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All my best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victoria Cimino'.

Victoria Cimino, Director
New Hampshire Division of Travel & Tourism Development



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ANNUAL EVENTS

JANUARY

New Hampshire Snow Sculpting Competition, Jackson (1)

This event attracts a wide variety of snow sculptors, both amateur and professional. Most of the teams will start sculpting on Friday and continue working through the night on Saturday to complete their sculptures in time for the judging on Sunday afternoon. Besides just viewing the amazing snow creations, other activities planned for snow sculpture weekend include a welcome reception dinner, with a bon fire and roasting of marshmallows, sleigh rides and more.

Location: Black Mountain, Jackson, NH 03846

Phone: 800-866-3334

Website: www.jacksonnh.com/event/14/NH-Sanctioned-Snow-Sculpting-Event

FEBRUARY/MARCH

Keene Ice and Snow Festival (2)

Taking place in Central Square and Downtown area of Keene, NH, this event features a day of outdoor family fun with ice carvings, snow sculpting, snowboard rail jam, Snowman Central (crafts for kids), horse drawn wagon rides, refreshments and more!

Location: Downtown Keene, Keene, NH 03431

Phone: 603-352-1303

Email: info@keenechamber.com

Website: www.keenechamber.com/iceandsnow.html

MARCH

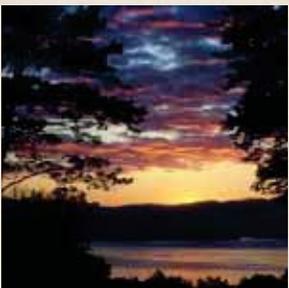
Maple Sugaring in New Hampshire (3)

More than 50 sugar houses across New Hampshire open their doors to visitors. Take the opportunity to tour maple orchards and sugar houses and learn how maple syrup is made. Taste free samples of maple products and fill up on pancake breakfasts.

Location: Various sugarhouses statewide

Phone: 603-225-3757

Website: www.nhmapleproducers.com



ANNUAL EVENTS

MAY

New Hampshire Restaurant Week (4)

Restaurant Week in New Hampshire is the ultimate foodie event for residents and visitors to the state! Take part in this delicious celebration of cuisine by dining at one of the many enticing eateries, then staying overnight at one of our participating lodging properties. Participating restaurants statewide offer 3-course prix fixe menus for lunch and/or dinner.

Location: Statewide

Phone: 603-228-9585

Email: info@nhlra.com

Website: www.restaurantweeknh.com

JUNE

Fields of Lupine Festival (5)

Paying homage to the annual blossoming of this captivating wildflower, the Fields of Lupine Festival is a time honored regional event. The brilliant spikes of the lupine flower carpet local fields and pastures in a rolling sea of vibrant purples, pinks, blues and whites. The long-lasting blossoms attract equally dazzling butterflies and create a breathtaking floral display against the majestic backdrop of the Franconia, Presidential, and Kinsman Mountain ranges. Every visitor is guaranteed abundant photo and recreational opportunities in the Northeast's most spectacular mountain region.

Location: Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton, NH

Phone: 603-823-5661

Email: info@franconianotch.org

Website: www.franconianotch.org/things-to-do/special-events/lupine-festival.aspx

Laconia Motorcycle Week (6)

The nation's oldest motorcycle rally brings thousands of enthusiasts to New Hampshire each year. "America's Original Riding Rally" welcomes guests from around the country to this hotbed of riding heritage every June. Bikers can look forward to breathtaking motorcycle rides through winding roads, stunning lake vistas and riding on historic roads like the Kancamagus Highway. There will be headlining bands and concerts throughout the Lakes Region so you can quench your thirst for good music.

Location: Laconia, NH

Phone: 603-366-2000

Website: www.laconiamcweek.com



ANNUAL EVENTS

Prescott Park Arts Festival (7)

Prescott Park Arts Festival is an annual Seacoast tradition that has been celebrating the music, art, theater and dance since 1974. Held in the waterfront Prescott Park, the summer long festival offers a full slate of events that appeal to all ages.

Location: Prescott Park, Portsmouth, NH

Email: info@prescottpark.org

Website: www.prescottpark.org

JULY

NASCAR at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway (8)

This Magic Mile Superspeedway hosts major international events including motorcycle, sport cars, stock cars, modifieds, and trucks with its most popular being NASCAR every July, and during the chase in September.

Location: Loudon, NH

Phone: 844-872-9578

Website: www.nhms.com

Hillsborough Balloon Fest & Fair (9)

The Hillsborough Balloon Festival and Fair is a four day event with activities and fun for all! The thrills of the weekend are the Hot Air Balloons piloted and crewed by regional balloon enthusiasts. Balloon flights over New Hampshire's beautiful Monadnock Region are available to the general public along with tethered flights for the more cautious. Other highlights of the festival include an Artist's Fair, a hometown parade and 5k Road Race.

Location: Grimes Field, Hillsborough, NH 03244

Phone: 603-464-0377

Email: hillsboroballoonfest@tds.net

Website: www.balloonfestival.org

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AUGUST

Hillsborough Living History Event (10)

Step back in time and experience what life was like in pre-industrial America. Costumed interpreters share what life was like in scenic and historic Hillsborough in the 18th and 19th century. Activities take place at four historic sites and include battle re-enactments, walks through military encampments, blacksmith demonstrations, boiling maple syrup, making butter and ice cream and much more.

Location: Jones Road, Hillsborough

Phone: 617-901-7082

Email: livinghistoryevent@gmail.com

Website: www.livinghistoryeventnh.com



League of New Hampshire Craftsmen Fair (11)

For nine days, the Annual Craftsmen's Fair showcases the work of some of the finest craftspeople in the country. The Fair is the place to explore how design and passion inspire our lives. See and shop for one-of-a-kind fine craft that is both beautiful and functional. Meet the makers and learn about their vision and passion for their craft.

Location: Mount Sunapee Resort

Phone: 603-224-3375

Email: nhleague@nhcrafts.org

Website: www.nhcrafts.org/craftsmens-fair-overview.php



North Country Moose Festival (12)

It would be wrong if the North Country Chamber of Commerce didn't pay homage to one of the great creatures in our forests - the moose. Each year, the North Country Moose Festival draws hundreds of people to the weekend-long event, including a classic car show and moose calling contest. And of course, no Moose Festival would be complete without "moose burgers!"

Location: Colebrook, Columbia, Pittsburg, NH

Phone: 800-698-8939

Email: nccoc@myfairpoint.net

Website: www.northcountrychamber.org/About-our-Chamber/Moose-Festival/default.aspx



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AUGUST

Hampton Beach Children's Festival (13)

The Annual Hampton Beach Children's Festival is the family fun event of the summer, kicking off with a magic show and building up to a Giant Costume Parade that marches almost the length of Hampton Beach. Every child gets a prize just for being in it! Each day will be a blockbuster, filled with non-stop activity and entertainment, including mini-golf and sand castle building competitions, a Ronald McDonald show, talent show, free ice cream, dancing, story tellers, balloons, and more. There's even a kids' bumper sticker contest.

Location: Hampton Beach - Seashell Stage Area, Hampton Beach, NH

Phone: 603-926-8717

Website: www.hamptonbeach.org/children-only.cfm

SEPTEMBER

Laconia Multicultural Festival (14)

A jam-packed day of music, arts, crafts, and cuisine from around the world brought to New Hampshire by the many ethnicities that call New Hampshire home. Laconia is a resettlement zone that has immigrants and refugees from over 40 countries who are sharing their cultures with New Hampshire in exciting ways.

