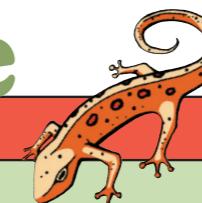


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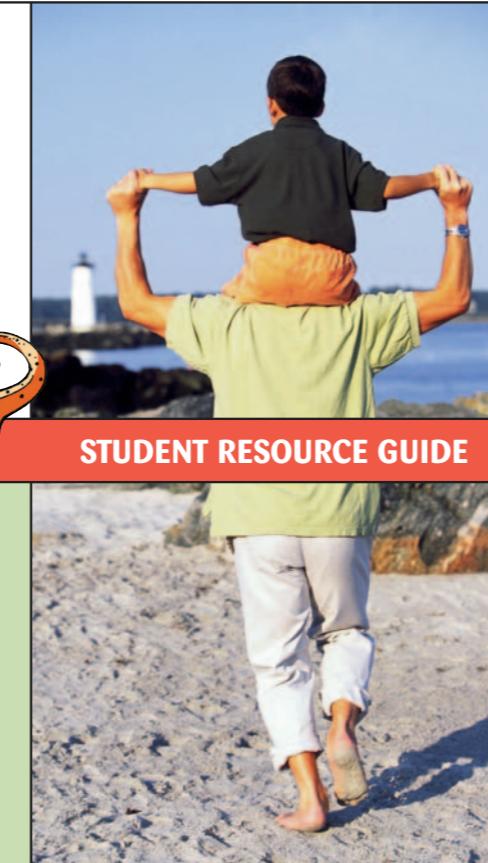


## DISCOVER New Hampshire



### STUDENT RESOURCE GUIDE

On the map, New Hampshire may seem like a small state, but its diverse regions offer a variety of landscapes—from historic river valleys to the soaring peaks of the highest mountains in the Northeast. Between stone wall-lined roads are quintessential New England villages, culturally rich cities, miles of scenic forests and parks, inviting lakes, flowing rural landscapes and friendly Yankees known for their hospitality. New Hampshire offers a wealth of outdoor recreation opportunities during every season, from skiing and snowmobiling to hiking, biking and kayaking. To learn more about New Hampshire, visit us on the web at [www.visitnh.gov](http://www.visitnh.gov).



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**Sports Fans**  
Whatever sport you're into, we've got it covered. New Hampshire's sports teams include the Manchester Monarchs, Nashua Pride, New Hampshire Fisher Cats, Manchester Wolves, and New Hampshire Phantoms just to name a few. The state is also home to the New Hampshire International Speedway, famed for auto and motorcycle racing.



**Outdoor Explorers**  
18 miles of coastline and over 1,300 lakes & ponds are perfect for swimming, canoeing, kayaking and fishing. During the winter months, 20 alpine ski areas offer downhill skiing, snowboarding and tubing, and there are thousands of miles of trails for cross country skiing and snowmobiling. Mountains, forests and dozens of state parks are perfect for camping, hiking, biking, horseback riding, rock climbing and much more.



**History Buffs**  
From colonial reenactments to seaside forts, from working mills to authentic Shaker villages, New Hampshire is loaded with interesting historic places to explore. Dozens of museums and historic sites such as monuments, early American homes, and more than 50 covered bridges offer great ways to learn about New Hampshire's past.

# Geography

## Welcome to New Hampshire

New Hampshire is located in the northeastern United States. It is 168 miles long and 90 miles across at its widest point. The state is bordered on the north by the Canadian province of Quebec, on the east by Maine and the Atlantic Ocean, on the south by Massachusetts, and on the west by Vermont. The capital of New Hampshire is Concord.



# New Hampshire Firsts

▪ Levi Hutchins of Concord, New Hampshire, invented the **first alarm clock** in 1787. It only rang at 4 a.m., the time he woke up.



▪ The **first public library** in the United States was founded in 1833 in Peterborough, New Hampshire.

