

# State Color Tour Leaps On Stage

Michigan's big color show is about to get underway, and Dame Nature has already begun testing tringes in the Upper Peninsula, where it all begins.

The annual spectacular changes late summer dusty greens of Michigan's forestlands into a wild rampage of colors, ranging from pale yellow, orange, red, and deep, rich browns, and all intermediate shades.

Exploding along the shores of Lake Superior first in late September, the show gradually moves southward until the entire state is ablaze around mid-October. This is Michigan in her finest raiment, unabashed in her rampant flamboyancy and splendor.

Visitors who come to Michigan to view the fall colors find unexpected bonuses. Gone is the summer crowd and public lodging is easier to come by. Michigan's always safe freeways are less congested, but autumn visitors find the best way to travel is through the lesser traveled routes where the forests in their changing colors hug the roads and where stopping is permitted for those "must" camera shots.

CAMPERS find a special kind of excitement in Michigan's autumn when crisp nights and balmy days combine for the invigorating rewards campers seek. Michigan's nearly 80 state parks and 30 state forests offer thousands of camping sites, and unlike the summer season, there is no waiting. Most state parks offer electricity, modern plumbing and hot water.

Autumn color viewers combine color tours with sightseeing. The Michigan Tourist Council offers a free, Michigan Autumn Color Tour Guide, brochure containing 24 suggested color tours throughout the state along with sightseeing suggestions. Although the

Guide is a handy reference, visitors will have no problem viewing the colors as the entire state is one vast color amphitheater.

One of the suggested tours takes visitors through the famed Copper Country of the Keweenaw Peninsula. The tour encompasses the northern section of US-41, circling back on secondary routes edging the eastern side of the peninsula. Along the route are copper mines to see, ghost towns, waterfalls and perhaps a stop along the way for photography and to look for agates on the Lake Superior shores.

At the eastern edge of the Upper Peninsula, take US-2 northward from the Mackinac Bridge, heading up to Sault Ste. Marie where ships of all nations will still be locking through. Returning, take Michigan highways 129 and 48 southward, or make your own way, to DeTour Village.

Just below Saginaw Bay another suggested tour begins at Birch Run. At the intersection of I-75, take Michigan highway 83 north to 81 and head east over 53 and 141 to Harbor Beach. From here, follow US-25 along the scenic Lake Huron shoreline around Saginaw Bay to as far as you want to go.

This tour is augmented by a suggested stop at Frankenthum for a world-famous chicken distillate in a retail store where it's Christmas year around. The trip goes by beer and cheese factories, historic lighthouses, shipyards and fishing villages.

Color viewers who like the big city atmosphere and wilderness, too, can combine both in a tour beginning in Dearborn. Here is historic Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum where it takes more than a day to see everything.

WESTWARD bound on Michigan highway 153 the tour goes

through Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, where it continues on highway 82. Through Dexter and Gregory it's a short trip to Hell, where the local community plays the game with its name. Over M-36, and

through the woods the viewer can explore his way back to Dearborn through suggested routes taking in Whitmore Lake and Plymouth. Getting lost is a possibility, so be sure the gas tank is full.

Battle Creek is the focal point of a tour suggested in western Michigan. Westward over Michigan highway 89 to Richland, then secondary roads through Duster and Plainwell takes the color

viewer over winding roads and gentle hills through a panorama of color to Hastings. It is a circuitous route, so a highway map will come in handy. Here the route changes to M-79 going to Charlotte, then south

on M-78 to Battle Creek. The tour offers a visit to the world's largest cereal plant, a stop at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary where wild birds of many feathers flock, art galleries, museums and, of

course, an extended view of the magnificent fall colors. For a free copy of the Michigan Autumn Color Tour Guide listing these and other tours write the Michigan Tourist Council, Lansing, 48926.

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### Redford Boy Wins 4th PPK Contest

Daniel Daniak, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zigmund Daniak, 12820 Lyburne, Redford Township, captured his fourth

championship in the area pass, punt, kick contest held Saturday at the Wonderland Shopping Center, Middle Belt and Plymouth Rd.

He had a combined score of 225 to lead Michael Kaseta and Michael Semonick, both from Livonia, whose totals were respectively 204 and 193. Daniak, who has won the local contest ever since he was eligible to enter, is a quarter-back in the Redford Township Junior Athletic Assn.

In the contest for 12-year-olds, Jim Casey, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Casey, 28552 Grandon, Livonia, repeated from last year as champion with a remarkable score of 307 points including a pass for 106 feet, punt of 117 feet and kick of 84 feet. The second and third places went to Livonia's Glenn Moon and Mark White with 291 and 270.

The contest, sponsored by the Ford Motor Co. and locally by Bill Brown, Inc. was conducted by Livonia Jaycee and the Livonia Recreation Dept. Results of other age group contests in order of finish are as follows: eight-year-olds: Benji Naber, Mark Zanki, Jim Recker; nine-year-olds: Kevin McCloy, Craig Croke, Richard Graham; 10-year-olds: James Ross, David Kielty, Dan Collins; 13-year-olds: Dan Dinsmore, Mike Barton, Tom Schulz. All live in Livonia.



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