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**KEEP YOUR EYES WIDE OPEN...  
THE COLORS ARE ALWAYS CHANGING  
Fall for Massachusetts....everyone else does**

(Boston, MA) Massachusetts comes alive with color this fall season and it's starting early so be sure to get outside and enjoy the weather and the ever changing leaves.

The Massachusetts Office of Travel + Tourism (MOTT) has partnered with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to provide foliage reports from state foresters. Beginning September 16<sup>th</sup> foliage reports will be available by calling **617-973-8500 or 800-227-MASS**. You can also access reports on our website [www.massvacation.com/scienceNature/fall-foliage.php](http://www.massvacation.com/scienceNature/fall-foliage.php). These reports are updated on Tuesdays and Fridays. The page also includes scenic drives as well as a fall foliage timetable map that will help visitors plan their trip.

From foliage to festivals to farms, there is so much here for visitors in the fall season. "This is a spectacular time of year in Massachusetts. You won't have to go far to enjoy classic New England scenery and fun fall activities," said Betsy Wall, Executive Director of MOTT.

"Massachusetts is absolutely gorgeous in autumn," said Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. "As we head into foliage season, DCR prepares to welcome visitors from across the country and even around the world to the colorful fields, hilltops, and beautiful forests and glens of our state parks."

All of Massachusetts will be awash in color so make sure to take advantage of the first class accommodations from the Berkshires to Provincetown and extend a day trip of leaf peeping to a weekend getaway.

The Following is just a sampling of upcoming events across the State, but be sure and log onto [www.massvacation.com](http://www.massvacation.com) for a multitude of other listings:

**53rd Annual North Adams Fall Foliage Parade** 10/05/08 - 10/05/08 - <http://www.fallfoliageparade.com>; **5th Annual Fitchburg Forge-In Blacksmith Festival**, 10/18/08 - 10/18/08-<http://www.discoverfitchburg.com/blacksmithfestival.html>;  
**Essex Clamfest** 10/25/08 - 10/25/08-<http://www.capeannvacations.com>; **Bourne Scallop Festival** 09/19/08 - 09/21/08-<http://www.bournescallopfest.com>; **10th Annual North Quabbin Garlic & Arts Festival** 09/20/08 - 09/21/08-[www.garlicandarts.org](http://www.garlicandarts.org); **Three Apples Storytelling Festival** 09/26/08 - 09/28/08 -[www.threeapples.org](http://www.threeapples.org); **New Bedford Working Waterfront Festival** 09/27/08 - 09/28/08 -[www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org](http://www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org); **The Big E/Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, MA** 09/12/08 - 09/28/08 -[www.thebige.com](http://www.thebige.com); **19th Annual Harvest Fest & Scarecrow Festival** 10/20/08 - 10/21/08 - [www.publickhouse.com](http://www.publickhouse.com);  
**Head of the Charles Regatta, Cambridge, MA** 10/18/08 - 10/19/08 -[www.hocr.org](http://www.hocr.org)

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