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New England Ramble

Montpelier, VT, to Portland, ME | 171 MILES



Winding from the farmlands of Vermont to the coast of Maine, two-lane Route 302 twists through the heart of New Hampshire's high country, and past 6,288-foot Mount Washington.

STAY Bethlehem, New Hampshire, is an ideal base for exploring the White Mountains. Stay at the Adair Inn (from \$175; 888-444-2600, adairinn.com), a Georgian mansion on 200 garden-filled acres. In

Portland, stay at the Inn on Carleton (from \$100; 207-775-1910, innoncarleton.com), a restored 19th-century Victorian.

EAT For fresh, local ingredients cooked up by students of the prestigious New England Culinary Institute, stop in at the Chef's Table, on Main Street in Montpelier (802-229-9202). For the best pulled-pork barbecue in the North, go to Moat Mountain Smoke House and Brewery, in North Conway, New Hampshire (603-356-6381, moatmountain.com).

PLAN Check the Department of Transportation websites for Vermont (511vt.com), New Hampshire (state.nh.us/dot/traveler.htm), and Maine (maine.gov/mdot-stage) for road conditions.