

52nd Annual Autumn Glory Festival —

October 9 – 13, 2019

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Enjoy the beauty of the fall season in the mountains as Garrett County, Maryland, celebrates the 52nd anniversary of their annual Autumn Glory Festival, presented by the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce. Since 1968, the combination of scenic beauty, cultural events, and entertainment makes the fall festival a premier event. Two large parades, live music, band competitions, antique and craft shows and much more will be held from October 9 – 13, 2019. This five-day celebration of autumn offers a wide variety of things to do indoors or outdoors.

Take in the breathtaking views of the spectacular Fall Foliage by driving or biking one, or both, of the county's 2019 Autumn Glory Fall Foliage Tours. Head to visitdeepcreek.com or the Garrett County Visitors Center in McHenry to pick up the full map and directions.

The Garrett County Chamber of Commerce's annual Autumn Glory Kickoff Dinner, featuring networking, dinner and a recognition of the annual Autumn Glory Golden Ambassador, will kick off the festival on Wednesday, October 9.

Thursday features an Oktoberfest dinner, oompah band and a fireman's parade. The week continues with historic area tours, antique and craft shows, fine arts event, farmers' market, musical entertainment, a quilt show, corn maze, food and drink specials, horseback trail rides, shopping specials and a wide variety of other activities.

The Official Maryland State Banjo & Mandolin Championships, Friday at 7 p.m., features banjo and mandolin contestants of all ages competing for top honors.



On Saturday, October 12, the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce's Annual Autumn Glory Grand Feature Parade begins at 1 p.m. Over 100 entries including, floats, clowns, and bands increase the festival atmosphere. That day also will feature the Western Maryland Tournament of Bands at 6 p.m. with high school field show competition, as well as the Official Maryland State Fiddle Championship at 7 p.m. at Southern High School.

Antique and Craft shows continue Sunday, joined by the Autumn Glory Festival Car Show and a no-hands Sundae eating contest at Lakeside Creamery.

In 2018, Travel & Leisure listed Oakland, MD, as the number **2 Best Town for Fall Colors** in America and in 2017, TripAdvisor selected Oakland, MD, as one of **20 Best Fall Vacations in America for Seeing Autumn Foliage**. Also in 2017, Oakland, MD, was selected by U.S. News and World Report as one of **50 Small Towns Across America with Gorgeous Fall Foliage**, MSN.com listed Oakland as one of the **prettiest leaf peeping towns in the U.S.** and Readers Digest listed Garrett County as one of the **11 Road Trips That Showcase Stunning Fall Foliage You Need to Take This Autumn**.

For more details about the 52nd Annual Autumn Glory Festival, please log onto visitdeepcreek.com/52nd-annual-autumn-glory-festival or call 888.387.5237 or 301.387.4386. The Garrett County Chamber also serves as the Destination Marketing Organization and Heritage Area Management entity for the County.

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