Dickinson County Fall Color Tours

Dickinson County in Michigan's Upper Peninsula offers a stunning display of fall colors, with peak foliage typically occurring from late September through early October. The area's scenic drives and unique landscapes, from river valleys to bluffs, provide an unforgettable backdrop for a vibrant mix of red, orange, and yellow leaves. These scenic routes offer stunning views of the Dickinson County area's vibrant fall colors.

Route 1
Lake Antoine & Pine Creek Bluffs
(20-30 minutes)

From Iron Mountain, head north 1 mile to Lake Antoine/Quinnesec Rd. Drive along the north shore to Lake Antoine Park (3 mi). Turn left onto Upper Pine Creek Rd and follow to Pine Creek Bluffs (8 mi) for a great sunset view. Continue south on Upper Pine to Boundary Line Rd (9 mi), turn left, then right onto Valley View Rd (10 mi). Turn right on Scenic Rd (12 mi) to rejoin US 2 West. Fumee Falls Roadside Park will be on your right at mile 15 as you head back to Iron Mountain.

Route 2
Foster City - Felch Route
(1 - 1.5 hours)

From US 2 at Waucedah, take CR 569 north 16 miles to historic Foster City. Detour: Boarding House Rd offers beautiful farm and color overviews (dead-ends, must retrace). Head west on Hwy 69 through Felch (stop at Red Arrow Tavern for a bite). Take scenic Metropolitan Rd past historic Zion Lutheran Church. Rejoin Hwy 69 west to M-95 south back to Iron Mountain or connect to Routes 3 or 4.
Bonus Stop: Randville Bar and the Tom "Wildcat" King Native American memorial across the street.

Route 3
Peavy & Michigamme Falls
(45-60 minutes)

Head west on M69 from Sagola and turn left to explore Peavy Falls Dam and Michigamme Dam. Enjoy quiet, public fishing spots set in a beautiful wilderness backdrop.

Route 4
Rock Dam & Rock Lake
(20-30 minutes)

From Iron Mountain, take US 2 West to M-95 North (4 mi) and turn right on Sportsmen's Club Rd. Drive 2 mi, turn right on Carney Lake Rd for 1 mi, pass the gravel pit, and bear right onto the forest road. Drive 1 mi and turn left at the "Rock Dam" sign on a red pine. Park at the turnaround and cross the wooden bridge over Hosking Creek to reach Pine Creek and Rock Dam Falls. Continue to Carney and Rock Lakes before retracing your route or heading north to M-95 at Merriman.

Route 5
Pine Mountain & Hydraulic Falls
(30-45 minutes)

Pine Mountain, UP Veterans Memorial & Hydraulic Falls (30-45 minutes) Take Kramer Dr off Walker/Lower Pine Mountain Rd to the hilltop. Visit Pine Mountain—home to the US's largest ski jump (176 ft tall on a 600 ft hill)—and the UP Veterans Memorial, with spectacular views from the ski lift and jump. Continue to Hydraulic Falls Dam for magnificent views from above.

Route 6
Piers Gorge & Menominee River
(1 - 1.5 hours)

From Norway, take US 8 south and turn right across from True North Outpost for Piers Gorge (MI/WI park pass required, available on-site). Enjoy a short walk along the Menominee River, then continue US 141 through Niagara to return to US 2.

- Route 1 Lake Antoine – Old Faceful, Pine Creek Bluffs
- Route 2 Scenic Mine Outlook, Metropolitan Mountain, Sturgeon River Drive
- Route 3 Peavy Falls Dam, Beautiful Michigamme River
- Route 4 Rock Sam, Carney Lake, Rock Lake, Pine Creek Bluffs
- Route 5, Picturesque Hydraulic Falls, Giant Pine Mountain Ski Hill
- Route 6 Piers Gorge, the Menominee River at its best