

FIND YOUR RIVER



Vermont Fall Foliage Tour



When the number of hot summer days starts to dwindle and the leaves begin to change, plunging into cold water might not be ideal. Here are some sites that you can pack your hot drink of choice to enjoy while watching the colors change.

1 Worcester: North Branch Cascades

This site features an accessible 1-mile long trail along the north branch of the Winooski River. Just north of Montpelier, Vermont's capital, visitors can enjoy mossy riverbeds, beautiful turning leaves, and cascading waterfalls. Bring a picnic or lunch from town and do some birdwatching, nature immersion, fish, or just a nice walk with little change in elevation.

2 Bristol: Saunders River Access

This former farmland along the New Haven River was conserved following Tropical Storm Irene. The site now has a restored floodplain, trails, and access to the river. Walk the half mile trail to the river access and then explore how you desire through the field and forested areas.

3 Bloomfield: Nulhegan Hut and Trails

In partnership with Vermont Huts Association, we offer this off-the-grid timer framed cabin for rentals. Whether you have the cabin booked or not, you can walk the 1.5 miles of trails spanning the site and watch the Nulhegan River's rapids. It is the perfect place to unwind and take in the natural landscape while staying cozy by the wood-burning stove or outdoor fire pit.

4 Newbury: Wells River Conservation Area

While you are enjoying the fall weather along the Cross Vermont Trail, take a break for a picnic at this river access site. This is a joint project with the Newbury Conservation Commission as a way to protect the area and use it as an outdoor classroom. It is a great spot to take in the crisp fall air and enjoy the scenery.



If you want a fall treat following a visit to one of these river access sites, stop at a family orchard, pumpkin patch, or farmstand. There isn't a shortage of them in Vermont!

Find full descriptions, driving directions, and more places to explore at vermontriverconservancy.org