

Where to See Fall Colours in Nova Scotia

HALIFAX METRO

LAURIE PROVINCIAL PARK

With easy walking paths, this Grand Lake park features crimson sugar maples, yellow birches, and golden beeches.

MOUNT UNIACKE

Walk the trails at Uniacke Estate Museum Park through mixed woods with red maples, lakeshore views, and huckleberry-lined edges.

POINT PLEASANT PARK

Walk the forested paths past red and sugar maples, yellow birch, beech, oak, spruce, hemlock, and white pine, with harbour views between the trees.

SACKVILLE LAKES PROVINCIAL PARK

Lakeside trails pass through mixed Acadian forest, where red maples, yellow birches, beech, and softwoods reflect in First and Second Lakes.

SALT MARSH TRAIL AND COLE HARBOUR HERITAGE TRAILS

Follow the old rail bed through golden salt-marsh grasses, red sumac, and shoreline spruce, with hardwood colour along the Cole Harbour trail edges.

SHUBIE PARK

Around Lake Micmac and the canal, red maples, oaks, and birches brighten the trails beside hemlock, red spruce, and white pine.

SIR SANFORD FLEMING PARK (THE DINGLE)

Near Frog Pond, sugar and red maples reflect in the water, while blueberry bushes turn bright red around granite boulders.

THE BLUFF WILDERNESS TRAIL

These rugged wilderness loops pass granite barrens, lakes, red blueberry plants, huckleberry, serviceberry, and mixed woods of maple, birch, spruce, and pine.

SOUTH SHORE

BARRINGTON

View yellowing marsh grasses and the Barrington River at the five-storey Seal Island Lighthouse site.

BLUE ROCKS

Blue slate, yellow lichen, seaweed, and red huckleberry create a striking coastal colour palette.

CRESCENT BEACH

Buff and yellow grasses line long stretches of sand.

EAST RIVER

Along Highway 3, deciduous trees bring a range of fall colours to this seaside community, with golden-brown grasses and seaweed contrasting with maples, birches, and red mountain-ash berries.

FALKLAND RIDGE

The Falkland Ridge Loop, just off Highway 10, offers wide views of hardwood colour.

KEJIMKUIK NATIONAL PARK & NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Near the visitor centre, the red maple floodplain offers an early look at the fall colour found throughout Kejimikujik.

MAHONE BAY

Mahone Bay's three churches, framed by hardwood colour, make one of the South Shore's classic fall photo stops.

MILLER POINT PEACE PARK

Walk the smooth trails through towering pines, with views of the LaHave River and Horseshoe Cove, plus softer fall colour along the mixed woodland edges.

MILTON

Near the Milton Blacksmith Shop Museum, the bridge over the Mersey River offers a scenic view of fall colour.

NEW ROSS

At Ross Farm Museum, learn about the area's trees and rural landscape while taking in fall colour around the historic site.

PORT JOLI

At Port Joli Bird Sanctuary, wheat-coloured grasses and yellow seaweed frame large flocks of migratory birds.

PROSPECT

Raised bogs add purple-red tones to the coastal landscape around the village of Prospect.

SABLE RIVER/JORDAN FALLS

The reds of huckleberries offer long-lasting colour.

SANDY POINT

At Sandy Point Beach, yellow and buff beach grasses frame ocean views toward McNutt Island.

TANTALLON

Watch the landscape shift from golden grasses and ferns to red maples, yellow birches, and deep green evergreens heavy with cones.

THOMAS RADALL PROVINCIAL PARK

Thomas Raddall Provincial Park offers quiet coastal trails through mixed forest, with fall colour, beaches, and ocean views.

WENTZELLS LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

On calm days, Wentzells Lake reflects the colourful hardwood hills around it.

YARMOUTH & ACADIAN SHORES

BELLIVEAU COVE

Marshes and bogs add gentle colour along 5 km of coastal boardwalk.

CHEBOGUE MEADOWS INTERPRETIVE TRAIL

This 4.5 km trail winds through meadows, wetlands, regenerating forest, hardwood hill, and black spruce swamp, with soft fall colour along boardwalks and lookoffs.

ELLENWOOD LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

With hardwood forests, bogs, and recreational facilities, Ellenwood Lake Provincial Park is a quiet place for a fall picnic.

GLENWOOD PROVINCIAL PARK

Picnic beneath hardwood trees by Rickers Lake, where maples and birches add fall colour around the freshwater beach and quiet shoreline.

