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*The Fall Colors of*  
**NEVADA CITY**  
*&*  
**GRASS VALLEY**



*Nevada City*



*Grass Valley*

## Welcome...

Autumn is a special time of year in Nevada County. It is a time to slow down, reflect and appreciate the colorful gifts of nature.

When it comes to fall colors, Nevada City and Grass Valley are two of the prettiest towns this side of New England.

The annual spectacle of color begins in early October and can last until Thanksgiving, depending on weather. It is hard to predict peak color weeks but middle to late October is a good bet. You can check day-to-day conditions by calling the Chamber of Commerce.

Local colors are best in the Victorian neighborhoods surrounding the historic downtown areas. Towering Sugar Maples and Liquidambar provide some of the most brilliant hues. Many other trees, shrubs and vines add to the show.

The best colors are scattered throughout both towns. Grass Valley is especially pretty from higher vista points. Nevada City colors are centered in a smaller area and may be more easily enjoyed by foot or bicycle. Among the most popular sites are Nevada Street in Nevada City and along Neal

street in Grass Valley.

Nevada City and Grass Valley have been widely recognized for having some of the West's best fall colors. Local residents are proud and happy to share this treasure but please show respect for their neighborhoods and privacy.

*Enjoy!*



## Nevada City

The Nevada City map shows a self-guided tour to some of the town's best fall color areas. The tour takes about 15 minutes by car, longer for cyclists or energetic walkers. Nevada City's best fall colors are in historic residential neighborhoods. Many of these trees were planted by early settlers. After viewing the fall colors, explore the historic downtown districts of Nevada City and Grass Valley.



## Grass Valley

Scenic fall colors are spread throughout Grass Valley. On the map, leaves are used to identify some of the most colorful areas. Sweeping vistas of fall colors are seen from the higher streets in town. Empire Mine State Historic Park, off East Empire Street, a mile southeast of Grass Valley, also offers good color.

