

Iron County Color Tours

The "red" marked routes are recommended driving tours on *backtop* roads.

Iron County also has many side roads that offer spectacular fall colors and access to our gorgeous waterfalls.

Request our "Waterfalls Brochure" for locations.



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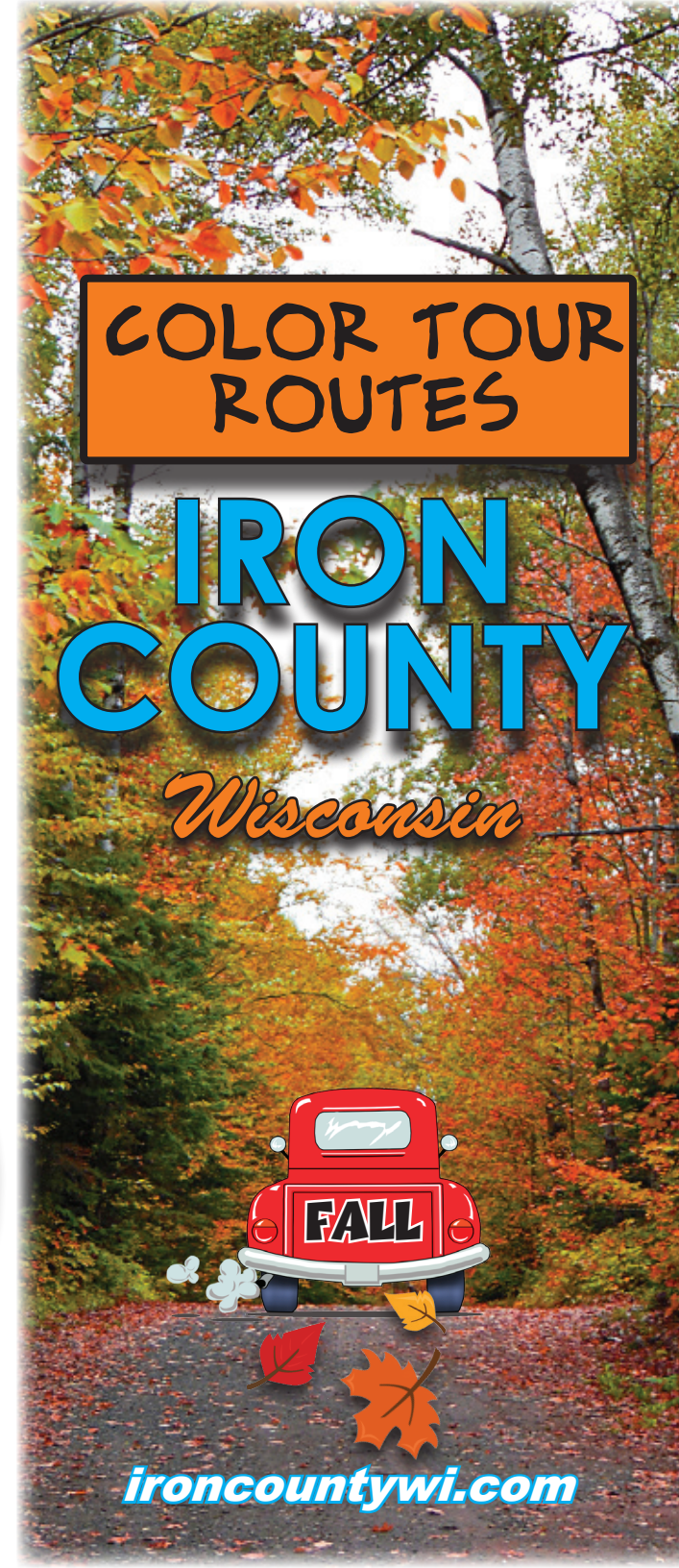
As September draws to a close, the days get shorter and the trees and other plants prepare themselves for the winter. Since there isn't enough light and water during the winter for photosynthesis, trees go into a rest-mode. While processes shut down, chlorophyll starts to disappear from the leaves, taking away the green color. As the green fades, the leaves show other colors that have been there all along; yellow and orange. They have been hidden all summer by chlorophyll and during the fall, it is their time to shine! Unlike the bright colors of flowers, which attract pollinators, the bright colors of fall foliage have no apparent biological function or significance.

The brilliance of colors you see every fall is directly related to the weather conditions. The brightest colors are seen when late summer is dry and autumn has bright sunny days and cool evenings. A good supply of rainfall also keeps the leaves on trees longer and helps to enhance the color.

In Iron County our hardwood forests show spectacular color with many opportunities to view beautiful vistas, lakes and waterfalls. Iron County's varied terrain offers hilly vistas along the Penoque Range from Hurley to Mellen, views of Lake Superior at Saxon Harbor and hundreds of lakes including the mighty Turtle Flambeau and Gile Flowages. The suggested routes are all on blacktop roads for easy traveling, but if you are up for an adventure, you'll find many side roads that get you off the beaten path for an extended color show!



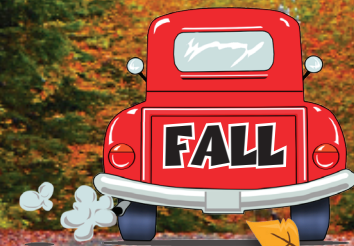
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