SMUGGLERS COVE PROVINCIAL PARK

Smuggler's Cove offers sunset views from the cliffside viewing platform, with fall colour along the surrounding landscape.

TKIPOK TRAIL

The boardwalk on Tkipok Trail in Arcadia passes through 12 distinct habitats with gentle fall colour along the route.

WEDGEPORT NATURE TRAIL

This 5.4 km trail moves through coastal forest, barrier-beach pond, mixed woods, and mud flats, with gentle fall colour along the way.

BAY OF FUNDY & ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

AYLESFORD

Along the North Mountain, mixed hardwoods add colour to the southern slope.

BEAR RIVER

Hardwood hills reflect in the tidal waters of Bear River, where colourful buildings perch on stilts above the riverbank.

BLOMIDON PROVINCIAL PARK

Blomidon Provincial Park combines hardwood colour, red cliffs, and sweeping views of the Minas Basin.

BURNTCOAT HEAD PARK

Burntcoat Head Park has gentle trails, hardwood colour, and views of the Bay of Fundy tides. At low tide, visitors can explore the ocean floor.

CAPE CHIGNECTO PROVINCIAL PARK

Roadside blueberry fields turn bright red on the way to Cape Chignecto Provincial Park. At the Eatonville day-use area, trails and picnic spots overlook the Minas Basin and red spruce forest dotted with hardwood colour.

CAPE D'OR COASTAL PARK

On the way to Cape D'Or, mixed stands of maple, birch, and aspen bring vivid reds and yellows, with golden grasses, brown shrubs, and Bay of Fundy views along the route.

CAPE SPLIT PROVINCIAL PARK

Cape Split's forested trail leads through hardwood colour to wide views over the Minas Basin and Bay of Fundy.

COURTHOUSE HILL

Northwest of Gore, this higher-elevation viewpoint looks over the crimson blueberry fields of Rawdon and across parts of Kings, Hants, Colchester, Cumberland, and Halifax counties.

DEEP HOLLOW ROAD, GREENWICH

This winding country road follows a stream through White Rock and across the Gaspereau River, with fall maples, birches, and aspens colouring the roadside slopes before the climb up South Mountain.

DELAPS COVE WILDERNESS TRAIL

Follow the Bohaker Trail through coastal forest where maples and birches add fall colour before the route opens to basalt cliffs, Bay of Fundy lookoffs, and a waterfall framed by spruce and fir.

DIGBY

As ferries pass through Digby Gut, passengers can see the hardwoods of Beamans Mountain rising above the water.

EARLTOWN

Around Earltown, maple woods, rolling hills, and quiet country roads create a classic fall drive.

ECONOMY FALLS TRAIL

Hardwood colour frames Economy Falls, making this trail a worthwhile stop off River Philip Road.

FIVE ISLANDS

Around Economy Mountain, hardwoods and softwoods contrast with the red sandstone and mudflats near Five Islands.

HALL'S HARBOUR

Hall's Harbour pairs steep cliffs with groves of hardwoods and softwoods, making it a scenic fall stop.

HARVEST MOON TRAILWAY

Cycle or walk former railbed through apple orchards, vineyards, farm fields, and valley towns, with maples and hedgerows adding colour along the route.

KENTVILLE RAVINE TRAIL

At the top of the Research Station property, the Kentville Ravine Trail passes American chestnuts, walnuts, native cherry trees, mountain-ash, alder, and several species of ferns.

KIRKHILL

Hardwoods and softwoods add colour to the Parrsboro view, with Cape Blomidon visible across the water on clear days.

RAWDON

Off McCarthy Road, maple trees along the stream turn reddish-brown in fall, with fallen leaves collecting on the water and forest floor.

SHUBENACADIE

Between Shubenacadie and Maitland, maples, blueberry fields, green conifers, and yellow bogs and wetlands add colour along the route.

SMITH'S COVE

At high tide, the tidal Bear River opens into the Annapolis Basin, where calm water can mirror the surrounding fall landscape.

SMITHS CORNER

Along Route 14 between Martock and Vaughan, this viewpoint looks over rolling hills coloured by aspen, birch, and red maple.

STEWIACKE RIVER VALLEY

The Stewiacke River meanders through open fields, vibrant hardwoods, and deep green conifers, offering a peaceful view of the valley in fall.

