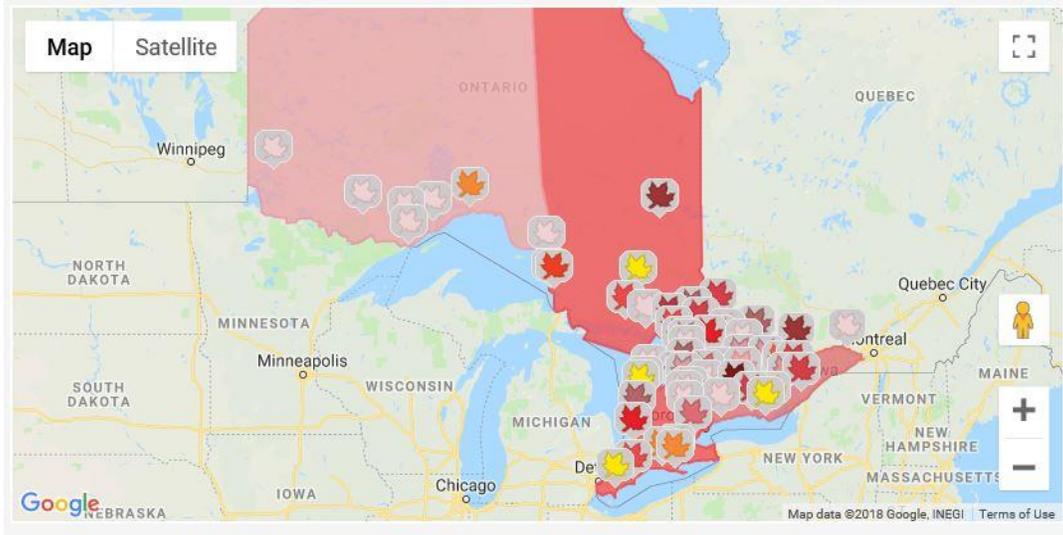
Percentage of Colour Change: past peak, 90% leaf fall
Predominant Colours: some yellow
Best way to view colours: Take a drive along the [Deer Trail Touring Route](#) and enjoy the road less travelled.

Northeastern Ontario

Percentage of Colour Change: past peak with a 90% leaf fall
Predominant Colours: minimal colour remaining
Best way to view colours: It's still a great time of year to try one of these [Fall Hiking Trails](#).

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Ontario Provincial Parks



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

As of October 31: Some Ontario Provincial Parks are reporting nice colour this week while a number of parks are reporting a leaf fall of 70% to 100%. For a complete Ontario Parks report including the best locations in the park to view fall colours, please visit the official [Ontario Parks Fall Reporting](#) page.

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