Online resources for planning fall outings

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Planning fall outings is easier than ever. Here are a few online resources to consider as you enjoy the rest of the season.

—U.S. Forest Service fall color report, http://www.fs.fed.us/news/fallcolors/Fall. What's great about this site is it doesn't just concentrate on the Northeast states best-known for autumn color. Instead it has links for nearly every region of the country, from the Northwest to the South. In addition to the regional links on the page, if you scroll to the bottom, you'll see "Choose a State Color Report," with quick links to state tourism foliage guides. Travel + Leisure magazine is also offering a list of fall drives across the country, including Enchanted Circle Scenic Byway in New Mexico, the Eastern Sierra range in California and the West Elk Loop Scenic and Historic Byway in Colorado, http://bit.ly/cdAMMW.

—If you're a Yankee purist, wedded to leaf-peeping in the six New England states, http://www.yankeefoliage.com is a great resource. Frommers.com also lists its recommendations for places to see fall foliage at http://bit.ly/cQ0GgO including Walden Pond in Concord, Mass., made famous by Henry David Thoreau's sojourn there, and Mount Auburn Cemetery, in Cambridge, Mass., a 19th century cemetery known for its beautiful trees.

—Apples, pumpkins and corn mazes are all hallmarks of the season. These sites will help you find an orchard, pumpkin patch or maze near you: http://www.PickYourOwn.org and http://www.pumpkinpatchesandmore.org and http://www.cornmazesamerica.com.



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