



Turn Over a New Leaf and Visit the Ocean State this Fall Season!

Rhode Island provides the perfect getaway for those looking to enjoy classic New England fall festivities. The state harvests a cornucopia of fall activities and brilliant foliage throughout September, October and November.

Follow crafts lovers and antique collectors to the Scituate Art Festival in the scenic Blackstone River Valley, or stroll the grounds of South County Museum's Victorian Autumn Faire, a perfect activity for a clear fall day. A trip to Block Island in the crisp air is a great opportunity for any bargain shopper as storekeepers look to clear their shelves before the end of the season by discounting a number of unique gifts and novelty items. For a more refined sport, wine aficionados can relish the romance of winemaking at one of Rhode Island's vineyards. Set out for a scenic drive through the patchwork of stone-fenced coastal farms of Little Compton and explore the quaint antique shops and fall harvest stands that beckon on your way to a taste of Chardonnay. The Capital City of Providence offers WaterFire throughout the fall season, the perfect setting to take a stroll along the riverfront and take in the magic of this unique event.

Leaf Peepers Welcome

You don't have to go far north to see fall foliage that'll knock your socks off. We've even got a "leaf peepers" tour that takes you from our beautiful East Bay area, through the farm and apple country of Western Rhode Island, right down to our South County beaches. Spectacular scenery abounds every inch of the way.

Fall for our Fiery Foliage

October sets Rhode Island's landscape ablaze with the brilliant crimson, scarlet and amber hues of autumn in New England. For a fine view, hop on a fall foliage train trip or boat ride. Or simply take a leisurely drive along one of our rural foliage routes. Find the perfect pumpkin for the Halloween season and stop to sip fresh-pressed cider and munch on warm, homemade donuts or a fresh baked pie from a roadside stand. In Rhode Island you'll find an abundance of apples, artwork and antiques along the way. Corn mazes from the recent summer crop are transformed into an elaborate labyrinth of fun. Old fashioned hayrides throughout the state bring back fond memories. From Scenic Fall foliage trails, to waterfront and harvest festivals, sea kayaking and coastal sailing, Rhode Island has a fall agenda for everyone. Long after the Northern New England leaves hit the ground, our foliage continues to provide an explosion of color.

Picture Postcard Weekends

Just because we're the Ocean State doesn't mean we close after Labor Day. Many visitors prefer the charming, relaxed atmosphere that prevails in the autumn. A weekend driving adventure returns as the Ocean State takes on a picture postcard appeal.

Rhode Island Fall Foliage Tour

Rhode Island's fall foliage season usually lasts from September through October. Peak leaf peeping time should occur around the third week in October with good viewing during the Columbus Day weekend. To help make your trip easier and more enjoyable, we recommend you refer to the Fall Foliage Tour Map.

Escape by car and discover a colorful canvas of color throughout the Ocean State. The map above outlines a suggested route to see some of the colorful scenes throughout Rhode Island. Discover a vineyard during the fall harvest, or drive along the Scituate Reservoir as a stunning reflection of color allows you to fully appreciate the changing colors of the autumn season. This time of year reminds us why we live in New England. Call Rhode Island Tourism toll free at 1-800-556-2484 in the U.S. and Canada for a **FREE** copy of the 2006 Fall Events Guide, which details hundreds of fairs, festivals and events occurring throughout this fall season. For a complete listing of all events and attractions, please visit www.VisitRhodeIsland.com.