Unique Ways to Experience Foliage in New Hampshire

We live boldly in New Hampshire. Just look at our motto! Or at all the brilliant orange, red and golden foliage painted across the state every fall. So while cruising the Kancamagus Highway or along the Connecticut River Scenic Byway by car is an incredible way to enjoy the magnificent, colorful canopys of the season, we suggest looking beyond the dashboard at other adventurous ways you can experience the breathtaking beauty of autumn in the Granate State.

Zip-Line Tours

You may have been ziplining before. But have you been wisked above a rainbow of tree tops with crisp fall air breezing through your hair. Trust us. Gliding over a sea of stunning leaves will make it a fall you'll never forget. Here's a list of some of the most awe-inspiring zip-line tours in New Hampshire.

Mountain Biking

How many shades of fall can be found in New Hampshire? Too many to count. But you can pedal your way through every enchanting hue this season. Hundreds of miles of well-maintained mountain biking trails will weave you through a kaleidiscope of fiery oranges, reds and yellows, speckled with earthy greens. From Moose Brook State Park—where you can rest your legs around a campfire when the day's done—and Bear Brook State Park's double- and single-track trails, to Great Glen Trails' gorgeous views, you can't go wrong experiencing autumns' artwork from your bike.

Horseback Riding

Giddyup! Whether you're new to horseback riding or you can gallop with the best of them, a woodland trail ride is arguably one of the most charming ways to take in New Hampshire's sensational fall foliage. There are a variety of inns and resorts that offer horseback riding packages. Are you ready to climb onto the saddle and ride into the sunset?

Hiking

New Hampshire's mountains are a spectacular sight any time of year. But the vibrant, color-drenched views they deliver in the fall? Downright dazzling. So this year, consider immersing yourself in the magic of the season by tackling the state's diverse terrain on

foot. With 4,000 miles of hiking trails and 48 world-class peaks over 40,000 feet, there's a range of hikes suitable for beginners and seasoned summiters alike. Get inspired and start planning your leaf-peeping journey by browsing hikes in New Hampshire State Parks and other amazing destinations.

Kayaking

Few things in life are more sootheing than drifting downstream through sun-dappled waters, surrounded by crimson-colored leaves. Opportunities to do just that abound New Hampshire, where you can choose from 944 lakes and 41,800 miles of rivers and streams, lined with trees streaked with that rich, autumn glow. So rent a kayak, get paddling and experience quintesential New England fall from the water!

Fall Foliage Cruises

Rather not pick up a paddle? You can still soak up the beauty of New Hampshire's foliage by lake, river and sea. Portsmouth Harbor Cruises' Inland River & Fall Foliage Cruise and Mount Washington Cruises' Sunday Dinner and Fall Foliage Cruise on Lake Winnipesaukee are great options to explore. Not to mention Explore Squam Cruises.

ATVing

If exploring the vast New Hampshire wilderness sounds like your idea of a fun fall adventure, fuel up on your favorite pumpkin-flavored treats and rev up your ride. You can rent all kinds of ATVS in New Hampshire and cover a lot of ground with a network of 1,200 miles of well-maintained trails. You know what that means? You'll be tunnellling through a bounty of bright, beautiful leaves.

Scenic Railways

For well over a century, trains have been chugging through New Hampshire valleys, winding along ridges and climbing mountain peeks, steeping visitors in the exquisite beauty of the state's natural wonders. So this fall, consider sitting back, relaxing and enjoying fall foliage from one of the many scenic train rides, some of which feature five-course meals, snacks and family-fiendly entertainment.

With these nine options, you're sure to have a rollicking New Hampshire adventure!