Location: Downtown Laconia

Phone: 603-926-8717

Email: beckyg@metrocast.net

Website: www.laconiamulticulturalfestival.org

New Hampshire Highland Games (15)

The "Gathering of the Clans" kicks off the highland Games. This weekend long event is filled with fiddles, piping and drumming, sheepdog trials, and the Highland Dance competition. You'll appreciate the Heavy Athletics competitions, where some of the world's top heavyweight athletes compete.

Location: Loon Mountain, Lincoln NH

Phone: 603-229-1975

Website: www.nhscot.org



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Annual NH Coffee Festival (16)

Baristas, fanatics, and coffee addicts fill downtown Laconia one afternoon a year to sample aromatic java and similar products from New Hampshire's most acclaimed coffee houses while being serenaded by local jazz performers.

Location: Downtown Laconia

Phone: 603-455-2084

Website: www.facebook.com/NHCoffeeFestival

Hampton Beach Seafood Festival (17)

The Hampton Beach Seafood Festival has been acclaimed as one of the Top 100 Events in North America by the American Bus Association for multiple years running! Event attendance is now estimated at more than 150,000! Festivities include: More than 50 of the Seacoast's top restaurants serving an abundance of mouthwatering seafood delicacies; 80 Arts & Crafts vendors promoting locally made products; hundreds of Ocean Boulevard merchants offering end-of-the-season Sidewalk Sales; a Kiddie Land with children's entertainment; continuous Culinary Chef Demonstrations; and two stages of continuous entertainment with 15 Bands and Orchestras.

Location: Hampton Beach, NH

Phone: 603-926-8717

Email: info@hamptonchamber.com

Website: www.hamptonbeachseafoodfestival.com

OCTOBER

Laconia Pumpkin Festival (18)

The Lakes Region is aglow in orange during the annual Pumpkin Festival. Bring a carved pumpkin and a candle to downtown Laconia and register your pumpkin in the Guinness Book log to be part of the official attempt to break the world record. Other festivities include a pumpkin express train, pumpkin bowling, a haunted house and a children's costume parade.

Location: Downtown Laconia

Phone: 603-524-5531

Email: RS@SterlingDes.com

Website: www.pumpkinfestival2015.org

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Riverfire (19)

The city of Berlin warms up a brisk fall day with RiverFire. Experience a full day of fun in the city that tressa built beginning with a duck race on the Androscoggin River and continuing with a 5K road race, hayrides, a children's costume parade, and kiddy carnival. Stroll along the River Walk to see the wonderful glowing display of carved pumpkins on the bridge. The event is capped off at dusk when dramatic river fires are lit on the boom piers that dot the river.

Location: Rotary Park & Northern Forest Heritage Park, Berlin, NH

Phone: 603-752-6060

Email: info@androscogginvalleychamber.com

Website: www.northernforestheritage.org/river_fire.htm

Return of the Pumpkin People (20)

Perched all over Jackson and North Conway for the 28th year, the Pumpkin People will amaze, amuse and even surprise. Make time to come and see this wonderful self-guided tour of the "Return of the Pumpkin People!" Each display is a work of art.

Location: Jackson and North Conway

Phone: 603-383-9356

Website: www.jacksonnh.com/event/964/Return-of-the-Pumpkin-People

DECEMBER

Vintage Christmas, Candlelight Stroll (21)

A month long event that transforms historic downtown Portsmouth into a holiday wonderland. The event features professional holiday theatre at the Music Hall and Strawberry Banke's historic houses from four centuries decorated in period regalia, hundreds of candles lighting the lanes and landscape a gingerbread house contest and display, live music and holiday entertainment for all ages, horse-drawn carriage rides, holiday decoration demonstrations, traditional barrel making demonstrations, 18th century holiday hearth cooking, tinsmith demonstrations, a romantic outdoor ice skating rink, and more..

Location: Downtown Portsmouth, the Music Hall Theatre, and Strawberry Banke Portsmouth, NH

Phone: 603-433-1107

Email: info@strawberrybanke.org

Website: www.vintagechristmasnh.org

ANNUAL EVENTS



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Best Time to Visit: June



Day 1

Cross into New Hampshire via I-89 into the town of Hanover. Hanover is most famous for Dartmouth College, educating the world's leaders since the mid-1700's. Main Street is the epitome of what you think a New England Main Street should be with the church steeple, village green, bustling sidewalks, cafes, restaurants, and retailers. This town has an edge over other New England towns in that the Appalachian Trail literally escapes the wooded forests and sends thru-hikers right through downtown. Hanover has a special marriage between nature, heritage, and modern technology.

- **PINE Restaurant at The Hanover Inn, Hanover (1):** One of New Hampshire's top properties and their new restaurant has immediately become a local favorite. Enjoy farm-to-table ingredients that are pieced together from the imagination of founder Chef Michael Schlow and head Chef Justin Dain.
- **Hood Museum of Art, Hanover (2):** As the group finishes their meals, schedule in extra time for them to wander next door to the Hood Museum of Art. This free museum protects one of the largest and oldest collegiate collections in North America. In addition, it attracts amazingly priceless, thought-provoking exhibits from the world's most legendary creators.
- **The Fells Historic Estate & Gardens, Newbury (3):** 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 and is a project of the Garden Conservancy.
- Cut through the Upper Valley to Lake Winnepesaukee 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 a bonfire BBQ.

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Day 2

New Hampshire's Lakes Region is filled with 273 lakes and ponds. A scenic train traces the shore of Lake Winnepesaukee (a.k.a. The Big Lake), while cruises crisscross to ports in the heart of five different lakefront towns. Wolfeboro, the first vacation resort in North America is located here. Start the day easy with breakfast at your resort and shopping at Mill Falls Marketplace in downtown Meredith. If you have an ambitious group, also in downtown Meredith, at the top of Main Street, is Hermit Woods Winery.

- **Hermit Woods Winery, Meredith (4):** Crafting both traditional and non-traditional wines and meads out of fruits sourced as locally as possible. View the wine-making process and grab a taste or two or three... Be sure to ask the guys to explain how the winery earned its name as it is an enjoyable local story that's better when heard right from the source.
- **Kellerhaus, Laconia (5):** New Hampshire's first chocolate and ice cream maker beginning in 1906 now offers a large gift shop, candy store, and a Belgian waffle breakfast. Groups can prearrange to do chocolate making with the chocolate masters. If there is limited time, a side-stop here is highly encouraged.
- Plan to arrive at the Weirs Beach dock by 12:00 PM for a 12:30 PM sail one-way lunch option across the Big Lake to downtown Wolfeboro (cruise schedules could change so be sure to call head to make reservations).
- **Mount Washington Cruises, Weirs Beach (6):** Cruise between many of Winnepesaukee's 230 islands through 44,000 acres of sparkling water aboard the 230ft (70m) M/S Mount Washington, a steamship from the 1800's. Groups can request to do a one-way trip which makes for a fascinating mode of transportation to the other side of the Lake.
- Have the coach drive around to the other side to greet the group and then continue the journey north.
- **Castle in the Clouds, Moultonborough (7):** 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 beautifully manicured gardens and miles of easy walking trails.
- Drive along the Spaulding Turnpike to the Seacoast Region where you will stay for two nights.

