



NEW HAMPSHIRE'S STUDENT FOOTPRINTS FROM THE PAST

Suggested Group Itinerary

Best Time to Visit: Spring through Fall

New Hampshire was the first vacation destination in the United States that flourished with the dawn of train travel. Stately resorts and lakeside and mountain towns dotted the entire northern half of the state. Famous stories such as Pollyanna and Curious George were written in New Hampshire while their creators lived and vacationed here. While these authors enjoyed the natural assets in New Hampshire for peace and inspiration, there was a whole other group who were turning this gorgeous state into an adrenaline playground by chiseling the first hiking and ski trails in the country. This tour will take you through the first "footprints" of its kind in our country as you follow the path of those who traveled here centuries before.

Northern New Hampshire

Day 1

- Enter New Hampshire through Littleton, a mountain town that epitomizes the New England setting. This is also the hometown of Eleanor Porter, the creator of Pollyanna and visitors can see the famous statue in front of the town Library on Main Street. B.W. Kilburn began in Littleton in the 1800's, famous for stereoscopic view photography, considered to be the original comic strip. This library (1906) contains the second largest collection of Kilburn's work and is open for the public to explore.
- Deeper into New Hampshire, you will find [The Rocks Estate \(1\)](#) in Bethlehem. This beautiful property is managed by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire's Forests. You will enjoy a maple experience tour through their sugar shack and see how it was done back in the day. End the tour with a horse drawn ride through their tree farm with the Whites laid out before you.
- Turn up the tempo a bit on this next adventure with an afternoon or sunset ride on the Androscoggin River with [RaftNH \(2\)](#). This is the same river where loggers once completely depleted the entire forest by logging the Great North Woods and sending the logs down this river to be retrieved. The [Northern Forest Heritage Park \(3\)](#) in Berlin is a completely preserved, historic logging camp and the location of exciting events such as ATV competitions and a Riverfire Festival.
- Overnight in North Conway or Jackson

Day 2

- Wake up with the help of gravity at [Cranmore Mountain Adventure Park \(4\)](#) where you will dive right into ziplines, canopy tours, mountain coasters, and more! Cranmore was one of the very first ski areas in the United States where the public would go to learn to ski, the site of the first skimobile lift and trestle, and the playground for the famous Hannes Schneider in the 1940's. Hop over to Jefferson for a sled dog adventure (any time of the year!) with Muddy Paw • You'll never have another lunch experience like the one at the [Omni Mount Washington Resort. \(5\)](#) Their BLT program is available for groups only (Breakfast or Lunch and Tour and a gift). You can enjoy lunch at this Spanish Renaissance grand resort and the largest wooden structure in New England.



- After lunch, head 10 minutes up Base Road to the [Mount Washington Cog Railway](#), (6) the first ever mountain climbing train in the world to the summit of New England's highest peak of 6,288'. There used to be a resort at this summit that has a reputation of having the "Worst weather in the world." Now, visitors can enjoy this dramatic peak within the comforts of a summit observatory with a café and gift shop and the amazing new weather museum with interactive exhibits.

Day 3

- Complete your mountain loop by circling back to Franconia Notch State Park, which is the site of the Old Man of the Mountain memorial, [Cannon Mountain Tramway](#) (7), and the impressive [Flume Gorge](#) (8). The Appalachian Trail crosses directly over Cannon's summit and meets up with the Crawford Path soon after, the oldest hiking trail in North America.
- Work your way to the Lakes Region of New Hampshire for lunch aboard the [Winnepesaukee Railroad](#) (9) which brought tourists to the lake in the 1800's.
- Head back to Laconia for dinner and overnight either at the beachfront NASWA Resort or Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant.

