



Berlin's architecture reflects its European heritage. Photo: Paul Charest

Woodland Heritage Trail

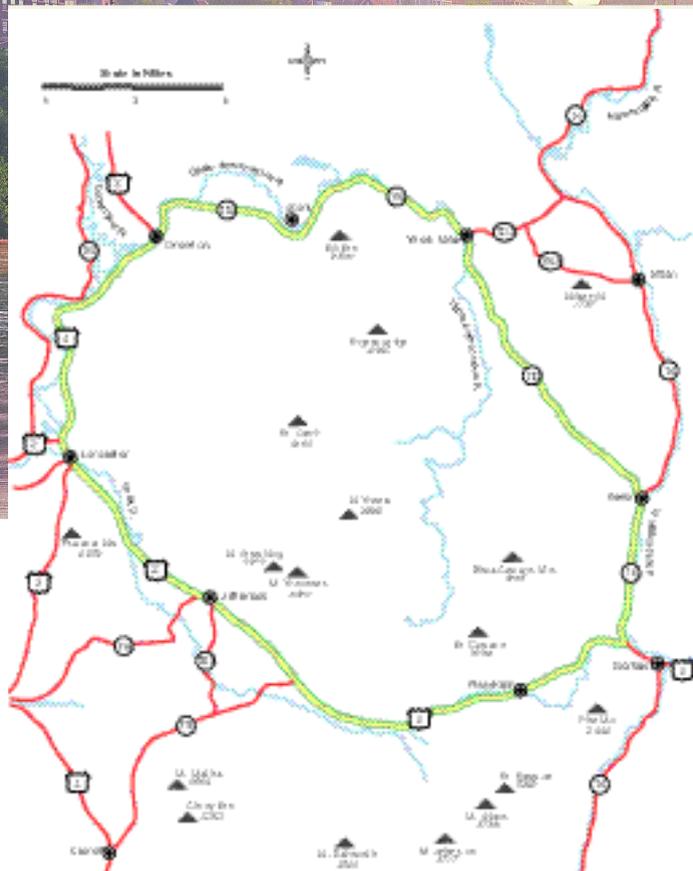
The route circles the northernmost section of the White Mountain National Forest known as the Kilkenny District, and celebrates the wood products heritage of northern New Hampshire.

LANCASTER TO STARK.

The 65 mile loop begins in Lancaster on US 3 near the Connecticut River, and follows US 3 north to Northumberland. In Northumberland, you'll pass two working mills: The Groveton Paperboard Company and the Wausau Paper Company. Heading east along Route 110 you'll pass the entrance to Nash Stream State Forest (Emerson Road) and enter the picturesque village of Stark. In Stark you'll see their much-photographed covered bridge and the Union Church (circa 1850s). A mile past Stark watch for a historical marker describing the site of a WWII German Prisoner of War Camp.

MILAN AND THE ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER.

Continuing toward Milan, you'll pass South Pond State Recreation Area; and turning to NH 110A, you'll come across the Cedar Pond boat access area. Taking a right onto Route 110B you'll pass Milan Hill State Park. Once on NH 16 heading south, travelers will begin their journey along the exceptionally scenic Androscoggin River. The Androscoggin River is a popular spot for trout fishing and provides many watchable wildlife opportunities. Continuing south, between Milan and Berlin, keep an eye out for the historic Nansen Ski Jump. This unique structure was constructed in 1936 with the aim of making it the finest in the world. Today the jump has earned an important place in the evolution of ski jump design and in the history of Nordic Skiing both here and abroad. Directly across from Nansen's Ski Jump you'll find a Nansen Wayside, a rest area with



picnic tables and a canoe launch onto the Androscoggin River.

BERLIN TO JEFFERSON. The City of Berlin's past and present are clearly intertwined with the wood products industry. The Northern Forest Heritage Park, based at the Brown House on NH 16, showcases the history of the area and highlights the influx of cultures into this area as a result of the burgeoning wood products industry in the 19th and early 20th century. Continue past Berlin south to Gorham. Route 2 west takes you back towards Lancaster, through the picturesque

towns of Randolph and Jefferson. Around Randolph you'll notice commanding views of King Ravine, a glacial cirque on Mount Adams.

In Jefferson and back towards Lancaster, remember to take advantage of the scenic pull-offs with their impressive views of the Presidential Range.

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