THE LOOKOFF (NORTH CANNING)

From The Lookoff, take in broad views over the Minas Basin, valley farms, and patchwork fields.

UPPER CLEMENTS TRAILS

Walk woodland trails near Annapolis Royal where maples, yellow birch, beech, spruce, and pine bring a mix of bright leaves and deep evergreen colour.

VALLEYVIEW PROVINCIAL PARK

Located north of Bridgetown on North Mountain, Valleyview Provincial Park provides a panoramic view of the western end of the Annapolis Valley.

VICTORIA PARK

Victoria Park's ravine trails, waterfalls, and hardwood trees make it an easy fall colour stop in Truro.

WALTON LIGHTHOUSE & LOOKOFF

This lookoff features hardwoods, mud flats, and views toward Cape Blomidon's fall colours.

NORTHUMBERLAND SHORE

AMHERST

At low tide, red mud contrasts against the yellow grasses of the Tantramar Marsh.

BALMORAL MILLS

At Balmoral Grist Mill Museum, hardwood foliage reflects in the mill pond.

BEAVER MOUNTAIN PROVINCIAL PARK

Climb the 6 km trail system through dense white spruce forest to wide views over Antigonish County, where distant hills and lowlands add subtle fall colour.

CAPE GEORGE

Along Route 337, red and orange maples, yellow aspens, and evergreens line the steep descent into Ballantyne's Cove.

FENWICK

Between Amherst and Springhill, Fenwick Ridge offers views of maples, yellow birch, red spruce, and ash.

GREENHILL

This lookoff and nearby park offer panoramic views of farmlands, Pictou Harbour, and mixed hardwood colour.

KEPPOCH MOUNTAIN

Near Antigonish, Keppoch Mountain offers forested trails and scenic lookoffs with hardwood colour across rolling hills, making it a great fall stop for hiking, biking, and wide autumn views.

MARSHY HOPE

Brilliant hardwood colour lines this steep-sided valley along Highway 4.

MOUNT PLEASANT, OXFORD

At the top of this tree-clad hill, take in sweeping views of fall colour toward Wentworth. In the opposite direction, clear days bring views across the Northumberland Strait to Prince Edward Island. As you continue through Oxford toward

Collingwood, look for wide stretches of blueberry fields glowing red across the landscape.

MOUNT THOM

On the south side of Highway 104, hundreds of rolling acres of blueberry fields turn a stunning red after a frost.

NUTTBY MOUNTAIN

Route 311 crosses Nuttby Mountain between Tatamagouche and Truro, passing abandoned farmhouses, red maples, golden grainfields, and vivid hardwood colour around Earltown.

POMQUET

From the boardwalk, view dune succession, fall colour, and a distinctive mix of hardwood and softwood forest.

ROGART MOUNTAIN TRAIL

This forested trail climbs through mixed hardwood and softwood stands near Earltown, with maples, yellow birch, spruce, and ferns adding layered fall colour.

TATAMAGOUCHE SHORTLINE TRAIL

Walk or cycle this former rail line through Tatamagouche, where maples, birches, marsh grasses, and village views add easy fall colour along the route.

WALLACE

From Livingstone Bridge over Wallace Harbour, look out over tree-lined marshlands and the rich autumn colours of Wallace Bay.

WENTWORTH

In Wentworth Valley, red blueberry fields and colourful deciduous slopes make this a popular fall stop. At Ski Wentworth, ride the chairlift or hike up the mountain for

expansive views before hiking back down the trail.

CAPE BRETON ISLAND

CABOT TRAIL

The Cabot Trail winds through Cape Breton Highlands National Park, with cliffside lookoffs, coastal views, red maples, golden birches, and deep green evergreens along the route.

CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDS NATIONAL PARK

Choose from 26 hiking trails across Cape Breton Highlands National Park, from easy coastal walks to forested climbs with lookoffs over canyons, ocean, and highland plateaus. In fall, red maples, yellow birch, beech, mountain-ash berries, spruce, and fir add colour along trails like Skyline, Franey, Acadian, Middle Head, and Jack Pine.

CAP LE-MOINE

In autumn, long oceanfront grasses turn wheat-coloured as they move in the coastal breeze.

CAPE NORTH

Near Cape North, hardwoods along the Aspy fault frame views of North Pond and Aspy Bay.

CAPE SMOKEY

At Cape Smokey, the gondola offers elevated views over birch and maple colour, when operating.