Day 4

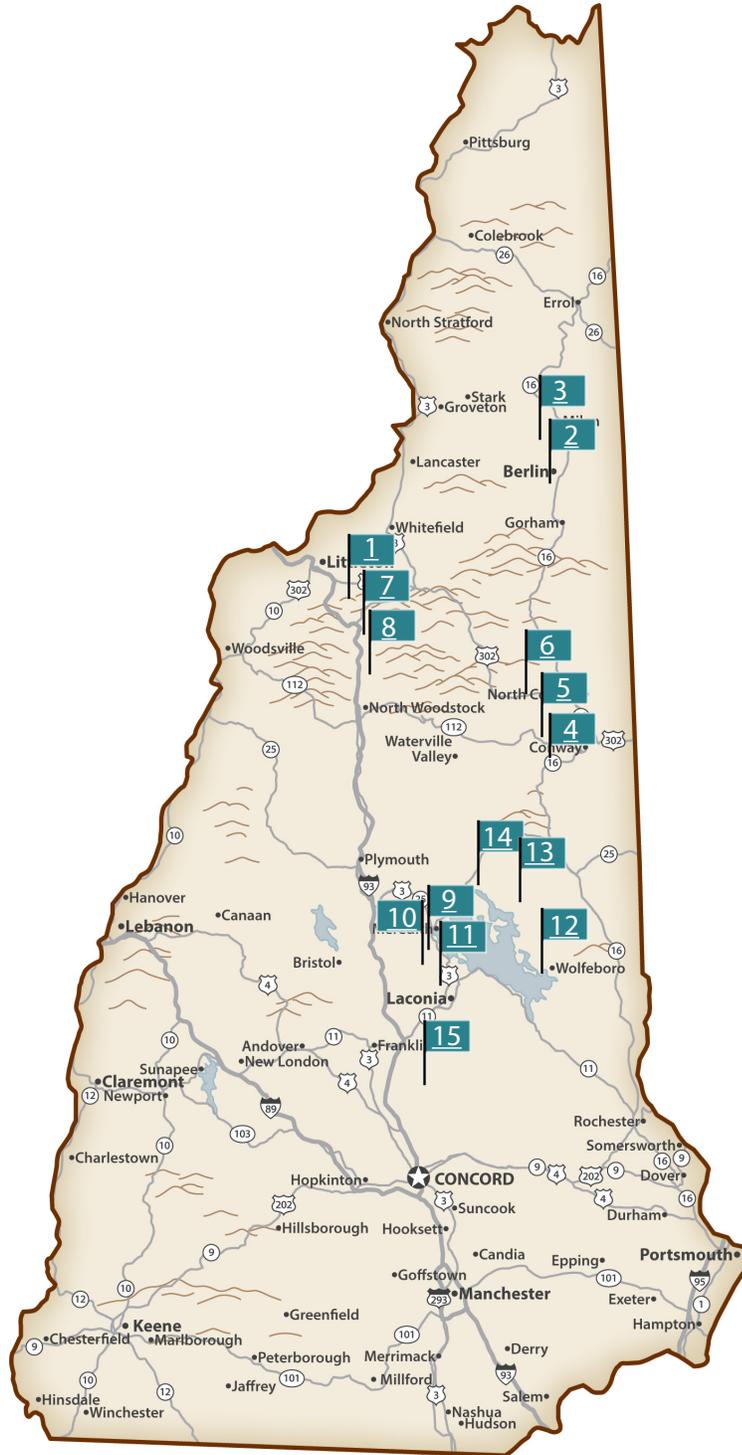
- Actually touch and sit on the motorcycle that led Elvis Presley's funeral procession at the [American Police Motorcycle Museum](#) (10) and touch some of the rarest, antique bikes in the world. Visitors here will explore this impressive collection and learn how police motorcycles played a pivotal role in United States' history. Also, you can see a room where the bikes are worked on and restored.
- Time to cross the lake with the [Mount Washington Cruises](#) (11) on their one-way lunch option to Wolfeboro. Your coach can drive around to meet you on the other side. This cruise originally toured the lake in 1872.
- The [Wright Museum](#) (12) in Wolfeboro is a time travel experience with its exhibits that perfectly transports guests back to how everyday life was during the World Wars in the United States. Headline articles, pop culture, and everyday household items create the scene. This museum has an amazing collection of war vehicles and a captivating propaganda art poster gallery as well.
- In late afternoon, scoot up the road to [Castle in the Clouds](#) (13) a massive estate set high up on the lakeside Ossipee Mountains overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee. This was the home of Thomas Plant who made a fortune in the shoe manufacturing industry but lost it all.
- Continue North of the lake to load up on barrel pickles and penny candy at the [Moultonborough Country Store](#) (a.k.a. that Old Store) (14) that is the oldest, continually operating country store in the United States that opened for trade in 1781 and hasn't closed since.

Day 5

- On your way out of New Hampshire, take a detour to [Canterbury Shaker Village](#) (15) to see how the Shakers lived.

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Itinerary Map



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Additional Information

Chutters, Littleton – Historic general store in picturesque downtown Littleton with 112 feet (34 meters) filled with candy jars makes Chutters home of the world's longest candy counter. Contact: Jim Alden, service@chutters.com
P: 603-444-5787 www.chutters.com

Rocks Estate, Bethlehem - Offers several programs including moose and bear and a maple sugar experience and now all groups that come to The Rocks have the option of a guided horse drawn ride. Groups are welcome to visit their enhanced gift shop open throughout the year or to simply enjoy their trail system and spectacular views of the Presidential mountain range. Contact: Nigel Manley, info@therocks.com P: 603-444-6228 www.therocks.org

Raft NH, Gorham - Adding two new exciting Class III and IV whitewater rafting trips and a new tranquil float trip. They doubled the size of their raft and kayak fleet to accommodate large groups, conventions, and tour buses. Up to 65 people per trip and off-street parking available for buses. Fresh meals served at the gorgeous Mahoosuc Inn. Contact: Karen Tolin, info@dogslednh.com P: 603-545-4533 www.raftnh.com

Northern Forest Heritage Park, Berlin - River Tours, Logging Camp Tours, the Annual Cultural/Heritage Festival, Lumberjack, Festivals, Riverfire, Wingzilla - and now annual Christmas and holiday festivals! If you can't make an event date, groups are welcome to visit this unique location anytime for tours and custom group programs. Contact: Dick Huot, rhuot@tccap.org P: 603-752-7202 www.northernforestheritage.org

