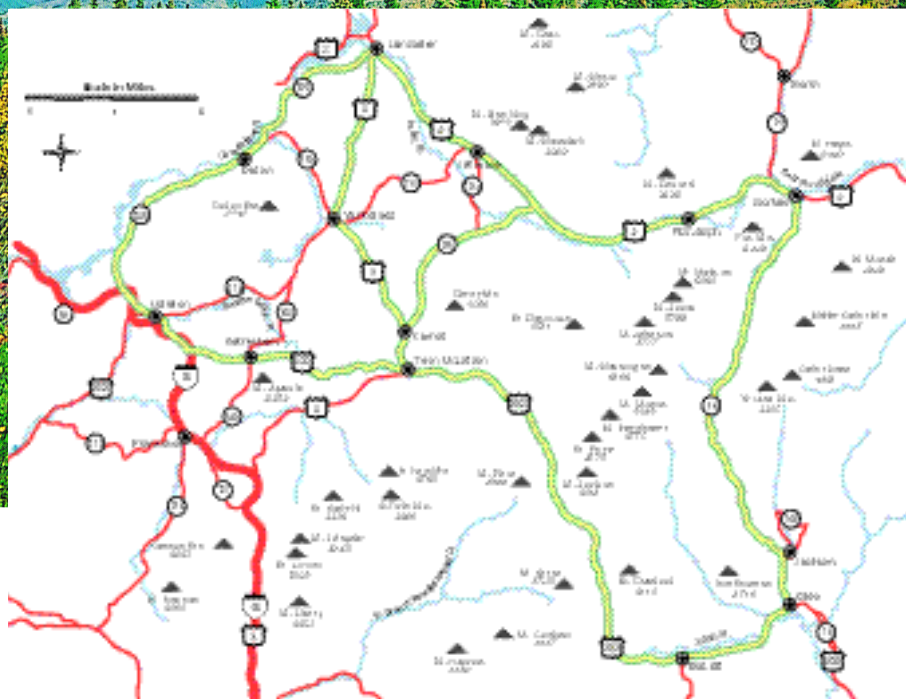




Presidential Range Tour



Snow-capped Mt. Washington rises above the rest of the Presidential Range and the foliage covered slopes below. Photo: Roland Bergeron

The Presidential Range Tour offers exceptional views of the White Mountains, with access to abundant year-round recreational opportunities.

LITTLETON TO LANCASTER. This 115 mile trail begins in Littleton and follows NH 116 north to Whitefield. In Whitefield it follows US 3 north to Lancaster. While on US 3 take a side trip to Weeks State Park and Mt. Prospect. Weeks State Park is the gateway to Mountain Road, another Scenic & Cultural Byway. Along this park route you will be treated to tremendous views of the White Mountains and an interesting history of Congressman John Sinclair Weeks and his work to create the White Mountain National Forest in the early part of the 20th century. Continuing on to Lancaster, travelers might also want to stop downtown

and take a historic walking tour along Main Street.

ALONG ROUTE 2. Following Route 2 through Jefferson and Randolph, the full scope of the impressive Presidentials will come into view. On a clear day you can see the smoke rising from the Cog Railway as it heads up the western side of Mt. Washington.

PINKHAM NOTCH. Continuing south on NH 16, you'll pass through the heart of Pinkham Notch. You may want to drive the Mount Washington Auto Road (fee charged). You might also want to stop in this area to take in one of best views in the Whites: The Great Gulf and Mt. Washington.

Continuing south, be sure to check out Appalachian Mountain Club's Pinkham Notch Visitors Center, which offers trail information, restroom facilities, lodging and meals. The Wildcat Mt. Ski Area is also nearby offering spectacular views of Mt. Washington, and year-round recreational opportunities.

CRAWFORD NOTCH/ BETHLEHEM. As you head south on 16, you'll pass the picturesque village of Jackson; then turn west on US 302 into Bartlett. Along this stretch, you'll pass a turn off to Echo Lake State Park (West Side Road); as well as the Appalachian Mountain Club's

Crawford Station; Crawford Notch State Park; and the Mount Washington Hotel, one of the region's foremost grand hotels. Also keep an eye out for the Conway Scenic Railroad train which weaves its way through Crawford Notch during the warmer months. As you head back towards Littleton, the route continues along through the small scenic towns of Twin Mountain and Bethlehem.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Watch out for moose; especially at dawn, dusk and night time.

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