GARDEN TOUR

Best Time to Visit: June



Day 3

Wake up in the hub of the New Hampshire seacoast. Portsmouth has more accolades than most towns in the United States: on Forbes list of “America’s prettiest towns”, “the Best Walking City” by Prevention Magazine, “26th top historic place in the world” by National Geographic, among the “Top 20 towns in America” by Outside Magazine... What’s drawing all this attention? Portsmouth has been a working port city for trade and fishing since 1623 so it’s older than the United States, but it has one of the hippest scenes in the country. A bustling downtown with over 100 independent restaurants within walking distance (300 within the city boundaries), hundreds of boutique shops, theatres, jazz bars, historic homes and attractions, and cruises. Also, New Hampshire’s seacoast boasts an ocean science museum, sandy beaches, whale watches, and a lighthouse that stands where the first aggressive act of the Revolutionary War took place.

- **Isles of Shoals Steamship Company, Portsmouth (8):** Sail aboard the 340 passenger M/V Thomas Laighton as the crew explains the legends and lore of this cluster of nine different islands. If you have time, make special arrangements to get off the boat for a few hours on Star Island for a guided tour or for a brunch at the historic, rustic hotel.
- Another option if the group is in good physical condition and the group size is about 35 passengers is to plan a day visit at Appledore Island in the Isles of Shoals. This option would be a full day excursion and would replace many activities recommended in this itinerary. The group would be required to stand for the full 45 minute trip to and from the island and the island itself has rugged, uneven terrain. **Celia Thaxter’s Garden Tour, Appledore Island, Maine (9):** Ride on the r/v Challenger, a University of New Hampshire research vessel, departing from the Marine Research Pier in New Castle. Lunch will be included in this program.
- Enjoy an afternoon of lunch on your own and shopping in downtown Portsmouth. Have the group meet at Market Square at 3:00 PM for a walking tour with a guide from the Greater Portsmouth Chamber to Strawberry Banke Historic Living Museum. The guide will give a condensed “Portsmouth 101” along the way and explain the different gardens and memorials in the city.
- **Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth (10):** An outdoor living Puddle Dock community museum on 10 acres of downtown property bringing over 300 years of American history to life; beautiful colonial homes and docents moving in and about. One of the most popular draws is the preserved historic gardens nearly four hundred years old. This attraction preserves and cultivates heirloom seeds. They practice original organic gardening since their gardens predate modern methods. They offer exclusive tours through the many floral and agricultural gardens for groups by request and can also include a Historic Foodways program with culinary history interpreters.

GARDEN TOUR

Best Time to Visit: June



Day 3 Continued

- **Prescott Park, Portsmouth (11):** Immediately across from Strawberry Banke is this gorgeous 10 acre park complete with a 3 acre stage area on the banks of the Piscataqua River. It has entertained more than 3.5 million visitors with over 10,000 productions of music, art, theater, and dance since 1974; all with no admission cost. The formal garden displays fountains, tree-lined walkways, a flower wall, and a rose garden. After exploring 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.

Day 4

You will cover a lot of ground today so plan on an early start. Before leaving the seacoast, journey south along Route 1A to enjoy the sites of wealthy mansion estates, rocky coasts, and sandy beaches. Make an early stop at a popular garden estate commissioned by a Massachusetts Governor in the 1920's before hopping on Route 101. Afterwards, you will work your way north from Concord while splitting up the commute at different gardens along the way.

- **Fullers Garden, North Hampton (11):** A non-profit botanical garden and estate 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.
- Depart by 10:00 AM. Make sure to do a rest stop at the Hooksett North Information Center off I-93.
- **Mill Brook Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Concord (12):** A small attraction in north Concord with perennial gardens, a field with abstract sculptures, woodlands and ponds. The three room indoor gallery has rotating exhibits from artists who mostly reside in New Hampshire. The gallery carries all original works of art in a peaceful setting.
- Depart by 12:30 PM
- **The Shaker Table Restaurant at Canterbury Shaker Village, Canterbury (13):** This very unique culinary experience is the result of a partnership between this living museum and the nearby Lakes Region Community College's Community Arts program. Led by Chef Patrick Hall, over 120 students are given real life professional experience here. After lunch, enjoy a guided tour of Canterbury Shaker Village which has 29 Shaker buildings and 694 acres of forests, fields, gardens, trains, and mill ponds.

GARDEN TOUR

Best Time to Visit: June



Day 4 Continued

- If you want to squeeze in another garden or two, these two are on your way:
- **Tarbin Gardens, Franklin (14):** Gardens 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.
- **Kirkwood Garden at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Holderness (15):** Calling itself an "informal" garden, this attraction includes a variety of colorful plants that intentionally attract many species of bees, butterflies, and birds. The upper shady garden displays ferns, hostas, azaleas, and rhododendrons while the lower sunny garden is layered in shrubs, trees, and perennials. This attraction is most well-known for the live wildlife exhibits in another section of the property including black bear, deer, mountain lion, otter, coyote, owls, eagles and many more. They also operate the Squam Lake Cruises on this pristine lake made famous by the movie *On Golden Pond*.
- Continue north to your hotel in the White Mountains.

Day 5

Explore I-93 through Franconia Notch before returning home and first celebrate the blooming lupines with the locals. Afterwards, make a final stop in the very little town of Bethlehem. This small mountainous town is most famous for attracting Jewish vacationers from New York City since the 1800's for its clean air and relief from Hay Fever. In addition to its clean air, Bethlehem attracts outdoor enthusiasts, history buffs, and garden fans.

- **Lupine Festival, Sugar Hill/Franconia (16):** Every June, this wildflower takes over the landscape with the Franconia, Presidential, and Kinsman Mountain ranges in the backdrop. These peaks are often still capped in white in June even though summer warmth is enjoyed at their bases. Fluttering above fields of lupines are the butterflies and birds that they attract. Enjoy a full calendar of events including concerts, open air markets, dessert and dance festivities, and more.
- **The Rocks Estate, Bethlehem (17):** This educational and conservation property set on 1400 acres was once the summer home of a wealthy Chicago businessman and the International Harvester co-founder John Jacob Glessner. Now The Rocks Estate attracts visitors from around the world for its historic structures, the Carriage Barn, 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.