▪ The **first ski club** in the country, the Nansen Ski Club, was formed in 1882 in Berlin, New Hampshire.

▪ The **first American in space**, Alan Shepard, was born in Derry, New Hampshire. His historic space flight was made in 1961.

▪ The **first private citizen in space** was Christa McAuliffe, a school teacher from Concord, New Hampshire. After her death in the Challenger Space Shuttle disaster in 1986, a planetarium was built in her honor in Concord.



## Fun Facts

▪ New Hampshire is also known as **The Granite State** because of the vast amount of granite that is found throughout the state.

▪ New Hampshire's **state motto** is "Live Free or Die" and was coined by **General John Stark** in 1809.

▪ New Hampshire's **population** is estimated to have reached **1,275,000** in the year **2002**.

▪ **Manchester** has the **largest population** of any city in the state at approximately 110,000 people.

▪ During the 19th century, the economy was dominated by the textile and shoe industries. The **Amoskeag Mill** in Manchester was once the **largest textile mill in the world**. In

recent years, New Hampshire's top industries have included the manufacturing of electrical, light metal, and computer and technology products.

▪ **Marilla Ricker** was the **first woman to attempt to vote** in New Hampshire (1870), as well as the **first woman to attempt to run for governor** (1920).

▪ Noted **American poet Robert Frost** lived in Derry, New Hampshire, from 1900 to 1909. He also lived in Plymouth and Franconia, New Hampshire.

▪ The **world record** for the **highest wind speed** over land was recorded on **Mount Washington** April 12, 1934. The wind gust clocked in at 231 miles per hour.

**1623**

**1679**

**1767**

**1769**

**1775**

**1788**

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

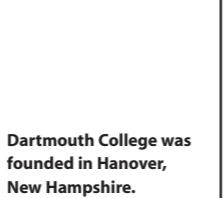


England formed New Hampshire as a separate royal colony and named it after Hampshire, England.

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



Dartmouth College was founded in Hanover, New Hampshire.



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



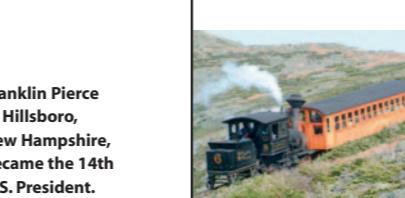
New Hampshire was the 9th state to ratify the Constitution of the United States. With this ratification, the Constitution officially went into effect.



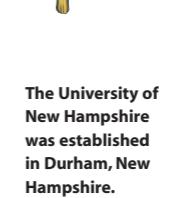
The state capital was established in Concord. New Hampshire is home to the nation's oldest legislative building in which the House and Senate still meet.



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



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



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

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



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.

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# State Symbols

## Seal

Frigate Raleigh



## Emblem

Old Man of the Mountain



## Flag

State Seal on Blue Background



## Flower

Purple Lilac



## Bird

Purple Finch



## Insect

Ladybug



## Amphibian

Red-spotted Newt



## Mineral

Beryl



## Animal

White-tail Deer



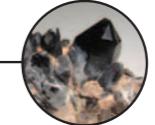
## Fish

Brook Trout



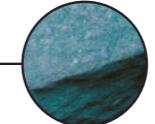
## Gem

Smoky Quartz



## Rock

Granite



## How much do you know about New Hampshire?

1. New Hampshire's first astronaut was \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The 14th President of the United States was \_\_\_\_\_, of Hillsboro.

3. New Hampshire was first settled in  
A. 1603  
B. 1623  
C. 1653

4. New Hampshire has \_\_\_\_\_ covered bridges.  
A. 30  
B. 40  
C. more than 50

5. New Hampshire's nickname is the \_\_\_\_\_ state.

6. During the 19th century, the economy was dominated by  
A. Tea and coffee  
B. Textiles and shoes  
C. Technology products

7. \_\_\_\_\_ is the capital city of New Hampshire.

8. \_\_\_\_\_ is the largest city in New Hampshire.

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