

Fall Foliage Driving Tours 2024



October 9-13, 2024

Long Tour - Northern Garrett County; Approximately 1 hour, 41 minutes, Total distance – 61 miles

This self-guided driving tour will take you through some of the county's most spectacular scenery! Enjoy riding on some of Maryland's Scenic Byways to see some the sights and colors of fall! Along this path you will drive down the National Historic Road, the first nationally funded road in the United States. You'll also pass the Casselman Inn and the historic Casselman Bridge! Don't forget to stop and shop at Spruce Village Artisan Village. You'll find one-of-a-kind treasures created by the artisans who work in the village's cabins. You'll finish with a drive back to the Garrett County Visitors Center but don't forget to have your camera ready along the way as you'll travel along more of Maryland's Scenic Byways. Don't be surprised if you have some wildlife sightings on these gorgeous fall days! There really is no better way to spend autumn in Garrett County.

Directions:

- Start at Garrett County Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Center, 15 VISITORS CENTER DR., MCHENRY 21541
- Turn LEFT onto GARRETT HWY (US-219) travel approximately 12 miles.
- Merge onto I-68 E and take exit 19 (Grantsville) for MD-495.
- At the top of the ramp turn left onto MD-495 N
- At the intersection then right onto Main St/National Pike. Continue on US-40 ALT (The Historic National Road), for a short distance, you will see these historic attractions and structures:
 - Grantsville Museum (hours vary, please check in advance)
 - Historic Casselman Inn
 - Casselman River Bridge (currently closed to foot traffic)
 - Spruce Forest Artisan Village, Stanton's Mill and more
 - Tomlinson Inn
- Continue on US-40 ALT and travel approximately 3 miles, turning right to stay on Avilton Lonaconing Rd. Travel .367 miles and then turn left to stay on Avilton Lonaconing Road, traveling another 2 miles.
- Turn left onto Frostburg Rd and turn left toward Mt Aetna Rd. traveling approximately 0.5 miles to Mt. Aetna Trail System. Enjoy a beautiful fall hike!
- Head back east on Mt Aetna Rd, turning right onto Frostburg Rd, then turning right back onto Avilton Lonaconing Rd for 3.5 miles.

- Turn left onto Blue Lick, traveling 2 miles.
- Turn left onto Lower New Germany Road traveling 1.5 miles.
- Turn right onto Twin Churches Rd traveling 1.39 miles and then turn left onto New Germany Road traveling just under 1 mile to New Germany State Park. Beautiful trails and lake offer fun recreation for the family.
- Continue on New Germany Road for approximately 7.5 miles.
- Turn left onto MD-495 S and then make a slight right onto Glendale Road, traveling approximately 5 miles.
- Turn right onto US-219 N and travel approximately 5 miles.
- Turn left onto Visitors Center Drive returning to the Garrett County Visitors Center.

Note: Cell phone availability intermittent; GPS navigation units ok

Garrett County Fall Foliage begins in late September and peaks in mid-October

For more information call the MD Fall Foliage Hotline at 1-800-LEAVES1

For information on accommodations, restaurants, shopping, and things to do, call the **Garrett County Visitors Center at 301-387-4386** or follow the link at www.visitdeepcreek.com

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