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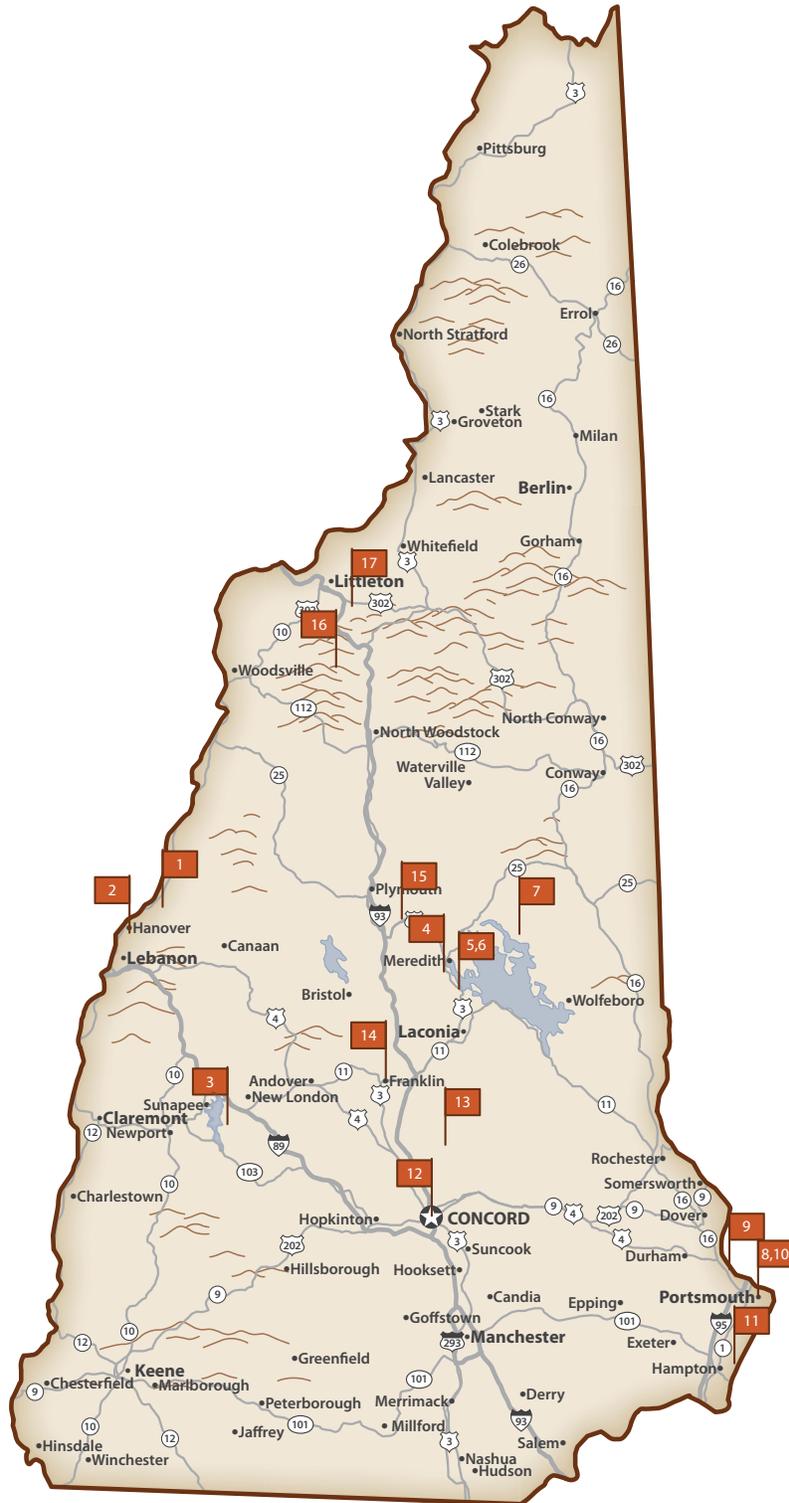
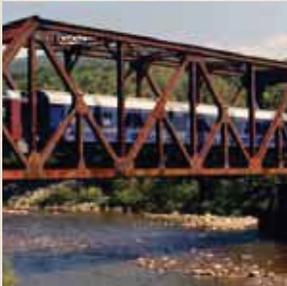




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RAIL AND SALE TOUR

Best Time to Visit: Year-round!

North Conway, famous for its name brand factory outlets and high-end boutique shops, is a must-visit in New Hampshire. With experiences ranging from canopy tours and skiing at Cranmore Mountain, to dinner trains on the Conway Scenic Railroad and outdoor adventures throughout the White Mountain National Forest.

Day 1

- Get started on this tour with shopping at the [Settlers Green \(1\) Outlets](#).
- Head up the road to the [Conway Scenic Railroad \(2\)](#) for a private Budd car ride to [White Mountain Cider Company's \(3\)](#) back door where hot cider and donuts are waiting.
- Return to [North Conway Village \(4\)](#) and peruse the boutique shops while eating a late lunch at one of the many cafés.
- End the first day by throwing a private kick-off party with live entertainment and a catered dinner at the [Cranmore Mountain Ski Lodge \(5\)](#) located minutes from the village.

Day 2

- Make day two a grand day by hopping back on the [Conway Scenic Railroad](#) and taking the famously scenic [Notch Train \(6\)](#) one-way to Crawford Notch.
- Have the coach meet the group to bring them up the road a couple miles to the [Omni Mount Washington Grand Resort \(7\)](#) for their luncheon tour offered exclusively for groups.
- In the afternoon, just 10 minutes away, the group will ride the first ever mountain climbing tracks in the world on the [Mount Washington Cog Railway \(8\)](#).
- Return to North Conway for a delicious New Hampshire feast at the local favorite [Delaney's Hole in the Wall \(9\)](#) restaurant.

Day 3

- Wake up early and take the Kancamagus Highway through the White Mountain National Forest to Lincoln.
- Head straight to the [Hobo Railroad \(10\)](#) to see the Flying Yankee restoration, famous for its part in America's history during the Great Depression and World War II.
- After the tour, head to [Clark's Trading Post \(11\)](#) for a delicious home-cooked private lunch followed by a ride on the White Mountain Central Railroad. Ride their steam engine through the only remaining, Howe-Truss Covered Bridge in the world. If you need a train break, watch their famous black bear show instead.
- Explore the shops and easy walking trails in North Woodstock.
- Have a gourmet dining experience aboard the relaxing [Cafe Lafayette Dinner Train \(12\)](#).

RAIL AND SALE TOUR

Best Time to Visit: Year-round!



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Image Courtesy: M/S Mount Washington