DALEM LAKE

Walk the easy lakeside trail as red maples, yellow birches, spruce, and fir reflect in Dalem Lake, with fallen leaves colouring the quiet shoreline.

DUNDEE-WEST BAY

Walk uphill for panoramic views over West Bay, nearby islands, and inland hardwood hills.

FRENCH MOUNTAIN

In Cape Breton Highlands National Park, the French Mountain boardwalk passes through bog habitat with fall colour at eye level.

IRISH COVE SCENIC LOOK OFF & PROVINCIAL PARK

This scenic lookoff has picnic space and views over East Bay and Big Bras d'Or Lake.

KELLY'S MOUNTAIN

Kelly's Mountain offers panoramic views of St. Ann's Bay, framed by hardwood hillsides and patches of deep green softwood.

KENNINGTON COVE

This storm-shaped shoreline includes raised bogs, fens, rare sedges, and Arctic-alpine blueberry, with subtle fall colour across the coastal landscape.

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LONG ISLAND

This viewpoint looks across St. Andrew's Channel toward the hardwood-covered island of Boularderie.

MABOU HIGHLANDS

The Cape Mabou trails climb through hardwood hills to wide views of the coast, farms, and fall colour.

MABOU SALT MARSH

At high tide, mirrored water reflects golden marsh grasses, green farm fields, and rich hardwood colour.

MARBLE MOUNTAIN

At Marble Mountain, Bras d'Or Lake frames a patchwork of islands backed by bright hardwood colour.

MARGAREE VALLEY

Stop along Fielding Road for hardwood colour and wide views of Margaree Valley.

MARTINIQUE

This scenic vista overlooks Isle Madame and Lennox Passage, offering a striking view of wetlands, water and hardwoods.

MEAT COVE

Meat Cove pairs rugged coastal views with autumn colour across northern Cape Breton's hillsides.

MIDDLE HEAD

Middle Head near Ingonish offers coastal walking trails, ocean views, and fall colour framed by evergreens.

PLEASANT BAY

At Lone Shieling, an easy trail circles a crofter's cabin beneath tall sugar maples, birches, and beeches. Mosses and golden ferns add to the quiet fall setting.

SALT MOUNTAIN

A short hike up Salt Mountain leads to views of Whycocomagh, Bras d'Or Lake, hardwood-covered islands, and surrounding hillsides.

UISGE BAN FALLS

Follow Falls Brook through a sheltered ravine where yellow birch, maple leaves, golden ferns, mossy rocks, spruce, and fir frame the waterfall in autumn.

EASTERN SHORE

BOYLSTON PROVINCIAL PARK

The lookoff near the park entrance offers wide views of mixed woods reflected in the water.

CHEZZETCOOK (BETWEEN EAST & WEST)

Chezzetcook's salt marsh grasses turn golden yellow in fall.

CLAM HARBOUR PROVINCIAL PARK

Ripe red cranberries stand out among pale beach grasses and sand.

DEAN

Around Dean, blueberry fields turn brilliant red in fall.

DOLLAR LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK

Explore wooded walking trails and lakeside views, where red and orange hardwoods, evergreens, and quiet water make Dollar Lake a strong fall colour stop.

ELDERBANK

Launch a canoe at Elderbank Waterway Provincial Park and follow the Musquodoboit River, where colourful trees reflect in the water.

HEAD OF JEDDORE

Hardwoods and spruce crown the cliffs above the Salmon River, with views toward Jeddore Harbour.

LISCOMB MILLS

From Liscombe Lodge, trails cross a hanging bridge and lead to views of a 20-metre waterfall framed by spruce, pine, hemlock, and lichen.

MUSQUODOBOIT TRAILWAY

The Musquodoboit Trailway follows former rail line and river valley scenery, with hardwood colour along the route.

SHEET HARBOUR

From the boardwalk at MacPhee House Museum and Falls, take in hardwood colour, evergreens, and flowing water along the West River.

STILLWATER

Hardwood slopes add colour above the yellows and browns of floodplain grasses.

TAYLOR HEAD PROVINCIAL PARK

Taylor Head Provincial Park combines coastal trails, beaches, spruce forest, and subtle fall colour along the Eastern Shore.

TOR BAY PROVINCIAL PARK

Take the boardwalks to rocky points and sweeping sand beaches, where coastal spruce, beach grasses, and low shrubs bring subtle fall colour beside the Atlantic.