

#MyManistee FALL COLOR ROUTES

Explore the beautiful landscapes and
quaint communities throughout the #MyManistee
region while you enjoy a drive along our
four scenic fall color routes!



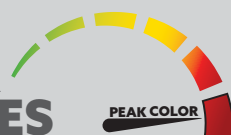
**M-22
SCENIC
HIGHWAY**
VOTED THE
BEST SCENIC
FALL COLOR
ROUTE!

COASTAL
COLOR IN MANISTEE COUNTY
START YOUR TRIP ALONG
THE SCENIC M-22
HIGHWAY

INLAND
COLOR IN MANISTEE COUNTY
PEAKS ABOUT 1-2
WEEKS BEFORE THE COAST

**DOWN
TOWN
MANISTEE**
FALL EXPERIENCES
#MyManistee Top Spots

**LIVE
COLOR
UPDATES**



Looking for live fall color updates through-
out the region? Tune in to our website:
Visit ManisteeCounty.com/fallcolor to view
the latest color updates to find out when you
can expect peak color in the region.



Inland Fall Color Tour

As you make your way east towards the higher
elevations and dense hardwoods of the Manistee
National Forest, our inland route offers a variety of
ways to experience fall following less traveled paths.
Try taking a winding dirt road through a tunnel of
trees, slow down and appreciate the unadulterated
landscape of our region, and stop along the way to
explore some of these terrific destinations.



7+
HOURS

27
TOUR
STOPS

95
MILES

RECOMMENDED START: Start in the heart of Downtown Manistee

1 DOWNTOWN MANISTEE

Explore the shopping and dining opportunities in the heart of Downtown Manistee and enjoy the beautiful fall color along the banks of the Manistee River Channel as you stroll through town.

2 G&D ALPACA AND DEB'S BOUTIQUE

(4796 Maple Rd., Manistee)
Open Thurs. – Mon. 10 am to 4 pm. Through October 31, then open again for Sleighbell Weekend. Enjoyment for the whole family! Owners Deb and Greg share their family of Alpacas, the walking trails and especially items and Michigan-made gifts in Deb's Boutique.

3 MANISTEE LAKE

(Best viewed from Stronach Road around the south side) The fall color will burst along Manistee Lake as you make your way around the south side of the lake. (This route will be busier than normal since the bridge at M-55 is detoured)

4 TUNNEL OF TREES

(On Eastlake Road off M-55) A natural wonder in Manistee County.

5 LITTLE MANISTEE WEIR

(Along Old Stronach Road & The Little Manistee River) Each fall this is the site where up to 20,000 Chinook salmon are harvested as part of the annual egg-take process. Anglers report great success fishing for wild Coho salmon in late fall. An observation platform allows for viewing of the salmon making their way up stream.

6 UDELL ROLLWAYS

(End of Horseshoe Bend Rd.) Bring your disc golf discs and play this challenging 18 hole course, or take a walk on the trails right down to the edge of the Big Manistee River. This area is rich with history when logging was the area's biggest industry during the turn of the 20th century.

7 BIG-M RECREATION AREA

(On Udell Hills Road off M-55) The Big-M Recreation area is famous for its mountain biking and hiking terrain in all four seasons. It is especially beautiful in the fall-many high canopy areas give you expansive views of fall color from within the Manistee National Forest.

Inland Fall Color Tour MAP



Scenic Airplane Tours

Orchard Beach Aviation
2323 Airport Rd., Manistee
231-723-8095

The WOW experience! You'll truly understand the beauty of Manistee County when you experience autumn colors and the Lake Michigan shoreline from the air.



