



New Hampshire Garden Tour – 3 days

This is far more than your typical garden tour. This itinerary was designed to use New Hampshire's stunning blooming season, offering more colors than foliage, as your excuse to submerge your groups into our culture and heritage. In addition to exploring NH's formal gardens, your group will experience chef demonstrations, taste locally harvested forest-to-bottle wines and meads.

Day 1

Enjoy farm-to-table ingredients that are pieced together from the imagination of founder Chef Michael Schlow and head Chef Justin Dain at **Pine Restaurant** located inside of the Hannover Inn.

As the group finishes their meals, schedule in extra time for them to wander next door to the <u>Hood</u> <u>Museum of Art</u> at Dartmouth College. This free museum protects one of the largest and oldest collegiate collections in North America.

Make sure you leave time to explore <u>The Fells Historic Estate & Gardens</u> in Newbury. A 22-room Colonial Revival home on 83 conserved acres, this attraction boasts meticulous, themed gardens surrounded by woodland trails. The Fells is on the National Registry for Historic Places.

Cut through the Upper Valley to <u>Lake Winnipesaukee</u> to check into your waterfront resort for the evening. If you choose a resort with a private beach, plan to arrange a lobster bake next to the water or BBQ.

Day 2

Head straight to <u>Castle in the Clouds</u> in Moultonborough. The Lucknow Estate built in 1914 atop the Ossipee Mountain Range overlooks the big Lake. It is a fascinating example of art and architecture which was designed to be in harmony with nature. The museum estate and the Carriage House are decorated with beautiful gardens and miles of easy walking trails.

Enjoy a performance at the <u>Interlakes Theatre</u>, located in the heart of Lake Winnipesaukee. The season includes a balance of traditional and contemporary music with something for everyone.

Before leaving Meredith, stop at <u>Hermit Woods Winery</u> and view the wine-making process. The winery crafts both traditional and non-traditional wines and meads out of fruits.

Day 3

Arrive at <u>Fullers Gardens</u> in North Hampton. This botanical garden and estate is from the early 1900's designed in the now familiar Colonial Revival style. This garden includes a formal rose garden, a Japanese garden, and English perennials.

Group Lodging: https://www.visitnh.gov/places-to-stay
Group Dining: https://www.visitnh.gov/things-to-do/food-drink/restaurants



Enjoy an afternoon of lunch on your own and shopping in downtown Portsmouth.

Have the group meet at Market Square for a guided walk with a guide from the Greater Portsmouth Chamber to <u>Strawbery Banke</u> Historic Living Museum. The guide will give a condensed Portsmouth 101 along the way and explain the different gardens and memorials in the city.

Immediately across from Strawbery Banke is gorgeous <u>Prescott Park</u>. Enjoy the 10 acre park, formal garden displays fountains, tree-lined walkways, a flower wall, and a rose garden. After the gardens, head to your special reserved spot on the lawn to watch the evening show beginning at 7:00 PM. Having a pre-arranged picnic dinner is recommended.

Other Options:

- Visit <u>Tarbin Gardens</u> in Franklin. The gardens here include the Mother's Day Garden, Alpine Slope, Main Avenue, Catalpa Garden, Three Pines, Mayapple Dell, the Formal Garden, and the West Side. With advance notice, your group could enjoy a guided tour and English cream tea.
- Celebrate the blooming lupines at the Sugar Hill/Franconia Lupine Festival with the locals.
- Stop at <u>The Rocks Estate</u>. This educational and conservation property is home to 1400 acres was
 one the summer home of wealthy businessmen. Now The Rocks Estate attracts visitors from
 around the world for its historic structures, recreational trails, tree farm, maple experience and
 wildlife tours, and its formal gardens. Group programming can be customized to the group's
 requests and every group can enjoy a horse drawn wagon ride through the tree farm anytime of
 the year.