

Fall Color Exploring

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The Upper Peninsula of Michigan is one of the top destinations in the United States to view the fall colors. The abundance of maples, aspens, birches, oaks and tamaracks (a conifer that turns yellow before dropping it's needles) create a kaleidoscope of colors across the Keweenaw Peninsula.



Fall foliage on the Keweenaw Peninsula

Because of the climate created by Lake Superior and the Keweenaw Peninsula's northern location, the Keweenaw's fall colors usually peak between **the last week of September and the first two weeks of October**. The Keweenaw Peninsula has many microclimates where the fall colors will be in varying stages of change from mid September to late October. Some people prefer to see the fall colors before peak so that there is a full spectrum of colors including greens, yellows, reds and oranges.



The view of Brockway from the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge

By foot, bike, car or boat there are many ways to explore the Peninsula in the fall. The Keweenaw Mountain Lodge is surrounded by forest with over fifty miles of trails easily accessible from the cabins. Our knowledgeable staff at the [OAC](#) will be able to direct you to areas where the colors are *peaking out*.



A couple explores the Estivant Pines Nature Sanctuary

If you are a history buff this is the perfect time of year to explore some of the many [Heritage Sites](#) that are part of the [Keweenaw National Historic Park](#). The Delaware Mine, Central Townsite and Fort Wilkins are close to the Lodge and are great sites for fall colors.



A mining ruin at the Delaware Copper Mine Heritage Site.

If photography is your passion sign up for our [Fall Color Photo Workshop](#) or create your own itinerary with the help of the staff at the OAC. We are passionate about sharing local knowledge and insider tips to places off the beaten path. However you choose to explore the fall colors, the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge is the perfect base camp to day-trip from.



A mountainbiker rides the On the Edge Trail which is located on the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge's property.

Fall Color Event Calendar

Upcoming Fall Color Events

- **Fall Color Photo Workshop – Elements of Composition**

September 28 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm EDT

- **Fall Color Photo Workshop – Elements of Composition**

October 2 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm EDT

- **Fall Color Photo Workshop – Elements of Composition**

October 5 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm EDT

- **Fall Color Photo Workshop – Elements of Composition**

October 9 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm EDT

Past Fall Color Events

- **Fall Colors Photo Workshop**

September 30, 2023 @ 10:00 am - 8:00 pm EDT

- **Fall Colors Photo Workshop**

October 8, 2021 @ 7:00 pm - October 10, 2021 @ 7:00 pm EDT

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