Day 4

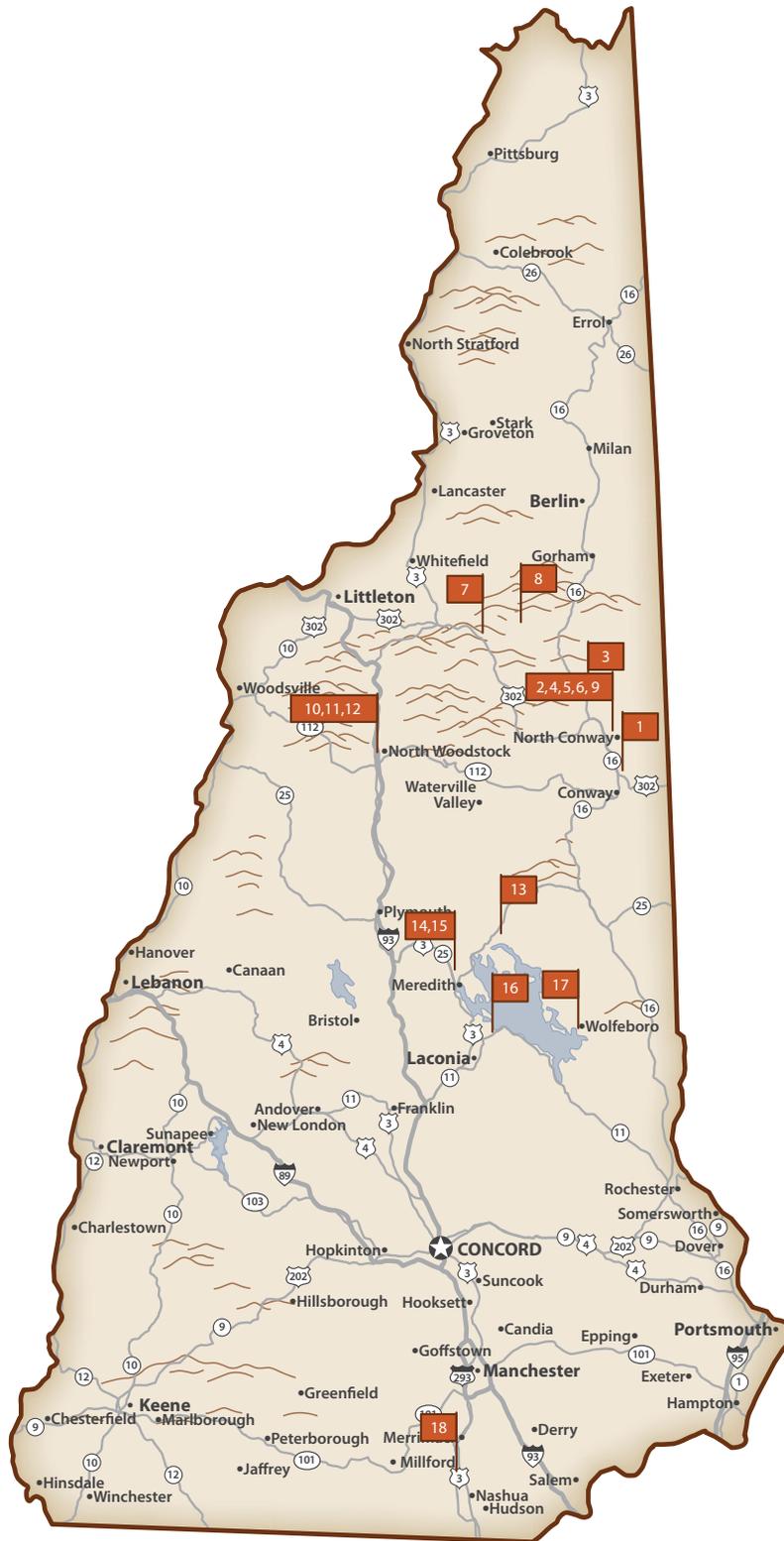
- Head south on Route 16 to the Lakes Region and stop at the [Moultonborough Country Store \(13\)](#). This is possibly the oldest country store in the United States, first opening in 1781.
- Arrive in Meredith for a couple hours of shopping at the [Mill Falls Marketplace \(14\)](#).
- Have lunch aboard the [Winnepesaukee Railroad \(15\)](#) starting at Meredith Station to Laconia.
- From Laconia's Docks cruise aboard the [M/S Mount Washington \(16\) Cruise](#) on a one-way trip across Lake Winnepesaukee to Wolfeboro the first vacation resort in the United States.
- Shop on Main Street or arrange a pewter making demonstration at [Hampshire Pewter \(17\)](#).

Either return to North Conway or continue on to New Hampshire's seacoast where you will find Portsmouth, a cultural, historical, dining, entertainment, and Main Street shopping hub. Sandy beaches, a boardwalk, science centers, cruises, whale watches, professional theater, living museums and reenactments, a grand resort, a submarine, and world-class events welcome groups and many group tour options are open year-round. New Hampshire's seacoast is only two hours from North Conway and one hour from Boston, Massachusetts; Portland, Maine; and Manchester, New Hampshire.

If you are entering or leaving New Hampshire from the south, consider including the [Merrimack Premium Outlets \(18\)](#).

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RAIL AND SALE TOUR





BIRD-SPOTTING & WILDLIFE TOUR

Best Time to Visit: Year-round!

Day 1

- Start with a cruise at the [Squam Lakes Natural Science Center \(1\)](#) where you may catch a glimpse of the nesting bald eagles.
- Continue north to [Franconia Notch State Park \(2\)](#) to ride the Cannon Aerial Tramway where if you're lucky you'll spot a black bear or hawks beginning their migration.

Day 2

- Start the day at the [The Rocks Estate \(3\)](#) for a bear and moose presentation at this 1,400 acre conservation and education center owned by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.
- Hop over to Jefferson for a sled dog adventure (any time of the year!) with [Muddy Paw Sled Dog \(4\)](#). They welcome full motor coaches!

Day 3

- Spend a half day or full day on a guided custom adventure with the [Appalachian Mountain Club's Highland Center Lodge \(5\)](#) in Crawford Notch State Park.
- Stay overnight in North Conway.

Day 4

- Wake up with a bird-spotting and wildlife tour on the [Mount Washington Auto Road \(Great Glen Trails\) \(6\)](#) to the summit of the highest peak in the northeast. Mount Washington is a favorite breeding ground for the extremely rare Bicknell Thrush. [Mount Washington Weather Discovery Center \(7\)](#) in North Conway's village makes for a great backup to this activity.
- Continue south to the [Seacoast Science Center \(8\)](#) and Odiorne State Park.
- End the day with a private lobster bake from Rye's [Petey's Summertime Seafood \(9\)](#).

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BIRD-SPOTTING & WILDLIFE TOUR