See the fall color views from last year high above the trees



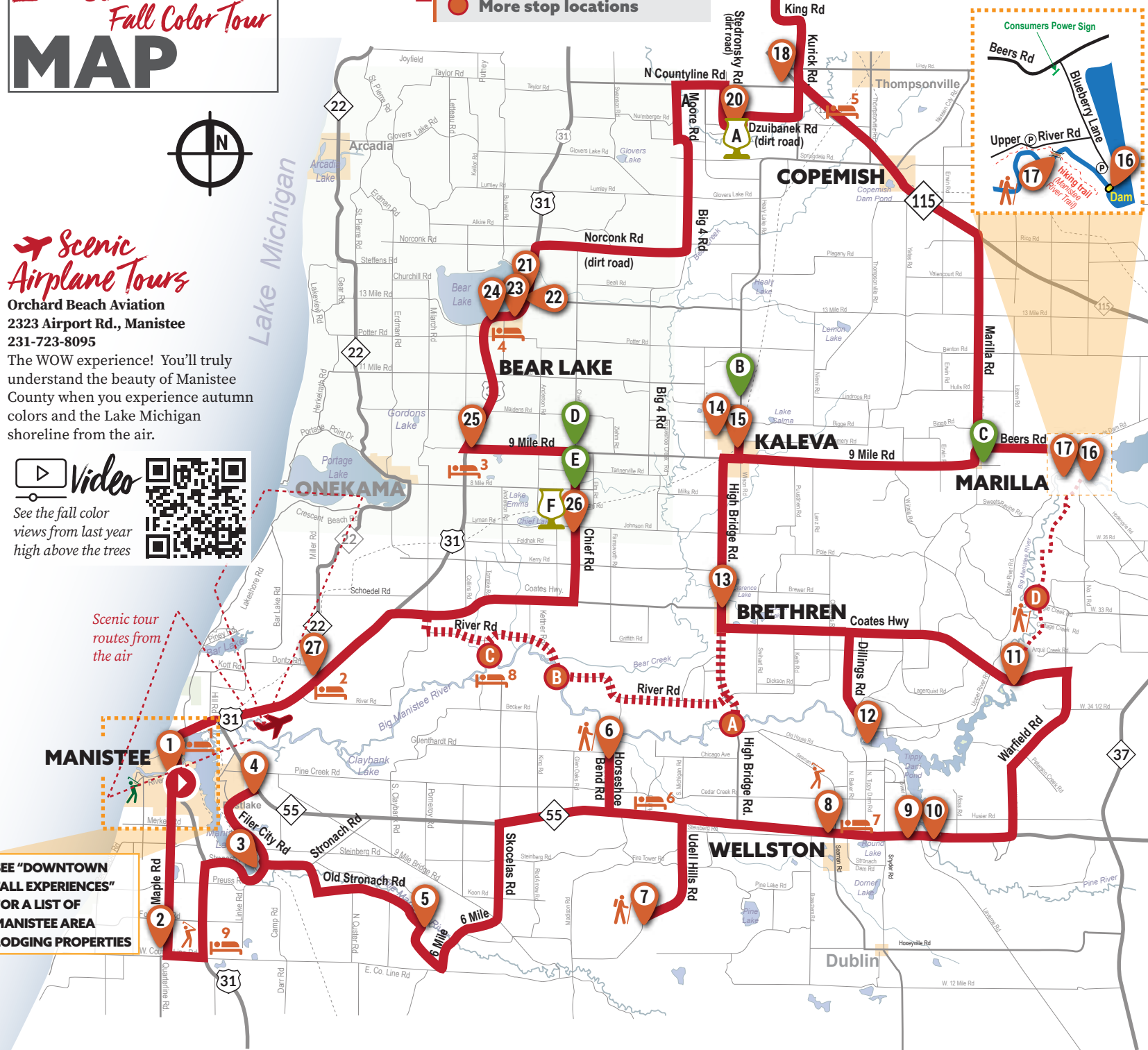
Scenic tour routes from the air

SEE "DOWNTOWN FALL EXPERIENCES" FOR A LIST OF MANISTEE AREA LODGING PROPERTIES

MAP KEY

- Points of interest along the route
- Recommended route
- Detour route to more stops
- More stop locations

- Hiking Trails
- Craft Beer, Wine, Spirits
- Photo Stop
- Historic Site
- Foodie Stop
- Golf Course



8 ANNIE'S KOZY KITCHEN
 (16938 Caberfae Hwy, M-55, Wellston)
 Delicious home cookin', big portions, great service, friendly atmosphere. Open 7 days. Daily specials on Facebook.

9 REDNECK YACHT CLUB
 (On M-55 just west of Cooley Bridge)
 Great menu with all your favorites and a full bar too! Heated outdoor seating.

10 COOLEY BRIDGE
 (On M-55 crossing the Pine River)
 The Mortimer E. Cooley Bridge was originally constructed in 1934 by the Wisconsin Bridge and Iron Company and is one of the few "high-level bridges" in Michigan. It is one of Michigan's more rare truss bridge types with its ornate v-lacing and lattice framework.

11 RED BRIDGE
 (On Coates Hwy, crossing the Big Manistee River) Red Bridge and the Big Manistee River feature the lower trail connection for the Manistee River Trail and North Country Trail Loop. This rolling terrain will provide beautiful fall color against the swift moving currents of the Big Manistee River. This is also a great spot to start a quick hike up-a-ways and back along the Manistee River Trail.

12 TIPPY DAM
 Tippy Dam is Consumers Energy's second largest hydro dam, producing up to 20,000 kilowatts and providing electricity to approximately 6,500 customers. The best place to view the dam is on the northern side, where there is a boat launch area, kayak portage and parking area.