Cranmore Mountain Adventure Park, North Conway - North Conway's newest family attraction is a complete outdoor adventure featuring a mountain coaster, aerial adventure course, zip-lines, summer tubing, bungee trampoline, giant swing, scenic chairlift rides, disc golf and more. Contact: info@cranmore.com P: 603-356-1116 www.cranmore.com

Omni Mount Washington Resort Historic Tour, Bretton Woods – Exclusive experience for groups who want to tour this impressive grand resort originally in 1900 to serve the wealthy tourist traveling up to the Whites by rail. Very important events have been hosted by this resort including the International Monetary Conference which created the World Bank. Contact: Melody Mere, mmere@omnihotels.com P: 603-278-1000 www.omnihotels.com

Mount Washington Cog Railway, Mount Washington - For more than 140 years, visitors have been taking this historic track to the summit of the highest peak in the Northeast. Groups can choose between taking the historic steam locomotives or the new eco-friendly biodiesels up the track. Groups are also invited into the all-new Marshfield building which offers more seating and restrooms at the Peppersass Restaurant. The Mount Washington Cog Railway is the second steepest mountain climbing train in the world and the only one built entirely on a trestle. Contact: Sue Presby sue@thecog.com P: 603-278-2256 www.thecog.com

Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway, Franconia Notch State Park – This 80-passenger cable car brings visitors to the Cannon Mountains 4,080' summit in less than 10 minutes to a 360 degree view observation deck and café. The Appalachian Trail crosses directly over Cannon's summit so look for the white blazes. Contact: Julianne Ireland, julianne.ireland@dred.state.nh.us P: 603-823-7722 x 776 www.nhstateparks.org

Flume Gorge, Franconia Notch State Park – The Flume is a natural gorge extending 800 feet at the base of Mount Liberty. The walls of Conway granite rise to a height of 70 to 90 feet and are 12 to 20 feet apart. A trip into the Flume begins and ends at the Flume Visitor's Center. Guests can choose to walk through just the Gorge or do a two-mile loop. Contact: Julianne Ireland, julianne.ireland@dred.state.nh.us P: 603-823-7722 x 776 www.nhstateparks.org

Winnepesaukee Railroad, Laconia – Offering foliage, summer scenic, and turkey trains along Lake Winnepesaukee to Meredith Bay. Contact: Brenda Clark, littlehobo@hoborr.com P: 603-745-2135 x 11 www.hoborr.com

American Police Motorcycle Museum, Meredith – New museum showcasing some of the rarest motorcycles and those that have been present during pivotal moments in history including actual bike that led Elvis' funeral procession. The museum showcases the pioneers of the police motorcycle and pays tribute to the officers who used them. Group discounts and tours available upon request. Open seasonally. Contact: Doug Frederick, P: 603-279-6387 www.americanpolicemotorcyclemuseum.com

Mount Washington Cruises, Laconia – Day, evening, sunset, dance, and brunch cruises. From May to Oct, the 230 ft m/s Mount Washington cruise visits 5 ports around Lake Winnepesaukee, the third largest lake in New England. Groups can take a one-way cruise across the lake. Contact: Glenn Gardner, ggardner@cruisenh.com P: 603-366-5531 www.cruisenh.com

Wright Museum of WWII History, Wolfeboro – Three distinct sections: a home front gallery and theater, a two-story Visitor's Center, and the museum's military wing, which houses exhibits devoted to all branches of the armed services. Among the highlights of the museum's military exhibition is a large collection of fully-operational vintage military vehicles, including a 42-ton Pershing tank - the only known surviving example from the 1945 crossing at Remagen Bridge. Contact: Donna Hamill, donna.hamill@wrightmuseum.org P: 603-569-1212 www.wrightmuseum.org

Castle in the Clouds, Moultonborough – Tour this mansion museum set on top of 5,245 acres of preserved land overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee. Contact: Amanda Amidon, aamidon@castleinthecLOUDS.org P: 603-476-5900 www.castleinthecLOUDS.org

The Old Country Store, Moultonborough – A store since 1781 is possibly the oldest store in the United States welcomes groups. Contact: nhcountrystore@myfairpoint.net P: 603-476-5750 www.nhcountrystore.com

Canterbury Shaker Village, Canterbury- Announces the addition of two new guided tours for groups with interests in nature and heritage, arts, and crafts. The Village now offers a special Shaker Textile Tour for sewing and quilting enthusiasts and a Shaker Herb and Garden Tour for nature, cooking and gardening enthusiasts. Add Canterbury Shaker Village to your itinerary by signing up for our special "Tour, Shop, and Dine" group package, which includes a visit to our Museum Shop and features distinctive giftware, arts and crafts made by regional artisans. Contact: Maisie Keith Daly, mkdaly@shakers.org P: 603-783-9077 x 284 www.shakers.org