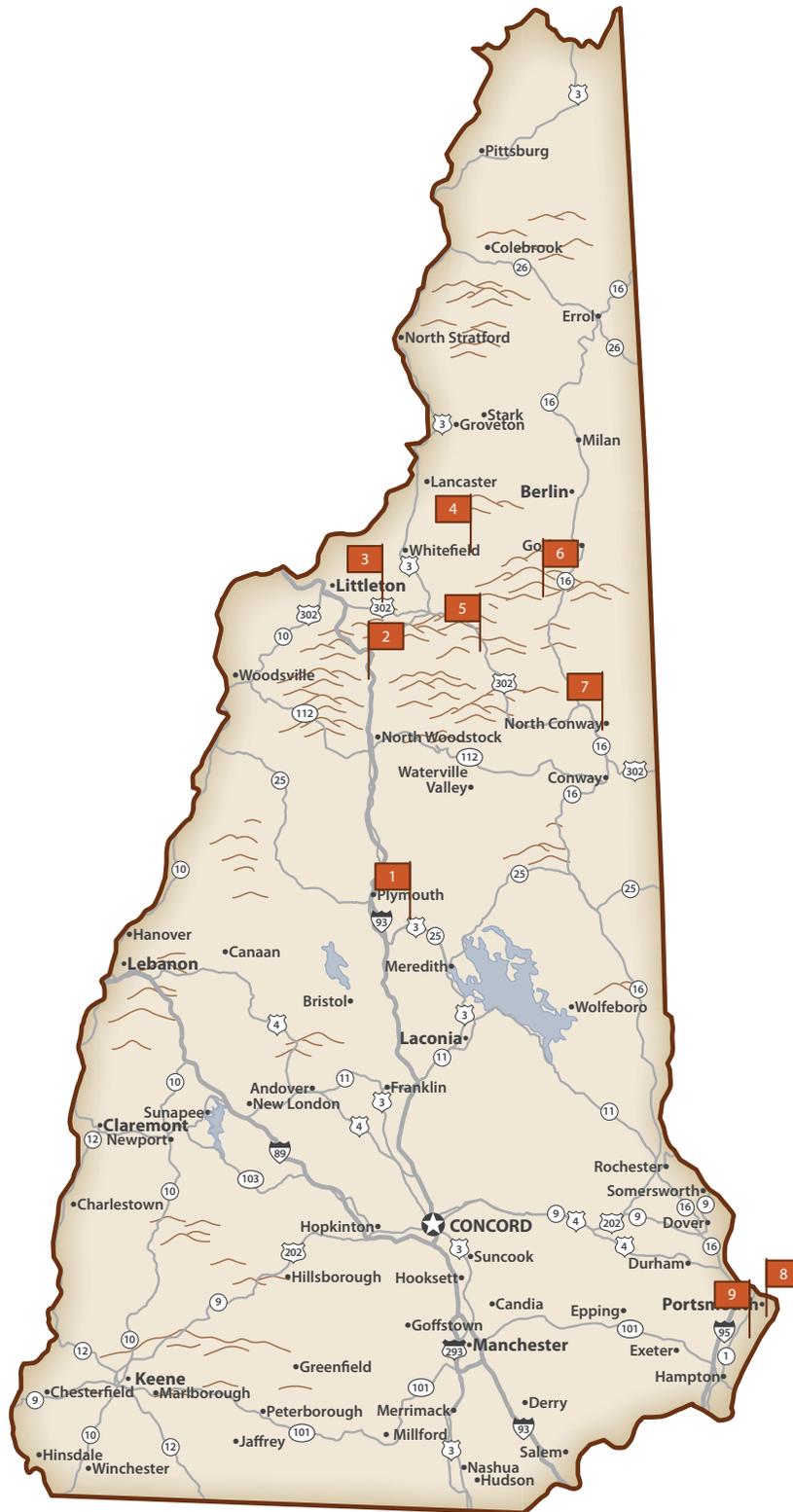




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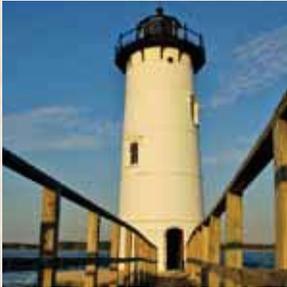


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COLONIAL TOUR

Best Time to Visit: Year-round!

Day 1

- Start at the [American Independence Museum \(1\)](#) in Exeter to see an original draft of the Declaration of Independence.
- Head to Portsmouth for a guided tour through four centuries at [Strawbery Banke Living Museum \(2\)](#).
- Enjoy dinner on your own in this popular culinary destination. Meet up after dinner for a show at the [Music Hall Historic Theatre \(3\)](#).

Day 2

- Wake up to a guided walking tour with the [Portsmouth Visitor Center \(4\)](#) in downtown Portsmouth to learn about its maritime history.
- End the tour at the [Discover Portsmouth Center \(5\)](#).
- Take a quick drive to [Fort Constitution \(6\)](#) in New Castle, the subject of Paul Revere's first ride and site of the first aggressive act of the Revolutionary War.
- Drive through Dover, the location of a violent Native American attack in the late 1600's. Stop at the [Woodman's Museum \(7\)](#) to learn more about it.

Day 3

- Enjoy shopping in downtown Concord.
- Tour the [State House \(8\)](#), which is the only United States State House still using its original chambers.
- Visit the [Museum of New Hampshire History \(9\)](#).

Day 4

- Go to [Canterbury Shaker Village \(10\)](#) and arrange to have a guest juried craftsmen join the group for a workshop or demonstration.

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ADVENTURE GIRLS OR GUYS TOUR

Best Time to Visit: Summer and Early Fall

Day 1

- The tour begins with a full day at the [Mountain View Grand Resort \(1\)](#) where you will learn the skills of ax throwing.
- Afterwards, unwind with Mountain View Spa treatments followed by a grand BBQ cookout.
- Later, the adventure continues with scotch tasting.

Day 2

- Take off in the morning for a mountain-climbing train adventure with the [Mount Washington Cog Railway \(2\)](#).
- Early afternoon, drive into Crawford Notch State Park to the [Appalachian Mountain Club Highland Center Lodge \(3\)](#) for lunch followed by a guided custom excursion.

Day 3

- Head to [RaftNH \(4\)](#) for a river adventure. They offer white water rafting, kayaking, canoeing, or stand-up paddle board trips.
- Have a wood fire pizza party at the [Red Fox Pub \(5\)](#) and quench your thirst with screwdriver cocktails.

Day 4

- Wake up early in North Conway for a group yoga session at [Cranmore Mountain \(6\)](#) followed by breakfast at the mountain resort.
- What better way to help breakfast along than a canopy tour adventure at Cranmore.
- After, shop sales tax-free at the boutique shops in the village or just down the road at the [Settlers Green \(7\) Outlets](#).
- A shopping alternative is to drive about an hour north to Berlin for ATVing at [Jericho Mountain State Park \(8\)](#).

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ADVENTURE GIRLS OR GUYS TOUR