13 TRAKS BAR & GRILL
 (On Highbridge Rd. just north of Brethren) Full menu and bar with outdoor seating too! Big screen TVs for fall sports!

A B C
 Check out some of the Hiking Stops and shoreline Explore the Shores Sites (see next page for details)



Brew, Wine, & Spirits

Iron Fish Distillery

14234 Dzuibanek Rd., Thompsonville
 231.378-3474 | ironfishdistillery.com

Michigan's first farm-to-still distillery celebrates autumn in its own special way with seasonal craft cocktails around the outdoor fire pit, yard games and live entertainment. The Farm and Distillery Tours are back in full swing, and you will explore every step of the process.

Northern Natural Cider House and Winery

7220 Chief Rd., Bear Lake
 231.889.0064 | northernnaturalwinery.com

Well known for their hard ciders on tap, Howlers and Growlers, award-winning premium wines, and a new Pino Gris that will debut this fall. Fall is the season for fresh, organic non-alcoholic apple cider too, and Northern Natural's will be ready in late September.

St. Ambrose Cellars

841 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
 231.383.4262 | stambrose-mead-wine.com

You'll find an eventful fall at St. Ambrose that includes music on Friday and Saturday night and the usual favorites of Draft or Still Mead, wine or beer, delicious eats 7 days a week from the St. Ambrose food truck and more!

14 KALEVA TAVERN
 (9289 N. Walta St., Kaleva)
 A community gathering spot since 1936, the classic diner style menu is a favorite.

15 KALEVA BOTTLE HOUSE MUSEUM
 (14551 Wuoksi Ave, Kaleva) Constructed from 60,000 glass bottles in 1941, the Kaleva Historical Society purchased the property in 1983 and the home is now on the National Register of Historic Places.

16 HODENPYL DAM
 (At the end of Blueberry Lane off Beers Road) Constructed in 1925, Hodenpyl Dam is part of Consumers Energy's network of 13 hydroelectric dams in Northern Lower Michigan.

17 SUSPENSION BRIDGE
 (On Upper River Rd. off Blueberry Lane) The Suspension Bridge or "Little Mac" Foot Bridge is a 245' pedestrian foot bridge completed in 1996. It is the largest wooden suspension bridge in the Lower Peninsula.

18 CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN
 (12500 Crystal Mountain Dr., Thompsonville) Fall golf, touring the outdoor Legacy Art Park and pampering yourself at their excellent spa are only three of many activities available in autumn.

19 ST. AMBROSE CELLARS
 (841 Pioneer Rd., Beulah) Craft Mead and wines to sample, order from the popular food truck or lite plates, entertainment and special fall events.

20 IRON FISH DISTILLERY
 (14234 Dzuibanek Rd., Thompsonville) Fine spirits and seasonal crafted cocktails, wood fired pizza. Farm tours are back!

Stay near the Inland Fall Color route

- 1 Insta Launch Campground**
 20 Park Ave.
 Manistee | (231) 723-3901
- 2 Little River Casino Resort**
 2700 Orchard Hwy. Manistee
 (866) 466-7338
- 3 Inn at the Alpine**
 8127 Chippewa Hwy,
 Bear Lake | (231) 889-4281
- 4 Bella Vista Inn**
 12273 West St, Bear Lake
 (231) 864-3000
- 5 Crystal Adventures**
 17227 Vondra Rd,
 Thompsonville | (231) 378-2831
- 6 Manistee Outpost Motel**
 12150 Caberfae, Manistee
 (231) 723-7500
- 7 Northwoods Cabins**
 17448 Caberfae, Wellston
 (231) 848-4573
- 8 Tilmann Outfitters**
 2626 Bialik Rd, Manistee
 (231) 510-9345
- 9 Manistee National Golf & Resort**
 4797 Grant Hwy. | (231) 398-0123

Hiking Stops

Stretch your legs and see some fall color from the trails

- A Explore the Shores Sites**
- B Explore these direct access sites to the Big Manistee River, featuring**
- C universally accessible fishing and observation platforms.**

D Manistee River at the end of Slagle Creek Rd.
 You won't find many places in Northern Michigan with this sort of view (pictured here). The rolling hills provide a beautiful backdrop of fall color. With a good 4x4 vehicle you can take a slow ride down the seasonal 2-track, Slagle Creek Road.



21 SADDLE UP GROCERY

(12991 Pleasanton Hwy. US-31, Bear Lake) Full line of groceries, beer, wine liquor, fresh meats, produce, gas, off road diesel, propane and more.

22 GRILL 44

(12951 Pleasanton Hwy. US-31, Bear Lake) Awesome burgers, American classics and their thin crust wood-fired pizza is a favorite.

