New Hampshire's Photography Tour

Piscataqua River, Portsmouth. Image Courtesy: Dan Splaine

Touring through New Hampshire, photography enthusiasts will notice one commonality consistent in all areas of the state—scenic beauty. Whether strolling through the hidden historic areas of the Seacoast or peering over the beauty of the White Mountains, there is no shortage of unique and memorable New Hampshire experiences ready to be captured on film.

If you're exploring New Hampshire, take into consideration some of the state's local photographers' favorite havens for capturing that special picturesque moment. From rural to suburban locations, each of the following offers something to satisfy everyone's photography pallet.

SEACOAST REGION

Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth

Discover over 400 years of Portsmouth history at one of the most unique outdoor museums in the country. While you're there, enjoy an afternoon stroll through the park where you can capture an abundance of beautiful gardens and nature.

Piscataqua River, Portsmouth

The boundary line between Maine and New Hampshire serves as a quintessential New England backdrop to Portsmouth Harbor. As a favorite location of many Seacoast area photographers, this river encompasses all that is desirable to photograph—historical landmarks, fishing boats, an array of nature and even the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Odiorne Point State Park, Rye

This state park is open full-time beginning Memorial Day through Labor Day. Be sure to stand out on the point of the park and capture many New England moments as the rocky shore is displayed as a beautiful background.

"I enjoy photographing in Odiorne Point State Park because of its accessibility and diversity." —Rob Karosis

MERRIMACK VALLEY REGION

Ponemah Bog Preserve, Amherst

With over 75 acres of wildlife sanctuary and unspoiled beauty not far from Route 101, you will find Ponemah Bog located in Amherst. The bog developed nearly 12,000 years ago as the North American glaciers retreated at the end of the ice age. As you travel through the Audubon Society's boardwalk, keep an eye out for various forms of wildlife, insects, flowers and the unique sphagnum moss mat formed around the bog's pond.

Ponemah Bog, Amherst. Image Courtesy: Michael Costolo

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Andres Institute of Art, Brookline. Images Courtesy: Don Hamlin

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The Andres Institute is a sculpture and hiking park located on 140 acres. Each year, the institute invites sculptors from around the world to create original works of art throughout the park. The Andres Institute is a truly unique combination of artistry, exercise, nature and spirituality.

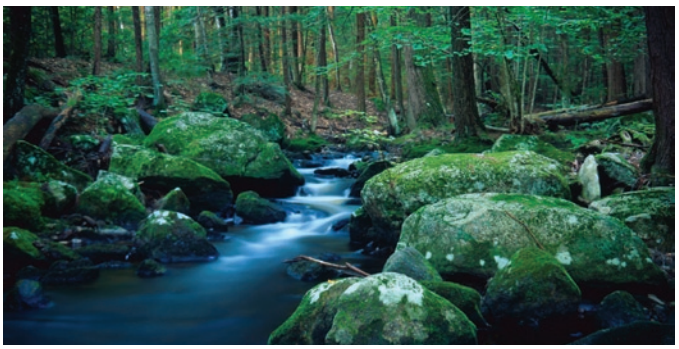
MONADNOCK REGION

Tucker Brook Town Forest, Milford

This 258-acre hidden gem showcases some of the most spectacular scenery New Hampshire has to offer. Follow the Savage Road path until you reach Tucker Brook, which will then lead you to the waterfall. This, combined with gorgeous rock formations and remnants of an old mill power station, is sure to provide you with a great photographic experience.

Horatio Colony Trust Nature Preserve, Keene

Located along the Ashuelot River, the preserve is surrounded by seven points, each filled with an array of landscape, nature and agriculture. Capture wildlife and greenery along one of the sanctuaries many hiking trails located throughout the preserve.



Tucker Brook Town Forest, Milford. Image Courtesy: Michael Costolo

DARTMOUTH-LAKE SUNAPEE REGION

Mount Kearsarge, Warner

Mount Kearsarge is a "must-visit" for photographers visiting the state of New Hampshire. The mountain peek provides a 360-degree panoramic view of New England.

Sunapee Loop, Sunapee

Sunapee Loop is one of the many scenic drives throughout the state that is complimented by various lookout points of beautiful greens and nature.

