

Iowa Forestry Today

CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

Iowa's forests are unique, hidden gems in a land of farm fields and grasslands. Some of the most beautiful forests in the Midwest are found in Iowa.

Here's some fun options for you and your family to celebrate Iowa forests this fall.

- Explore a [State Forest](#).
- Get your fall color fix - check the [DNR weekly report](#) for details on where to see the best fall color in Iowa. **Fall color will be at or near its peak across Iowa this weekend.**
- Learn more about forests with fun activities for the whole family from [Project Learning Tree](#).
- Check out our [Forestry Landowner Assistance webpage](#) for information and resources on how to make sustainable management decisions on your forested land.



Fall is a great time to plant many species of trees and shrubs. The Iowa DNR State Forest Nursery offers fall delivery in November for most hardwoods and shrubs. Visit our online store at Nursery.iowaDNR.gov to view seedling varieties and to place your fall order.

Learn how to add beauty to your yard by planting [10 Distinctive Trees](#) to diversity and protect local trees.

Properly planted trees have a better opportunity for a long, healthy life. Here's a few tips on how to properly plant a tree:

- Select a species that matches your site's growing conditions (i.e. soil type, soil drainage, available growing space, full sun or shade, etc.).
- Always call Iowa One Call-811 before you start digging to locate any underground utilities.
- Remove top soil from the original root ball until you can see the first lateral root. This first main root should be just below soil grade when planting.

Find more tips to properly plant and maintain a healthy tree on the [DNR webpage](#).



Fall is a gorgeous time to stay in an Iowa state park or forest. Enjoy the beauty and tranquility of fall camping with this great deal!

[Reserve a campsite](#) in an Iowa state park or forest and get a night free! Make your reservation today; some restrictions apply.

*Enter promo code **Autumn24** during checkout. This offer is for online reservations only and is not available at Lake Manawa, Ledges, Maquoketa Caves or Walnut Woods state parks. The promo code can be used for campsite reservations now - October 31, 2024; not available for cabins or youth group sites.*