

Best Viewing Forecast for Autumn Foliage in October 2023

Late autumn leaves to continue to change color over three-day weekend, so be careful of snowfall in mountains during peak viewing period

Japan Weather Association (JWA) released the Best Viewing Forecast for Autumn Foliage on October 3, 2023.



【The Best Viewing Forecast in Japan】

The best time to view autumn foliage is from September to late November. However, a delay in color change is possible especially if the temperatures are higher than usual in the same period. For example, the late summer heat recorded in September delayed the coloring of autumn foliage in many places. Although some days in the first half of October will be affected by cold air, temperatures are expected to remain high throughout the country in the second half of October and into November. Therefore, the best time to view autumn foliage will be later than usual in northern Japan. For eastern and western Japan, it is likely to be either at the usual time or slightly later.

【The Best Viewing Forecast at Major Spots】

Region	Best Viewing Forecast at Major Spots	
	Early places	Late places
Hokkaido	Akadake Ginsendai: Now	Lake Toya Area: Late Oct.
Tohoku	Zao Onsen, Yamagata: Early Oct.	Matsushima, Miyagi: Early Nov.
Hokuriku	Tateyama Murodo-daira, Toyama: Now	Kakusenkei Gorge, Ishikawa: Late Nov.
Kanto Koshin	Tanigawadake Ropeway, Gunma: Early Oct.	Meijijingu Gaien, Tokyo: Late Nov.
Tokai	Hiwada Kogen, Gifu: Early Oct.	Higashiyama Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Aichi: Late Nov.
Kinki	Rokko Alpine Botanical Garden, Hyogo: Late Oct.	Kiyomizu-dera Temple, Kyoto: Late Nov.
Chugoku/Shikoku	Mount Tsurugi, Tokushima: Late Oct.	Okayama Korakuen, Okayama: Late Nov.
Kyushu	Gokase Canyon, Miyazaki: Early Nov.	Takasakiyama Natural Zoological Garden, Oita: Early Dec.



【JWA's Autumn Foliage Forecast】

For more information about JWA's autumn foliage forecast, please refer to the link below:

<https://www.jwa.or.jp/english/service/seasonal-news-autumn-foliage-forecast/>

【Autumn Foliage Forecast by tenki.jp】

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PC: <https://tenki.jp/kouyou/>

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