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## **Vote for the Pocono Mountains**

Fall foliage Readers' Choice contest ends Monday

August 19, 2020 – Summer may still be in the air in the Pocono Mountains but we all know the crisp, spectacular autumn season is next up for visitors of all ages. The natural beauty that combines bright hues and gorgeous views is one of the reasons the region is back in the running for <u>USA TODAY 10Best Destinations for Fall Foliage</u>. <u>Last year</u>, the Poconos finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Voting ends Monday, August 24. There are just days left before the final votes are counted and you can help spread the word and finish strong! With your help we can showcase the season's beauty by voting <u>here</u>.

"The Pocono Mountains are ablaze with hues of red, orange and yellow come autumn, thanks to the area's 127 species of indigenous trees, plants and shrubs," writes USA Today 10Best. "Leaf peepers can hop in the car for a scenic cruise along Route 507 near Lake Wallenpaupack or climb aboard a fall foliage train."

The Pocono Mountains is home to the historic towns of Milford, Jim Thorpe, Stroudsburg, Hawley and Honesdale where you can dine, shop and enjoy the surrounding fall foliage. In fact, roughly 300 businesses throughout the region have signed onto the Pocono Promise, a voluntary pledge to keep our communities clean, safe and healthy during this public health crisis.

The <u>fall</u> season is just around the corner. There's so much <u>to do</u> in the Pocono Mountains whether it's by train, on the golf course, on the river or in the pumpkin patch, our region is proud to be recognized for being a top destination for fall foliage each year. You can vote once per day so share this with everyone you know. Set a reminder on your mobile device. Just remember: **voting ends Monday, August 24th**.

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Before traveling, call your destination for any changes. Masks are mandatory in all PA public spaces. Social distance & quarantine after returning from an area with high amounts of virus cases.

Pocono Mountains visitor information is available online at PoconoMountains.com or by phone at (570) 421-5791. Follow @PoconoTourismPR on Twitter to stay current with up-to-date information. Established in 1934, the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau is a private, non-profit membership organization. The PMVB is the official destination marketing organization for the four counties of Wayne, Pike, Monroe, and Carbon in Northeastern Pennsylvania.