

NEW HAMPSHIRE: The Underdog

Poor New Hampshire lives in the shadow of romantic Vermont, always trying to prove that it's not just a political stomping ground. Signs of state pride are everywhere—"Made in New Hampshire" is emblazoned on maple syrup jugs, and quaint ads for local cheddar hang outside country stores. Anyone who comes here instead of that state next door will be met with a hearty welcome. And, unlike *some* places, New Hampshire isn't landlocked: Drive along the border and you'll see the Atlantic peeking through the fiery trees.

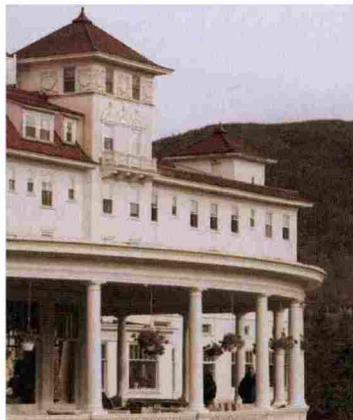
TO-DO LIST |

☐ Hike up the **Frankenstein Cliff trail** in **Crawford Notch State Park** (parking on the western side of Route 302) to **Arethusa Falls**, where the Bemis Brook leads to the base of the highest waterfall in the state.

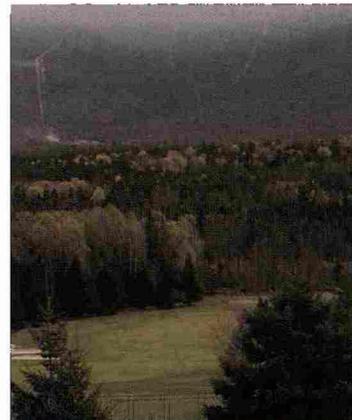
☐ Buy cider doughnuts made with house-pressed cider from the red barn at the **White Mountain Cider Company** (Route 302, Glen, 603-383-9061; doughnuts \$4.50 for 6).

☐ Dress up for dinner at **The 1785 Inn** (Scenic Vista, North Conway, the1785inn.com, 603-356-9025; entrées from \$16) and savor a plate of sherryed rabbit or chopped veal.

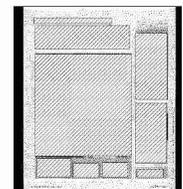
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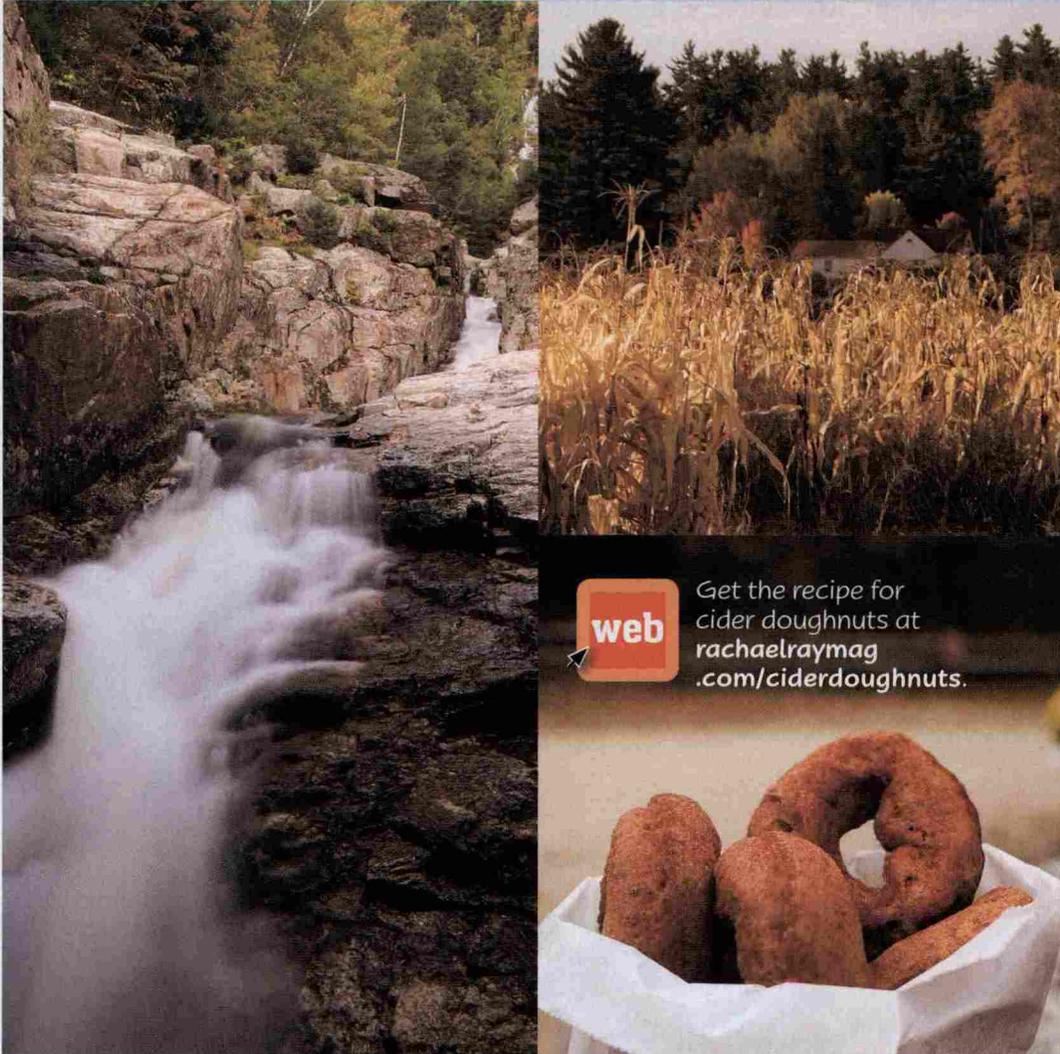
THE ROOM | Out your window at the 200-room **Mount Washington Hotel** (Route 302, mtwashington.com, 877-873-0626; doubles from \$199), you'll see manicured lawns, changing leaves and Mount Washington in the distance.



MONEY SHOT | Take in the view of snowcapped **Mount Washington** and surrounding foliage from **The Mount Washington Cog Railway**—a steam-engine train that takes a three-hour trip up and down the mountain (Base Road, Mount Washington, thecog.com; adult admission \$59, children \$39).



THE DRIVE | North on Route 28, around Lake Winnepesaukee, then Route 16 to Route 302 through the White Mountains, with a detour onto Route 112, the Kancamagus Pass.



Get the recipe for
cider doughnuts at
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