

New Hampshire Fun Facts



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



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

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

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

New Hampshire's **population** is estimated to have reached 1,314,895 in the year 2006.



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.

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 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.