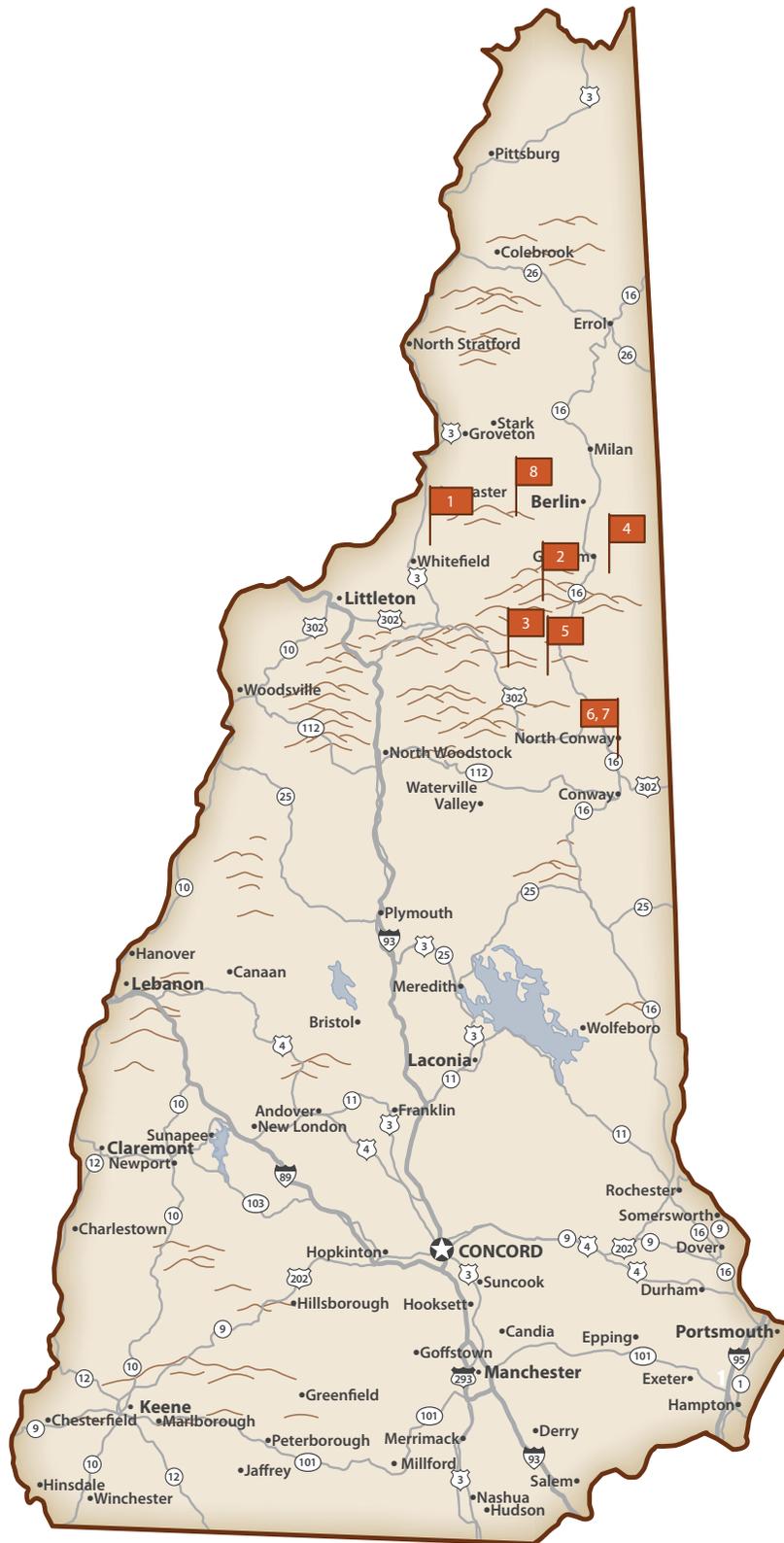




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BUBBLES & BUBBLES TOUR

Best Time to Visit: Year Round

Gather your glamour girls and indulge with everything that sparkles! From the mountain grands to the shimmering water in Meredith Bay, every guest will be enthralled by what they see. There is no shortage of pampering to be had, but this tour is far from predictable. Every sense will have a surprise.

Day 1

- Get settled in with spa treatments at the [Mountain View Grand Resort \(1\)](#) followed by champagne on the verandah.
- Downtown Littleton awaits your arrival with fine dining with a rustic twist at [Bailiwick's \(2\)](#) where a storyteller from NH Storyteller's Alliance will captivate your imagination with a little help from the martini bar.

Day 2

- The morning is yours at the Mountain View Grand before heading to Bethlehem.
- At [The Rocks Estate \(3\)](#) learn about wildlife, take in a spectacular view as you enjoy a horse drawn ride, and explore the trails through the estate's 1,400 acres.
- Get rejuvenated with uisge beatha which means water of life in Gaelic (a.k.a. scotch whiskey) tasting with Nigel Manley who has the handsomest accent in New Hampshire.
- Continue on to Bretton Woods where the [Omni Mount Washington Resort's \(4\)](#) 25,000 square foot spa is prepping for your arrival. Pull out your formal wear for dinner in the grand dining room.

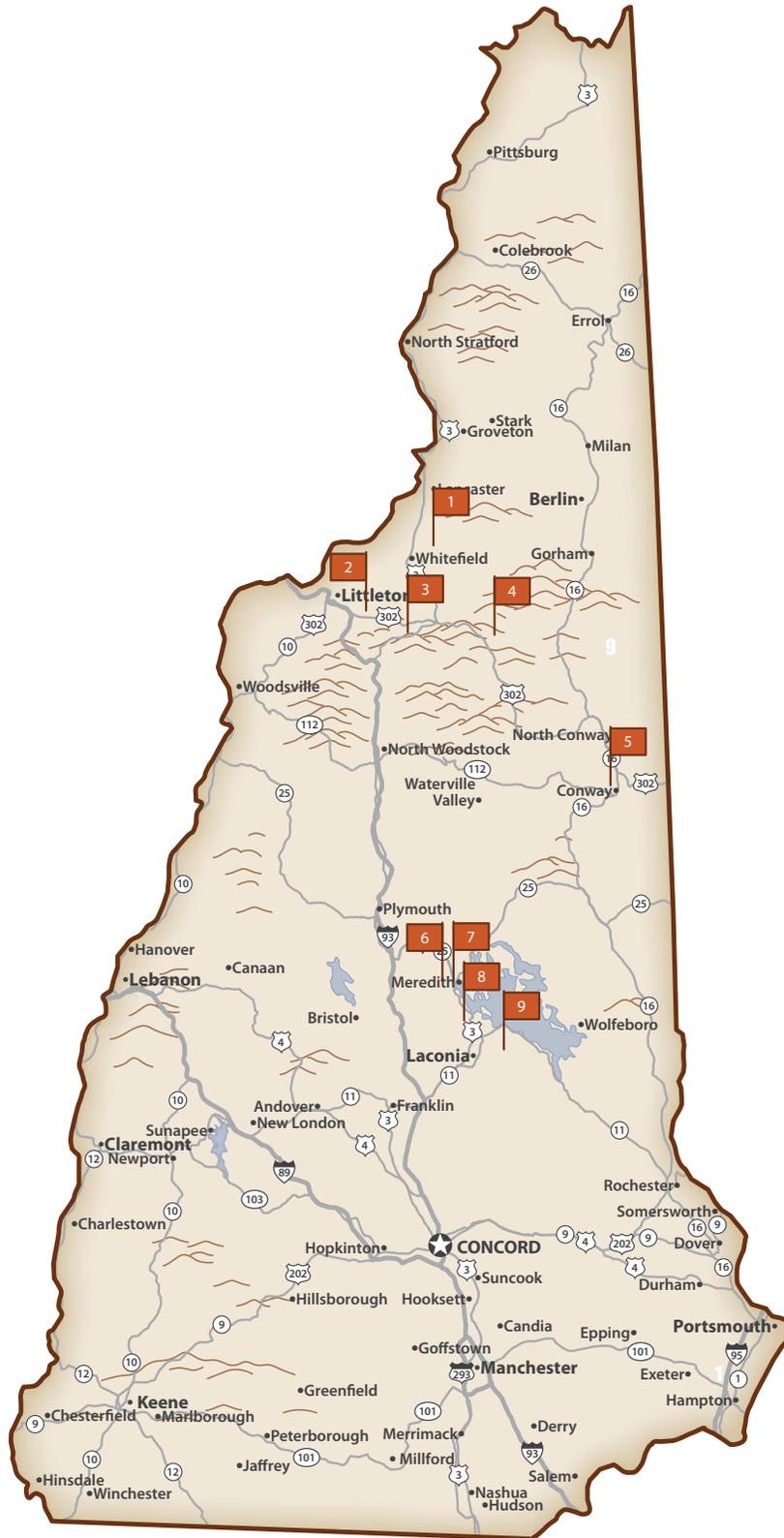
Day 3

- Drive into North Conway in the morning for sales tax-free shopping at the boutique shops in the village or just down the road at the [Settlers Green \(5\)](#).
- Late morning, drive to Meredith in the Lakes Region to Meredith to check into your [Inns and Spa at Mill Falls \(6\)](#) waterfront resort. Those who still have some spa left in them should make an appointment at the Cascade Spa. Everyone else can enjoy downtime exploring the Mill Falls Marketplace and a late lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants and cafes near the water.
- Come back together at [Sacred Waters Yoga Studio \(7\)](#) to let paint and wine inspire your own works of art with a class led by the talent at The Canvas Roadshow.

Day 4

- Wake up to waffles and pancakes served by [Kellerhaus \(8\)](#), New Hampshire's oldest chocolate maker, followed by a chocolate-making workshop where you will make your own treats to snack on later.
- End the tour with the ultimate sparkle experience with [Pepi Hermann \(9\)](#) who is one of only a handful of master crystal cutters in North America.

BUBBLES & BUBBLES TOUR



FOOTPRINTS FROM THE PAST TOUR

Northern New Hampshire

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. 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 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.



Image Courtesy: Mountain RaftNH



Image Courtesy: Cranmore Mountain



Image Courtesy: Valley Snow Dogz

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. 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 White Mountains 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 depleted the entire forest by logging the Great North Woods and sending the logs down river to be retrieved. The [Northern Forest Heritage Park \(3\)](#) in Berlin is a historic logging camp dedicated to preserving the working forest and the multicultural heritage of the region. It hosts exciting events including ATV competitions and a Riverfire Festival.
- Overnight in North Conway or Jackson.