23 LAKESIDE CAFE

(7833 Lake St., Bear Lake) Breakfast all day, great coffee, homemade desserts and soups, great sandwiches and burgers.

24 MAGGIE'S

(7710 Lake St., Bear Lake) Fun clothing, accessories, décor and more. Check Facebook for special events and fall hours.

25 OSBORN'S SPORT SHOP

(8929 Chippewa Hwy., Bear Lake) Hunting and fishing supplies, outdoor archery range. Full range of kayak rentals and ice fishing equipment.

26 NORTHERN NATURAL CIDER

(7220 Chief Rd., Kaleva) Award-winning premium wines and ciders, popular local entertainment, and two organic food trucks. The new season for fresh, organic, non-alcoholic cider begins late September. Growlers and howlers available too.

27 LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT

(2700 Orchard Highway) It's a little different here! Friendliest card dealers around, hot slots, sports-book, and great meals in our restaurants.



Access our online maps

Gain access to each of our river maps with turn by turn directions to each of the major access sites.

Color along the Little Manistee River



Paddling the River

Beautiful autumn hues await you on a river adventure in Manistee County. The **Big Manistee River** is wide, and smooth flowing with no rapids or tight corners to navigate. Much of the river is about 2-5' deep with a few deeper spots at the switch-backs. Trips from Hodenpyl Dam down to Red Bridge and Tippy Dam to High Bridge are perfect for families.

The **Little Manistee River** is also considered an easy river to paddle and great for beginners to intermediate paddlers. If you are a beginner and armed with a tube, canoe or kayak, we recommend staying below the Manistee Weir.

Intermediate paddlers and beginners who are feeling adventurous will enjoy the paddle along **6 Mile or 9 Mile Bridge** down to the Weir. The higher on the river you go, the more difficult. The river is narrow and will require some tight turns.

During the fall season, the rain can bring swift currents on the **Pine River** make for one of the most enjoyable paddles you will probably ever experience in Michigan. The higher on the river you go, the quieter it is. As you get down to Dobson Bridge to Norman Dixon, you will find a few more people, but it is still quite and very scenic during the fall months.

Be sure to check out these area businesses for all of your river adventure needs.

Manistee Adventures
231.233.3265 | 231. W. Parkdale Ave., Manistee

Pine River Paddlesports Center
231.862.3471 | 9590 M-37, Wellston

@at42kahuna-istock

INLAND COLOR TOUR

U-Pick, Farms & Markets



IRONFISH DISTILLERY (231) 378-3474 | 14234 Dzuibanek Rd.

Born on the waters of the Betsie River, raised on its watershed farmland and inspired by upstream journeys of the steelhead, we are Michigan's first farm based distillery, returning spirit to its origin. Join us for an outdoor dining and craft cocktail experience.



TASTING ROOM, MARKET & RESTAURANT



GROSSNICKLE FARMS (231) 362-3796 | 9918 Healy Lake Rd, Kaleva

Grossnickle Farms is a popular Manistee County farm and a family business since 1964. They offer "fresh picked daily" produce to assure their customers are receiving our finest! Offering a wide selection of fruits and vegetables all grown on the farm just north of Kaleva. Open May-October 31.



MARKET/STORE FRONT



HOWES FARM (231) 362-3571 | 9241 Marilla Rd, Copemish

Fall raspberries, vegetables, pumpkins, squash and decorative gourds.



ROADSIDE/FARM STAND



Z&N FARM (707) 672-5118 | 9740 Chief Rd, Bear Lake

Family owned farm utilizing safe and natural growing practices for vegetables and melons on 6 acres between Kaleva and Onkama. Providing produce at local farmers markets and at their roadside stand. Online orders through December.



ROADSIDE/FARM STAND



CALVIN LUTZ FARM (231) 889-5594 | 8576 Chief Rd, Kaleva

Serving the community for almost 120 years with the best in fresh-farmed fruits and vegetables. Pumpkins, squash, cabbage and cauliflower in autumn, followed by Christmas wreaths and trees.



ROADSIDE/FARM STAND



U-PICK FRUIT/VEGETABLES - SEE THEIR FB PAGE FOR DETAILS



U-CUT CHRISTMAS TREES



NORTHERN NATURAL CIDER HOUSE AND WINERY (231) 889-0064 | 7220 Chief Rd, Kaleva

Fall is the season for fresh, organic, non-alcoholic apple cider, and Northern Natural's will be ready in late Sept. Try our new Pinot Gris wine, enjoy organic foods from our two food trucks, entertainment on Friday and Saturday, and experience our groomed walking trail. Specializing in premium quality organic hard ciders, wines made with organic fruit, sustainable farmed Gold Medal grape and port wines.



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