

*September 23, 2015*  
**FALL FOLIAGE REPORT**

With recent warm weather, Vermont's landscape is still showing an abundance of lush green. Hints of fall color are topping the mountains, especially in the Northeast Kingdom, northern Green Mountains, and the highest elevations of Southern Vermont.

In more southern areas, state foresters are also reporting early color development. Although the mountains are still more green than anything else, there is a blush of yellow and red that promises to become brighter every day.

The hillsides aren't in full swing yet, but the cooler nights that are predicted will spur color change and ramp up the reds. It seems that each village has a few sentinel maples that are giving us a preview of what's to come by showing off colors bright enough you'll want to pull over and enjoy it for a moment.

**BEST BETS (NORTH TO SOUTH):**

- Northeast Kingdom Byway from St. Johnsbury to Newport and Jay.
- Route 120 touring along the north and west of Lake Carmi State Park.
- Route 105 from Enosburg Falls to Richford, then east to Island Pond.
- Routes 14, 15, 16, and 114 through the Northeast Kingdom.
- Route 302 through Orange, Groton & Ryegate.
- The Gap Roads: Routes 17, 125 and 73 west from Route 100.
- Route 4 from West Bridgewater, heading west to Killington over Sherburne Pass to Mendon.
- Route 103 from Ludlow through Mount Holly to Route 7.
- Route 9 from Woodford to Marlboro.