

# 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](http://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, September 6, 2018** – Minimal colour change is being reported across the province this week but cooler temperatures around the corner should prompt some leaf change in some regions. Check back weekly for updates on where you can see this annual phenomenon in Ontario.

## Northern Ontario

### Thunder Bay Area

Percentage of Colour Change: 0% - some lower vegetation is starting to change

Predominant Colours: still green

Best way to view colours: Take in the fall colours from the [Thunder Bay Lookout Trail](#).

Fall Events: Enjoy the harvest season at the [city's farmers' markets and food festivals](#)

### Sault Ste. Marie / Agawa Canyon

Percentage of Colour Change: 0%

Predominant Colours: still green

Best way to view colours: Enjoy the beauty of the Algoma region in the fall by taking the [Agawa Canyon train tour](#). View the landscape that inspired the famous Group of Seven! Book early to avoid disappointment.

Fall Events:

- [Sylvan Circle Artisan & Artist Fall Tour](#), Echo Bay to Bruce Mines, September 15
- [Elliot Lake Arts on the Trail](#), September 29
- [Country Road Open House, Agritourism and Fall Colour Event](#), St. Joseph Island, September 29 - 30

### Northeastern Ontario

Percentage of Colour Change: 0 – 5%

Predominant Colours: small pockets in Mattawa and Killarney are starting to show some reds and yellows

Best way to view colours: Consider booking a [fall foliage tour](#) in Temiskaming Shores to view the landscape around Lake Temiskaming or review this list of [guided tours](#) in Northeastern Ontario.

Fall Events:

- [Cochrane Fall Fair](#), September 7 – 8
- [Timmins Fall Fair](#), September 8 - 9

## Central Ontario

### Barrie / Oro-Medonte / Ontario's Lake Country

Percentage of Colour Change: 0%

Predominant Colours: still green

Best way to view colours: Enjoy the sights from the viewing platform at the top of the Lookout Trail at [Earl Rowe Provincial Park](#).

Fall Events:

- [Ramona Fall Fair](#), Washago, September 15
- [Coldwater Fall Fair](#), September 28 - 30

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## Central Ontario (continued)

### Muskoka

Percentage of Colour Change:

Gravenhurst: 0%

Bracebridge: 0%

Huntsville/Lake of Bays: 0%

Bala: 0%

Georgian Bay: 0%

Predominant Colours: still green

Best way to view colours: Get a great view from one of these Muskoka lookouts:

- [Lions Lookout](#) in Huntsville
- [Huckleberry Rock](#) near Port Carling
- [Dorset Scenic Lookout](#) Tower & Trail.

Take a drive on one of the following driving routes:

- Muskoka Rd 17 from Gravenhurst to Bracebridge – sections of the road are like a canopy. Stop at Muskoka Beach for a gorgeous view of Lake Muskoka.
- Hwy 117 to Baysville and Dorset – stop and walk along the river in the park then head to the [lookout tower](#) in Dorset
- Hwy 118 East – Bracebridge to Hwy 35
- Muskoka Rd 13 – Severn Bridge to Torrance offers a winding road with lots of maple trees. Stop and hike through the [Torrance Barren](#).

Or pick up a Muskoka Map from [Muskoka Tourism](#) and follow their six great driving tours:

Fall Events:

- [Severn Bridge Fall Fair](#), September 8
- [Bracebridge Fall Fair](#), September 14 – 16
- [Huntsville Fall Fair](#), September 21 – 23
- [Muskoka Autumn Studio Tour](#), September 22 – 23 & September 29-30
- [Cranberry Harvest](#), Bala, September 22 – October 31
- [34<sup>th</sup> Bala Cranberry Festival](#), October 12 - 14

## Eastern Ontario

### Cornwall / Thousand Islands / Kingston

Percentage of Colour Change: 0%

Predominant Colours: still green

Best way to view colours: Visit [Charleston Lake Provincial Park](#) to enjoy views from Bach's Lookout overlooking Captain's Gap.

Fall Events:

- [Kingston Fall Fair](#), September 13 – 16
- [45<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival](#), Cornwall, September 23
- [Gananoque Lions Club Pump-Gan-Fest](#), September 29
- [Thousand Islands Fall Foliage Lunch Cruise](#), Gananoque, October 7

### Ottawa Area

Percentage of Colour Change: 0%

Predominant Colours: still green

Best way to view colours: [Gatineau Park](#) is a favourite leaf peeping destination with hiking/cycling trails and lookouts.

Fall Events:

- [Carp Fall Fair](#), Carp, September 20 – 23

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## Southwestern Ontario

### Fergus / Elora

Percentage of Colour Change: 0%

Predominant Colours: still green

Best way to view colours: The riverside trails and scenic lookouts of the [Elora Gorge](#) provide stunning views of the changing fall colours.

Fall Events:

- [Elora Fergus Fall Studio Tour](#), September 22 – 23 & September 29 - 30

### Leamington/Essex Counties

Percentage of Colour Change: 0%

Predominant Colours: still green

Best way to view colours: Hwy 50 is a great driving tour to see all 18 wineries in Essex County.

Fall Events:

- [Festival of Hawks](#), Amherstburg, September 15 – 16 & 22 – 23
- [Ruthven Apple Festival](#), Ruthven, September 29 – 30
- [Kingsville Migration Festival](#), Kingsville, October 18 – 21

## Niagara Region

### Niagara Falls

Percentage of Colour Change: 0%

Predominant Colours: still green

Best way to view colours: View the sights from the [Brock's Monument](#) in Queenston Heights Park. Or visit [Skylon Tower](#) for a panoramic view of the region.

Fall Events:

- [Boo at the Zoo](#), Safari Niagara, October 6 - 8

## Toronto & Area

### Caledon Area

Percentage of Colour Change: 0%

Predominant Colours: green

Best way to view colours: The Cliff Top Trail at [Mono Cliffs Provincial Park](#) is great for fall colour viewing.

Fall Events:

- [Pumpkinfest & Corn Maze](#), Caledon, September 22 – October 31

### Toronto

Percentage of Colour Change: 0%

Predominant Colours: still green

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's colours.

Fall Events:

- [Halloween Haunt](#), Canada's Wonderland, Vaughan, September 29 – October 31

### High Park, Toronto

Percentage of Colour Change: 0%

Predominant Colours: bright green

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.

Fall Events: Book one of many fall [walking tours](#) through High Park and learn about nature's colourful fall glory.

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