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### **Eastern Panhandle offers colorful foliage, rest of West Virginia past peak**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – With the exception of the state's Eastern Panhandle counties and a few other scattered spots, state foresters report that the fall foliage season in West Virginia is quickly coming to an end.

Hickories and poplars are exhibiting stunning yellows and golden hues in Berkeley County. Foresters recommend visiting Sleepy Creek Wildlife Management Area to see these leaves plus the beautiful reds and purples of the white oaks.

Leaves in Jefferson and Morgan counties are reported to be equally beautiful. Foresters recommend a drive from Shepherdstown to Harpers Ferry along State Route 230 in Jefferson. In Morgan County, the recommended drive is State Route 9 between Berkeley Springs and Paw Paw.

Other recommendations to see limited color include driving along U.S. Route 220 through Pendleton County, taking U.S. Route 19 north from Weston to the Lewis County line and venturing along State Route 16 from Welch to Coalwood in McDowell County.

Foliage in most other areas of the state is reported to be past peak. Rain, wind and scattered frost have helped defoliate a good portion of West Virginia's forests.

This is the final fall foliage report for 2011.

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