

Fall Foliage Guide

The colors of fall are all around you at Lakeshore Vermont. From the trees along our shoreline to the hills surrounding Lake Champlain, use this guide to identify some of the foliage that makes autumn here so spectacular.

Sugar Maple



Large, 5-lobed leaf with smooth, rounded edges. Fall color ranges from yellow and orange to brilliant red. One of Vermont's signature foliage trees.

Common in hardwood forests, especially on well-drained, fertile soils. Often found on slopes and upland forests; generally more common at lower to mid elevations.

Red Maple



3-5 lobed leaf with pointed tips and serrated edges. Leaves often have reddish stems. Fall color can be vivid red, scarlet, orange, or yellow.

Very adaptable; found in forests, wetlands, along roadsides, and near lakes and streams. Common from low elevations into the mountains.

Paper Birch



Small, triangular-to-oval leaf with a pointed tip and finely toothed edges. Typically turns bright yellow in fall.

Common in cool, moist forests, along lakeshores and disturbed areas. Often found at lower and mid elevations.

American Beech



Oval leaf with prominent parallel veins and coarse teeth. Leaves often turn golden yellow, copper, or bronze and may remain on the tree into winter.

Common in mature hardwood forests, particularly on well-drained slopes and upland sites.

Northern Red Oak



Large leaf with several pointed lobes. The lobes have distinctive bristle-like tips. Fall color ranges from rusty red to reddish-brown.

Found primarily in upland forests, hillsides, and well-drained soils. Common at low to mid elevations.

White Oak



Large, rounded leaf with 5-9 rounded lobes. Fall color tends toward reddish-purple, brown, or wine-red.

Found in mature forests, upland areas, and well-drained slopes. Generally favors drier sites than many other hardwoods.

White Ash



Compound leaf made up of several individual leaflets arranged along a central stem. Fall color is typically yellow but can become purple-brown.

Found in rich, moist forests, floodplains, and along streams and lakes. Usually found at lower elevations.