Sunapee Harbor, Sunapee

Spend a perfect afternoon photographing Sunapee Harbor. Lighthouses, boats and a beautiful sunset view await you in this historical and quaint summer town.

Blue Job State Forest, Farmington. Image Courtesy: Jeff Sinon

LAKES REGION

Blue Job State Forest, Farmington

Blue Job State Forest offers plentiful abundance of beautiful vegetation—lady slippers, wild bush blueberries, wildflowers and orchids can be found here. At the top of Blue Job Mountain, the neighboring peek known locally as "Baldy," can be seen. There is a fire tower at the top and, on a clear day, the Seacoast and Mount Washington can be captured on film.

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Chocorua Lake, Tamworth. Image Courtesy: James Salge

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Chocorua Lake is one of the most photographed places in New Hampshire. From a rustic bridge spanning the lake's narrows, you can view the stunning profile of Mount Chocorua reflecting from across the opposite shore. Loons and anglers compete for the fish and can enhance compositions. Be sure to shoot when the lake is at dawn, as it is often cloaked in mist while the looming mountain catches the first light from the sun.

Crystal Lake, Eaton

Eaton is a small village in the southern White Mountains that sees little of the traffic of the larger towns. The downtown has remained quiet and quaint, and allows you to capture classic New England scenes from the shores of Crystal Lake. From the town beach, you can look across at the stunning Little White Church, framed by a line of sugar maples on the lakeshore.

WHITE MOUNTAINS

Franconia Notch State Park, Franconia/Lincoln

Franconia Notch includes many areas that are ideal for photography. Though the Old Man on the Mountain collapsed in May 2003, the rock formations still serve as a stunning backdrop. The notch itself lends many opportunities for great photos, including the scenic beauty of the Flume Gorge or overlooking Cannon Mountain.

Sunset Hill Road, Sugar Hill

Sunset Hill Road in Sugar Hill is a nice place to photograph any time of the year, but is the perfect location to capture the Lupine Festival's annual displays in June. From the meadows just off the road, you can walk through paths lined in the showy purple flower and compose shots over distant mountain ranges. In the morning, during the festival, the sun rises just north of the Presidential Range and the evening alpenglow lighting the summits of the Franconia Ridge makes this the perfect shot, dawn or dusk.

North Conway Vista, North Conway

Mount Washington dominates the viewscape from the town of North Conway and many intriguing compositions can be made utilizing town landmarks, or at various vistas. A newly enhanced clearing on Route 16, about a half mile south of the intersection with Eastman Road by the outlets, gives you a spectacular view over the Saco River clear up to the striking profile of the mountain. The sunrise light hits this face of the mountain often yielding spectacular colors, and sunsets over the Moat Mountain Range across the valley add to the appeal to shooting from this location.

Kancamagus Scenic Byway, Lincoln

Winding its way through the heart of New Hampshire's White Mountains, Route 112 is a favorite place to photograph, particularly the section between Conway and Lincoln. The road climbs through mixed forests, mountain rivers, ponds and streams. There are numerous overlooks, pull-offs and points of interest along the way. Trails leading

Kancamagus Highway, Lincoln. Image Courtesy: Corey Engfer

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"As a nature photographer, I find myself drawn to mountain vistas with sunrises and sunsets, cascading waterfalls, quiet rivers and of course, wildlife."

—Corey Engfer

to mountain peaks and wilderness areas are also accessible from the road. There are several National Forest campgrounds along the highway and camping will put you in the middle of this beautiful area when the lighting is just right.

Pemigewasset Scenic Overlook, White Mountains National Forest

This location boasts beautiful scenes of Mount Osceola, Scar Ridge and Mount Hungtington. The overlook is a short walk from the Kancamagus Highway, but be careful, this scenic area is not plowed during the winter months.

GREAT NORTH WOODS

Dixville Notch

Home of the famous BALSAMS Grand Resort, Dixville Notch contains a scenic gorge filled with waterfalls, brooks, nature trails and some of the best beauty New England has to offer.

Moose Path Trail, Berlin to Pittsburgh

What New Hampshire photography itinerary wouldn't be complete without an attempt to capture one of the states most spectacular species of wildlife? Moose Path Trail is the outdoor enthusiast's paradise and also one of the states top locations for a chance to spot a moose.

