



Pack Your Scarf & Hit The Road, It's Fall Foliage Season



Can you believe Fall is around the corner? Before you turn on your vitamin D ultraviolet happy lamp, I should tell you that fall comes with a few breathtaking events. The dawn of this season brings us Halloween, Thanksgiving, leaves that change color, the smell of hot cocoa and a chill in the air that's made for cuddling. This year let's appreciate fall and its foliage with a few great road trip ideas. Today, I want to highlight a few scenic byways you can see near a few RPI Campgrounds with great discounts this fall.

The Acadia All-American Road in Maine



The Acadia All-American Road in Maine is the perfect start to our list. Maine's thick fog, colorful trees, and the beautiful cliffsides make this state unique and inspirational. It makes you realize why authors like Stephen King set their stories in such a beautiful and picturesque setting. Maine's fall foliage and natural wonders are one of kind. In fact, you might find artistic inspiration yourself.

We have a couple great campgrounds for members: [Mt. Desert Narrows Camping Resort](#) and [Narrows Too Camping Resort](#). These are part of our Additional Savings program and offer 30% off during the peak season and just \$15 per night the rest of the year. These Camping Resorts are located near the beginning of what is called the Acadia All-American Road (Route 3.) Here, it's only a matter of time before serenity sets in. Both parks offer a great place to park your rig while you explore some fall foliage. Although, I should mention both parks also have great areas for hiking. Staying here is the perfect place to start this adventure.





The Acadia All-American Road is full of history and beautiful sites. This 40-mile stretch takes about three hours, but most people take a few days to explore it. Take your time as you breathe the fresh air, feel the thick fog on your face and invite the chill air as you sip on a good cup of coffee.

There are too many sites to see in one trip but to keep it simple, I'll give you a few sites you may not want to skip.

This area is made up of Jordan Pond, a pristine lake created by a glacier. The water is crystal clear and very clean. In fact, Jordan Pond serves as public drinking water, therefore, no swimming allowed. However, a beautiful beach you can take a dip in is Sand Beach. This beach is popular with tourists but it's isolated between granite mountains and rocky shores.

Another natural marvel is Thunder Hole. This interesting formation was created by the rough waters of the Atlantic as it beat down on heavy rock. When the waves crash in this specific part of the rocks it's as loud as thunder. This road may be small but its filled with many incredible sites.

Shenandoah National Park, Virginia



It's no surprise that Virginia has incredible foliage in the fall. Every year, thousands of people come to Virginia to experience beautiful hues of red and orange. Although many parts of Virginia have incredible trees there is one site you can see it all. That's the Shenandoah National Park.

Shenandoah National Park is the perfect place for fall foliage vistas. Skyline Drive, the park's main road stretches the entire 105 miles. Nature, the original artist, has painted a picture so perfect, you're sure to see each color as you make your way through. You can stop at nearby hiking trails, meadows and even caverns throughout the road. Bring your camera because everything is picture worthy.



For starters Blue Ridge Park is a site composed of 200,000 acres of forest, trails, waterfalls and stellar views. Luray Caverns consist of beautiful rock pillars and mud formations. This well-lit cave system is tall, wide and beautiful. Some areas are ten stories tall. This cave system is a little out of the way, but it is worth the drive if you're looking for something unique.

Check out their website if you're interested, <https://luraycaverns.com/caverns/>. These caves are so impressive you'll wonder why movies aren't set here.

The most popular hiking spot in Shenandoah National Park is Old Rag Mountain. It's about 3,284 feet in elevation with a rocky summit. Be prepared to jump, climb boulders and wedge yourself between pathways. This windy hiking trail offers views from every angle. For a detailed description on what to expect on this hike click on their website: <https://www.hikingupward.com/snp/oldrag/>.

Dark Hallow Falls is another well-known beautiful hiking trail along cascades and waterfalls. This hiking trail is for intermediate to advanced trailblazers. Keep an eye out for Black Bears while you roam the area and proceed with caution as rocks near waterfalls may be slippery when wet.

Call in advance and take advantage of our good discounts.



RPI Affiliate Resort [Skyline Ranch](#), in Front Royal Virginia is at the top of Shenandoah National Park, making it most convenient for members to explore. As a RPI Preferred campground, this park is \$10 per night.

We also have two RPI Additional Savings campgrounds, [Lynchburg RV Resort](#) and [Small Country Campground](#), both of these offer discounts to RPI members off their regular nightly rate.

Kancamagus Scenic Byway, New Hampshire




If you're near Contoocook New Hampshire we have a RPI Additional Savings Campground called [Sandy Beach](#). Sandy Beach is located at 677 Clement Hill Road, this park offers great prices for RPI members during the fall. At \$15 per night you can call this park home base while you explore Kancamagus Scenic Byway nearby.

Kancamagus Scenic Byway (Pronounced "Kank-ah-mah-gus") or "The Kanc" for short is one of Americas well-known beautiful byways. This stretch of road is about 40 miles, but it's filled with beautiful fall colors as well as many natural attractions. Kancamagus Scenic Byway goes through White Mountain National Forest, an area of insurmountable beauty.

Popular attractions include, Lower Falls, Chapney Falls and Sabbadday Falls as well as Rocky Gorge. Stop by Rocky Gorge to view the white water rapidly rushing through intricate rock formations. This scenic and popular site allows visitors to picnic nearby. Although, due to the heavy current, swimming is not allowed, but you can still take in the beautiful sound of the water as it rushes past. It makes for a very relaxing atmosphere.

More interesting than Rocky Gorge is the Flume Gorge. This gorge was formed by a glacier. During the winter, the snow and ice thickens and destroys all man-made pedestrian walkways, making it inaccessible. The pedestrian bridges are rebuilt every year to make room for the masses.





Flume Gorge is very popular. In fact, it gets crowded. You should know the rock formations are high and the walkways are thin which means people with claustrophobia might not be able to handle it. Don't worry though, the walkway gets wider as you move along. All in all, this site is a must if you plan on driving through "The Kanc."

For everything you need to know about The Kanc check out their website at <http://www.kancamagushighway.com/>.

Although there are many roads with great fall foliage, these are three of the most beautiful and most popular. Make sure to take advantage of the discounts at our RPI Campgrounds listed above. All parks listed above are open through fall but close during the winter season. For more information give us a call at 800-456-7774. These parks are great for an easy and much needed fall vacation. Let's make fall the new travel season!

Happy traveling!

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Travel is a passion of mine. I want to see it all and explore what the world has to offer. I enjoy all types of travel but nothing beats finding an unusual site or an off the beaten path experience. I also enjoy the hunt for a cheap travel fare. Apart from living the life of a traveler, I enjoy assisting RPI members with their travel plans.



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