



Kayaking at Cave Point County Park

Eagle Bluff Lighthouse

Koepsel's Farm Market, Baileys Harbor

Northern End of Hwy 42 to Northport

# Door County Fall Facts & Info

- The fall colors in Door County are typically at their most brilliant in the middle part of October each year.
- Due to the fact that Door County consists of a long narrow peninsula and 34 named islands that span nearly 70 miles from south to north, true peak fall colors can usually be seen for at least a week or more. Really good fall colors can be seen for the better part of three to four weeks each September-October.
- Peak colors typically occur in the northern part of the county first, starting on Washington Island and working their way down the peninsula from north to south as the fall season progresses.
- One of the easiest and most popular ways to experience Door County's fall color is to take the Door County circle tour. This self-guided tour takes visitors up one side of the peninsula, over to Washington Island via the Death's Door water passage, then back down the other side of the peninsula. The tour could technically be completed in a day, but ideally it should be spread out over at least a few days to really be able to explore the entire county and spend some time stopping at places of interest along the way. The Door County Coastal Byway is part of this route.

**In addition to exploring by car, Door County offers lots of other fall color tour opportunities. Highlights include:**

- Take a scenic fall color tour aboard the [Door County Trolley](#) during the day or hop aboard for one of their popular evening Door County Ghost Tours for some great ghost stories and a hauntingly good time.
- Take a scenic fall color tour of Peninsula State Park on a Segway (those futuristic 2-wheeled personal transports) with [Segway The Door Tours](#) or go off-road on trails through the woods with [Seaquist Segway](#).
- Enjoy a birds-eye view of the breathtaking fall colors and shoreline on a scenic airplane tour with [Grizzly Scenic Air Tours](#) based out of Cherryland Airport in Sturgeon Bay.
- Experience Door County's 300 miles of shoreline on a fall color boat tour. Door County offers more than a dozen different [boat tour opportunities](#) all over the peninsula.
- Climb to the top of [Cana Island Lighthouse](#) (one of 11 lighthouses in Door County) for breathtaking views of the fall colors and surrounding Lake Michigan shoreline.
- Rent a kayak or take a [guided kayak tour](#) (kayaks, safety equipment & instruction included) to paddle your way along the scenic Door County coastline for some great fall color viewing.
- Climb to the top of one of our lookout towers in Door County for a spectacular view of the fall foliage from an "above the trees" vantage point. Towers are located in Potawatomi State Park (near Sturgeon Bay) and in Mountain Park on Washington Island.
- Hit the links at one of Door County's 11 [golf courses](#), all offering scenic fall colors along tree lined fairways and greens as well as challenging golf holes. Courses in the county range from 9 holes up to 36 holes.
- [Rent a bike](#) and explore the trails at one of our state parks or ride along the scenic back roads of the bucolic interior part of the peninsula. A [back road bike map](#) is available through the Visitor Bureau.

## **NOTABLE DOOR COUNTY AUTUMN ACCOLADES**

- Door County was selected as one of the top ten places in the U.S.A. to view fall colors from the water by *Discover Boating*. More info: <http://www.discoverboating.com/info/pressrelease.aspx?id=17709>
- Door County was named to TripAdvisor's list of the *Top 10 Fall Foliage Destinations in the United States*. More info: <http://multivu.prnewswire.com/mnr/tripadvisor/42928/>
- Door County was named the top spot in a story titled "17 of the Most Spectacular Places Across the U.S. for Fall Colors" by *TripsToDiscover.com*. More info: <http://www.tripstodiscover.com/17-of-the-most-spectacular-places-across-the-u-s-for-fall-colors/>

## **FALL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS & FESTIVALS IN DOOR COUNTY** ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND LOTS MORE FALL EVENTS AT [DOORCOUNTY.COM](http://DOORCOUNTY.COM)

### **"SO DELICIOUS, SO DOOR COUNTY" CELEBRATION**

**Held annually early September to late October** throughout Door County (*Sept 5 – Oct 25, 2015*)

Celebrate the bounty of the county featuring culinary delights including all things made with cherries, apples, and other fresh produce from farmer's markets...Door County wine...festival fare plus performances, art, music, delightful attractions and a wide variety of accommodations along with the second annual [Door County Restaurant Week](#), Sept. 20-26, 2015.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL & HARVEST MOON CELEBRATION**

**Held annually the third Saturday in September** in Sturgeon Bay, Citywide from 9 AM to 9 PM (*Sept 19, 2015*)

Celebration of autumn featuring a craft show, car show, food booths, music and entertainment plus a variety of children's activities along with the annual Harvest Moon celebration. Events held throughout the city.

### **ANNUAL AUTUMN FEST**

**Held annually the fourth Saturday in September** in Baileys Harbor (*Sept 26, 2015*)

The first annual Autumn Fest was held in 1980. Events happen from 9 AM – 4 PM and include an arts & crafts fair, entertainment, food and fall fun in/around the town hall in downtown Baileys Harbor.

### **FALL FUN FEST & CIDER PRESSING PARTY**

**Held annually in October on Columbus Day Weekend** on Washington Island at the Farm Museum (*Oct 10-11, 2015*)

Starting at 10 AM. There are many activities at the Farm Museum with games for children, horse-drawn wagon rides and more. Bring your own apples and press them on the antique cider press to make your own cider.

### **PUMPKIN PATCH FESTIVAL**

**Held annually in October on Columbus Day Weekend** throughout the village of Egg Harbor (*Oct 10-11, 2015*)

Festival includes fabulous fall colors and family fun! One of Door County's largest festivals, with carnival rides, arts & crafts vendors, silent auction, face painting, live music, scarecrow & pumpkin displays, food refreshments and more all weekend.

### **SISTER BAY FALL FESTIVAL**

**Held annually in October the weekend after Columbus Day** throughout the village of Sister Bay (*Oct 16-18, 2015*)

The Granddaddy of Door County festivals (started in 1945). Huge parade on Saturday. Juried art & crafts fair, lots of food booths, children's activities and live entertainment both days. Infamous ping pong ball drop with chances to win lots of prizes on Sunday afternoon!

### **DOOR COUNTY FALL 50 RUN**

**Held annually in October the weekend after Fall Fest** from Gills Rock in Northern Door County to Sturgeon Bay (*Oct 24, 2015*)

Described as 'the most scenic distance run in the Midwest' this point-to-point 50 mile run offers a challenge to both solo runners and teams of 2-5 runners. The course follows the peninsula's scenic western shoreline & ends with a finish-line party at Sunset Park in Sturgeon Bay. This event will host the 50-mile Road Championships (the national title race) in 2015.

## **A FEW OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF SOME ON-GOING FALL EVENTS IN DOOR COUNTY** (FIND EVEN MORE AT [DOORCOUNTY.COM](http://DOORCOUNTY.COM))

- In the fall, [Northern Sky Theater](#) (formerly American Folklore Theatre) moves their stage from outside at Peninsula State Park to inside the Door Community Auditorium in Fish Creek. Their featured fall 2015 show is their long-time box-office smash hit *Lumberjacks in Love* and will run from September 4 – October 17, 2015.
- [Peninsula Players Theatre's](#) fall show, the musical comedy *Nunsense*, will be on stage from Sept. 9 – Oct. 18, 2015.
- Explore and tour the annual fall corn maze at [Schopf's Diary View Country Store](#) near Carlsville.
- Enjoy the bounty of the fall harvest with locally grown and made products at more than 20 different [farm markets and specialty food stores](#) throughout the peninsula and on Washington Island. The county's apple harvest is put on fine (and crunchy) display during the harvest season each year.