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Image Courtesy: Corey Engfer

Sunset Hill, Sugar Hill
Image Courtesy: James Salge

Odiorne Point State Park, Rye. Image Courtesy: Rob Karosis

Crystal Lake, Eaton
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Saco River, Conway
Image Courtesy: Jeffrey Aiello

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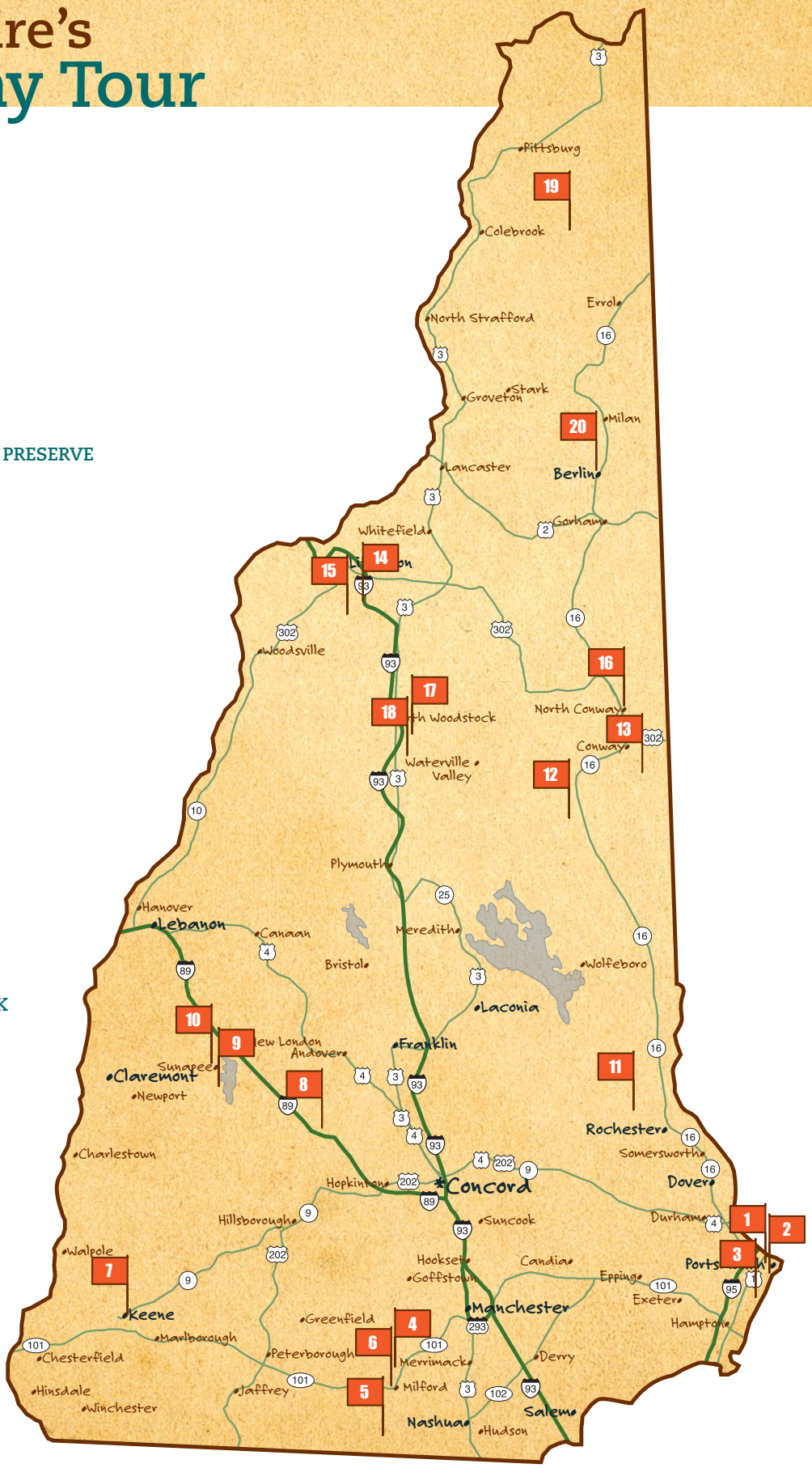

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