## A river runs through the foliage



American River Canyon on Oct. 17, 2009. Â Â Â Photo/Kathryn Reed

New England might be home to the most famous swath of fall foliage in the United States, but it isn't the only place to see nature's palette.

The American River Canyon (Highway 50 between Echo Summit and Pollock Pines) is rich with color right now. Various shades of yellow — ranging from golden to pale are visible. The red spectrum goes from pink to fire engine red. Orange and green fill the gaps.

With the river at a rather subdued state, at times it appears perfectly still — offering reflections of the foliage. A few rapids exist, just a reminder of the velocity of this river in the spring and early summer when whitewater kayakers ply the waters.

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