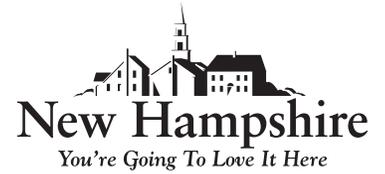


New Hampshire History



1623

The first known European settlement in New Hampshire was founded in Piscataqua by David Thomson.



1679

England formed New Hampshire as a separate royal colony and named it after Hampshire, England.



1767

Wolfeboro, the summer home of Royal Governor John Wentworth, became the first summer resort in America.



1769

Dartmouth College was founded in Hanover, New Hampshire.



1775

New Hampshire became the first state to declare its independence from England.



1788

New Hampshire was the 9th state to ratify the Constitution of the United States. With this ratification, the Constitution officially went into effect.



1808

The state capital was established in Concord. New Hampshire is home to the nation's oldest legislative building in which the House and Senate still meet.



1853

Franklin Pierce of Hillsboro, New Hampshire, became the 14th U.S. President.



1869

The mountain climbing cog railroad began operation at Mt. Washington. It is still in operation today.



1923

The University of New Hampshire was established in Durham, New Hampshire.



1952

New Hampshire held the First-in-the-Nation Presidential Primary and citizens began voting directly for presidential candidates.



2003

The Old Man of the Mountain, the granite profile that serves as the symbol of the state, fell from its perch atop Profile Mountain in Franconia Notch State Park.

