Welcome to New Hampshire!

Whether you are doing research for a report or planning a vacation with your family, you’ve picked a great state to learn about! New Hampshire is filled with beautiful places and interesting history.

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STATE SYMBOLS
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HISTORY
New Hampshire's history is an exciting tale. The state was populated by Native American tribes for thousands of years before being settled by the British in 1623.

- The first known European settlement in New Hampshire was founded in Piscataqua by David Thomson.
- Wolfeboro, the summer home of Royal Governor John Wentworth, became the first summer resort in America.
- Dartmouth College was founded in Hanover, New Hampshire.
- New Hampshire became the first state to declare its independence from England.
- New Hampshire was the 9th state to ratify the Constitution of the United States. With this ratification, the Constitution officially went into effect.
- The state capital was established in Concord. New Hampshire is home to the nation's oldest legislative building in which the House and Senate still meet.
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- The University of New Hampshire was established in Durham.
- New Hampshire held the First Presidential Primary and citizens began voting directly for presidential candidates.
- The Old Man of the Mountain, the mountain profile that serves as the symbol of the state, fell from its perch atop Profile Mountain in Franconia-Norway State Park.

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GEOGRAPHY
New Hampshire is located in the northeastern United States. It is 168 miles long and 90 miles across at its widest point.

FUN FACTS
Think you know a lot about New Hampshire? Here are some fun and interesting facts you probably didn’t know.

New Hampshire’s state motto is “Live Free or Die,” which was first written by General John Stark during the American Revolutionary War.

Some famous children’s books written in New Hampshire are Little Red Riding Hood, Curious George, and Polka. Many famous authors who lived in New Hampshire include Joe Hill, Bill Bryson, Dan Brown, Jodi Picoult, J.D. Salinger, Robert Frost and Sarah Joseph Hale; author of “Mary had a Little Lamb.”

This 14th President, Franklin Pierce, was from New Hampshire. He was born in Hillsboro in 1804.

New Hampshire’s major industries are textiles, tourism, electronics and computer software. The Amoskeag Mill in Manchester was once the largest textile mill in the world.

Mount Washington is the highest point in the northeastern United States at 6,288 feet above sea level.

Famous actors and actresses from New Hampshire include Adam Sandler, Sarah Silverman, Mandy Moore, Seth Meyers and Mike O’ Malley.

The first American to travel in space was Alan Shepard, born in East Derry, New Hampshire. The first private citizen to travel in space was Chris McAuliffe, a teacher from Concord.

Some well-known New Hampshire based businesses headquartered in New Hampshire include: Stonyfield Farm, Lindt Chocolate USA, The Timberland Company, and Fitch Sports USA.

According to the US Census, New Hampshire had a 2019 population of approximately 1,356,795.

The capital city of New Hampshire is Concord.

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