



Manitowish Waters Chamber of Commerce

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Fall Color Tour Sampler

All tours start from the Chamber of Commerce/Community Center on Hwy. 51 at Airport Road. Detailed, local road maps are available at the Chamber. Most all county roads provide spectacular fall color viewing! Enjoy the breathtaking fall colors by bicycle, foot, cycle, boat, automobile or airplane! Peak colors can arrive anytime between the last two weeks of Sept. to the first two weeks of October. We'll keep you posted through a weekly fall color report at www.travelwisconsin.com – the official WI Dept. of Tourism website – or call the Chamber. Enjoy this handful of looping routes:

Route #1:

USH 51 south 2/10-mile to Powell Road and turn right. Powell Road extends 7 miles, ending at Hwy. 47. You will pass Alder Lake Road about 1.5 miles down on left (this road leads you to the cranberry marshes), and about 3 miles down encounter the scenic Powell Marsh Wildlife Area with its flocks of waterfowl, birds & other wildlife, cattails, marsh grasses and forest that turn colors of gold, red and yellow. About 6.5 miles down, you'll notice the trailhead for the Powell trail system – deep woods trails for hiking and skiing in winter. At Hwy. 47, turn left and travel through the Native American Reservation of Lac du Flambeau. Visit the fish hatchery, trout pond and cultural museum in this town. Lac du Flambeau has a beautiful chain of 14 lakes. Continue through Lac du Flambeau on Hwy. 47 to CTH H. Turn left on H and follow to USH 51. (Shortly after turning onto CTH H, you will notice Wa-Swa-Goning on your right, a replicated Indian village.) Turn left on USH 51 and travel north back to Manitowish Waters.

Route #2:

Travel south on USH 51 apx. 3.5 miles and turn right on South Townline Road (just past Michael's Parlor Restaurant & Up North Wisconsin gift shop). About 2 miles down, the road sharply curves right at which time the road becomes Alder Lake Road. (You'll also notice a large sign listing all of the Manitowish Waters Cranberry Growers at this curve.) Follow Alder Lake Road, and the first marsh you'll come to is the Vilas Cranberry Co. and the Cranberry Square Gift Shop (open May through the holiday season). The remaining four local marshes (Bartling's Manitowish Cranberry on Alder Lake Road, and on Cranberry Boulevard off of Alder Lake Road: Indermuehle's Alder Lake Cranberry, Folsom Farm and Rayala Cranberry) are not "open to the public." However, you can see some of the bogs as you drive along Alder Lake Road. At the end of Alder Lake Road, turn right onto Powell Road to get back to USH 51 or left to travel to Hwy. 47. As harvest goes into full swing (generally late-September and October), the bogs are flooded and become a sea of crimson red. This is truly a unique experience for all fall travelers. A free cranberry marsh tour is conducted each Friday, 10 a.m., courtesy of the M.W. Chamber and Cranberry Growers Assoc., mid-July through mid-October. Contact the Chamber, or refer to the M.W. visitor guide or website for details. During our Cranberry Colorama celebration (last Sat. in September), free shuttle bus cranberry marsh tours are offered.

Route #3:

USH 51 north 1 mile to CTH W. Right on W through downtown Manitowish Waters. Continue on W through Winchester and into Presque Isle to CTH B (apx. 16 miles). Turn right on B and travel to CTH M. Continue on B past M if you wish to explore Land O'Lakes. Or turn right on M and travel into Boulder Junction to CTH K. Continue left on M if you wish to explore the charming community of Boulder Junction, or turn right on CTH K to return to Manitowish Waters. CTH K ends at CTH W. Turn left on W to return to downtown Manitowish Waters and US Hwy. 51. CTH B is a most gorgeous, winding fall color road.

Route #4:

USH 51 north 1 mile to CTH W. Right on W through downtown Manitowish Waters, and on to Winchester and Presque Isle to CTH P. Turn right on P and enjoy a winding 7 mile drive to CTH K. Turn right on K (North Lakeland School will be on your right) and follow back to CTH W. Left on W takes you back to downtown Manitowish Waters and USH 51.

Route #5:

Hwy. 51 north 1 mile to CTH W. Turn right on W and travel through downtown Manitowish Waters and into Winchester to CTH O. Turn left on O and travel to CTH G. Turn left on G and travel to CTH H (which takes you into Mercer) and then on to CTH J. Turn left on J and travel about 5 miles to CTH W. Turn right on CTH W to head back to downtown Manitowish Waters and USH 51.