



EAST TEXAS

FALL COLOR GUIDE



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Tyler, Texas

As summer gives way to fall and the temperatures begin to change, so do the colors of scenic East Texas. Known as the Piney Woods region, the hardwood trees put on a display of magnificent colors. Painted across a backdrop of evergreen pines, fall foliage ranges from light yellow shades of the Oak trees to deep oranges of the Sweet Gums to the rich, vibrant reds of the Maple trees. Natural beauty is undoubtedly at its peak during the cooler months, across lakes, hiking trails, farms, rose gardens, and wildlife. The rural roadsides come alive with pumpkin patches, flower stands filled with mums, and the smell of fresh cut hay.

Take advantage of autumn and plan a scenic drive to Tyler, Texas with amazing views and unique things to do along the way. Tyler is an excellent starting or ending point for fall day trips in East Texas!

FALL CAPITAL OF EAST TEXAS: TYLER, TEXAS

Tyler Rose Garden

As the Rose Capital of America, Tyler is home to the nation's largest municipal rose garden. It features more than 35,000 rose bushes on 14 acres, as well as the Tyler Botanical Garden, with camellia, day lilies, and numerous Japanese Maples that sport bright fall foliage. Stroll through a sea of rich pinks, reds, yellows, and oranges as you explore more than 500 varieties of roses. Talk about the perfect fall family photo!

Texas Rose Festival

The rose garden takes center stage every October for the Texas Rose Festival. Since its beginning in 1933, the Texas Rose Festival has represented the spirit that brings Tyler together as a community. Rich in heritage and tradition, the festival offers enchanting ceremonial events, such as the Queen's Coronation, the Queen's Tea, and the Rose Parade, all amidst a backdrop of brilliant roses bursting with color. The Texas Rose Festival is held the third weekend of October every year, but the Tyler Rose Museum is open year-round. Be sure to stop and admire the elaborate dresses worn by previous Rose Queens and learn about the town built on the rose-growing industry.



Tyler State Park

In the fall, Tyler State Park transforms into a palette of orange, yellow, and red colors. The park is built around a 64-acre spring-fed lake, and features 13 miles of hiking and biking trails, kayaking, campgrounds, fishing, picnic areas, and more under the shade of 100-foot tall trees. Hike the Whispering Pines Trail and then stop for a picnic to take in the view. Don't forget the s'mores for the campfire!

Adventure & Outdoor Pass

Outdoor excitement abounds in East Texas, where you can use the Adventure and Outdoor Pass as your ultimate guide. Add a little autumn adrenaline to your daytrip with hot air ballooning, skydiving, zip lining over the Piney Woods, a safari ride, and more. This free digital guide allows you to customize your itinerary and when you check in at ten of the locations listed, you'll be entered to win a Grand Prize East Texas Getaway Package!

Azalea District

Tyler's Azalea District showcases nearly 1,000 homes built in the first half of the 20th century, with a large number of structures dated during the 1930s oil boom. The site of Tyler's popular Azalea Trail in the spring is still worth driving or strolling afoot in the fall to see the stately historic architecture, colorful trees, and Japanese Magnolias. You're bound to see some HGTV-worthy front porches adorned with autumn wreaths, corn stalks, and pumpkins!

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SCENIC SURROUNDINGS

Edom, TX

A quaint village just west of Tyler surrounded by lovely countryside scenes and forests, Edom is known for its festivals, potters, artists, garden centers, restaurants, and eclectic shopping.

Canton, TX

An easy 45-minute drive west of Tyler through rolling hills and ranches is Canton, site of the famous monthly flea market, First Monday Trade Days. Make a stop at the Billy the Kid Museum!

Gladewater, TX

After a visit to the daffodil farm and Lake Gladewater, take a detour for some shopping in the Antique Capital of East Texas.

Jacksonville, TX

To the south of Tyler on U.S. 69, cruise the 30 mile vista of fall colors known as Love's Lookout and stop for a picnic at Lake Jacksonville in the Tomato Capital of the World. On this road you can find a winery, farm, corn maze, pumpkin patch, and more.

Kilgore, TX

With history centered around the oil boom, you can visit East Texas Oil Museum, the World's Richest Acre, and Rangerette Showcase. Home to the Oilmen's Chili Cook Off, Oktoberfest, and East Texas Pipe Organ festivals there plenty to do in the 'City of Stars'.

Lindale, TX

Known as the fruit and berry center of Texas and the hometown to country singer, Miranda Lambert. Listen to live music during Countryfest at Picker's Pavilion at Blackberry Square!





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Longview, TX

View autumn's splendor at any of Longview's walking and biking trails. Try the Cargill Long Park Trail or the Paul G. Boorman Trail. There are 26 scenic acres along the east side of Maude Cobb Convention and Activity Center, adjacent to the JR Curtis Garden for the Blind. Nestled in trees and gentle cliffs, the land sits in the heart of Longview. Just south of Lake Lomond, the area attracts birds, butterflies, wildlife, and indigenous flora and fauna.

Marshall, TX

Drive 5.5 miles northeast of Marshall to Stagecoach Road, located at Texas 43 and Pine Bluff Road. This narrow dirt road often sits as much as twelve feet below the tree base, providing a towering canopy of fall leaves. Stagecoach Road was the main transportation artery between Marshall and New Orleans before the Civil War.

Nacogdoches, TX

Head down Texas Highway 21, known as the historic El Camino Real, for stunning autumn views. Downtown Nacogdoches has a beautifully landscaped town square, Plaza Principal, with shopping, dining, and wine tasting. The Ruby Mize Azalea Garden is known for its beautiful azalea blooms in the spring, but showcases a stunning display of Japanese Maple trees and other flora turning brilliant shades in the fall. Other scenic highlights include Ag Pond on the Stephen F. Austin State University campus, Millard's Crossing Historic Village, and Lanana Creek Trail.

Palestine, TX

Ride the Texas State Railroad, a historic railroad offering steam train excursions through 25 miles of scenic piney woods and hardwood creek bottoms amidst a Texas backdrop of rolling hills, nature, and wildlife. Don't miss Davey Dogwood Park.