



Door County Fall Information

The fall colors in Door County are an exquisite seen as nature transitions to cooler weather and shorter days. The colors are their most brilliant in the middle part of October each year. Due to the fact that Door County consists of a long narrow peninsula that span nearly 70 miles from south to north, true peak fall colors can usually be seen for at least a week or more. 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.

DOOR COUNTY FALL ACTIVITIES

- One of the 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. The Door County Coastal Byway is part of this route.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Enjoy the bounty of the fall harvest with locally grown and made products at more than two dozen farm markets and specialty food stores throughout the peninsula and on Washington Island.

Check out one of the many niche brochures or the annual Visitor Guide for more information. Both can be found around the county at various locations or online at DoorCounty.com.



FALL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS & FESTIVALS IN DOOR COUNTY

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND MANY MORE FALL EVENTS AT DOORCOUNTY.COM



SO DELICIOUS SO DOOR COUNTY

Throughout Door County (Sept. 3- Oct. 23, 2016)

Come enjoy orchards and farm markets, food tastings, fall festivals, field to table cuisine prepared by talented chefs and cozy accommodations. Dozens of lodging properties offer culinary-themed packages including 1- or 2-night stay, meal for two, culinary or fall-related activity or keepsake and \$25 in Door County gift certificates.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Held annually the third Saturday in September in downtown Sturgeon Bay (Sept. 17, 2016)

Celebration of autumn featuring a car show, food, crafts, music and entertainment plus a variety of children's activities. In the evening the 2016 street art auction takes place.

AUTUMNFEST CLASSIC CAR SHOW & FIREWORKS

Held annually the fourth weekend in September in Baileys Harbor (Sept. 24-25, 2016)

The event kicks off in the morning with the *Hey Hey 5k* run sponsored by Door County Brewing Company. Visit the auto and motorcycle show, arts and crafts, live music, food, and stay for the fireworks in the evening. Sunday features a motorcycle organized ride and a farm market.

FALL FUN FEST & CIDER PRESSING PARTY

Held annually in October on Columbus Day weekend on Washington Island (Oct. 8-9, 2016)

Held at The Farm Museum children can enjoy games, horse-drawn wagon rides, and fall treats. Visitors can bring their own apples and press them on the antique cider press to make their own cider.

PUMPKIN PATCH FESTIVAL

Held annually in October on Columbus Day Weekend throughout Egg Harbor (Oct. 8-9, 2016)

A festival that includes fabulous fall colors and family fun! One of Door County's largest festivals with carnival rides, crafts, silent auction, face painting, live music, food, and great pumpkin displays.

SISTER BAY FALL FESTIVAL

Held annually in October the weekend after Columbus Day in Sister Bay (Oct. 14-16, 2016)

The Granddaddy of Door County festivals (started in 1945). Huge parade Saturday morning with many activities to follow. Lots of food, crafts, live entertainment, and children activities both days. Sunday afternoon is the infamous ping pong ball drop with chances to win lots of prizes.

DOOR COUNTY FALL 50 RUN

Held annually the weekend after Fall Fest from Gills Rock to Sturgeon Bay (Oct. 22, 2016)

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 and ends with a finish-line party at Sunset Park in Sturgeon Bay.

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/>

ON-GOING FALL EVENTS IN DOOR COUNTY

- Enjoy the annual fall corn maze at [Schopf's Dairy View Country Store](#) near Carlsville.
- [Peninsula Players Theatre's](#) fall show, the comic thriller *The 39 Steps*, will be on stage from Sept. 7 – Oct. 16.
- In the fall, [Northern Sky Theatre](#) moves their stage outside at Peninsula State Park inside to the Door Community Auditorium in Fish Creek for two fall shows. *Guys and Does* will be on stage from Sept. 2 - Oct. 15. The other show, *And If Elected* is an election season favorite and is performed from Sept. 29- Oct. 16.

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