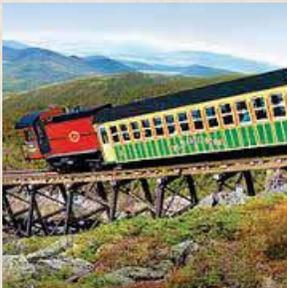
Day 2

- Wake up with the help of gravity at [Cranmore Mountain Adventure Park \(4\)](#) where you will dive into ziplines, canopy tours, mountain coasters, and more! Cranmore was one of the very first ski areas in the United States, the site of the first skimo-bile 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 \(5\)](#).

FOOTPRINTS FROM THE PAST TOUR

Northern New Hampshire

Best Time to Visit: *Spring through Fall*



Day 2 Continued

- You'll never have another lunch experience like the one at the [Omni Mount Washington Resort \(6\)](#). Their BLT program is available for groups only (Breakfast or Lunch and Tour and a gift). Enjoy lunch at this Spanish Renaissance grand resort the largest wooden structure in New England.
- After lunch, head 10 minutes up Base Road to the [Mount Washington Cog Railway \(7\)](#). The first ever mountain climbing train in the world summits of New England's highest peak Mt. Washington at 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 in the comforts of a summit observatory with a café, museum and gift shop.

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 \(8\)](#), and the impressive [Flume Gorge \(9\)](#). The Appalachian Trail crosses directly over Cannon's summit and meets up with the Crawford Path, the oldest hiking trail in North America.
- Work your way to the Lakes Region of New Hampshire for lunch aboard the [Winnepesaukee Railroad \(10\)](#) which brought tourists to the lake in the 1800's.
- Head back to Laconia for dinner and overnight.

Day 4

- Actually sit on the motorcycle that led Elvis Presley's funeral procession at the [American Police Motorcycle Museum \(11\)](#) and touch some of the rarest, antique bikes in the world. Visitors will explore this impressive collection and learn how police motorcycles played a pivotal role in United States' history.
- Time to cross the lake aboard the [M/S Mount Washington Cruises \(12\)](#) 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.



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Northern New Hampshire

Best Time to Visit: Spring through Fall

Day 4 Continued

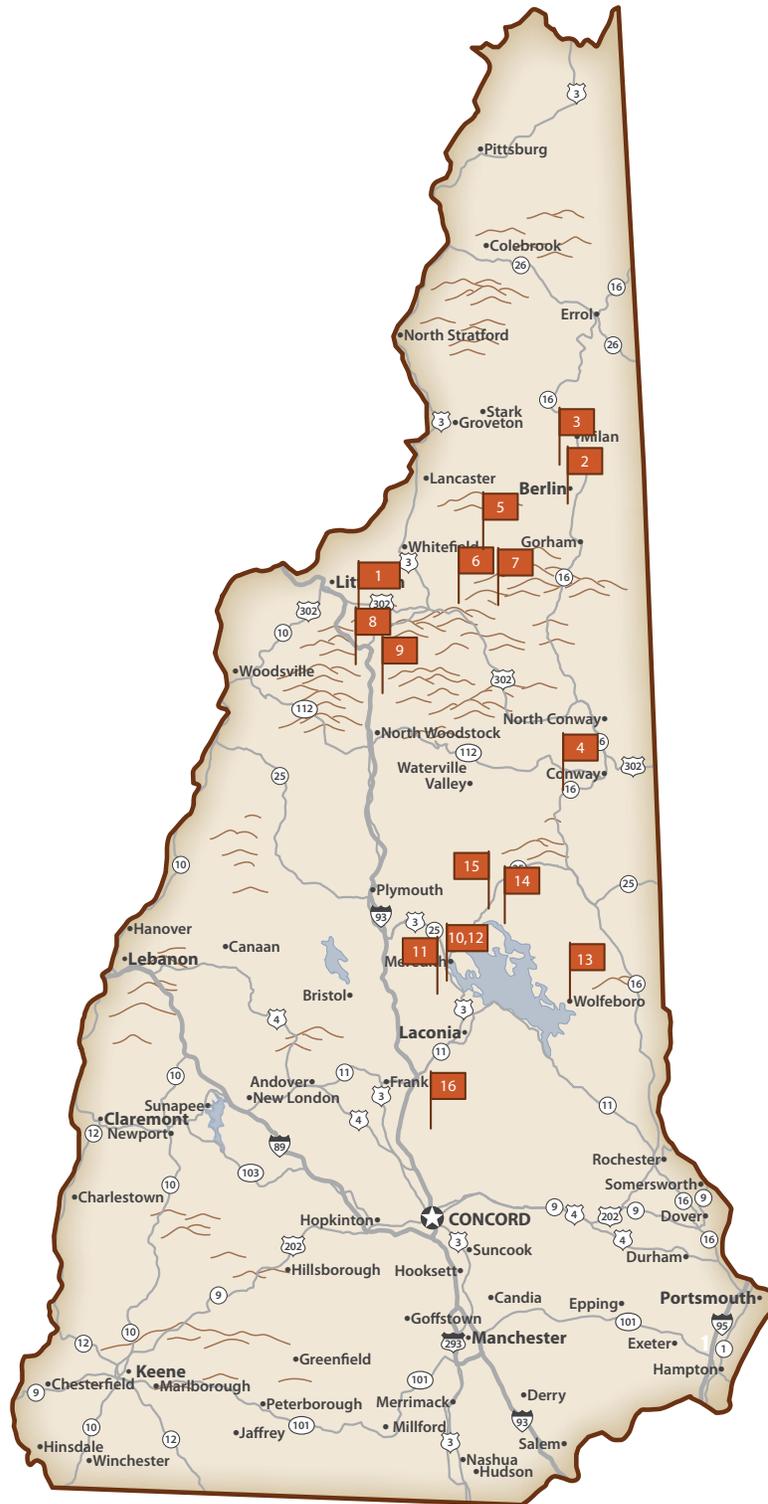
- [The Wright Museum \(13\)](#) in Wolfeboro is a home front time travel experience with its exhibits that take guests back to everyday life during the World Wars in the United States. Headline articles, pop culture, and everyday household items create the scene. This museum has an amazing collection of war vehicles and a captivating propaganda art poster gallery as well.
- In late afternoon, scoot up the road to [Castle in the Clouds \(14\)](#) an estate set high in the Ossipee Mountain Range 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 \(a.k.a. that Old Store\) \(15\)](#) it's the oldest, continually operating country store in the United States that opened for trade in 1781.

Day 5

- On your way out of New Hampshire, take a detour to [Canterbury Shaker Village \(16\)](#) to see how the Shakers lived.

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Southern New Hampshire

Best Time to Visit: Spring through Fall

New Hampshire, being #9 out of the 13 original colonies, has experienced first-hand many pivotal moments in history including the first aggressive act of the Revolutionary War, the intended destination for Paul Revere on his famous ride, Native American tribes, enslaved African Americans, global power in textile and trade, famous politicians and authors, and more. New Hampshire's rich history and deeply engrained Yankee culture makes for an exciting educational journey.



Image Courtesy: Music Hall Theatre



Image Courtesy: Gundalow Cruiser



Image Courtesy: American Independence Museum

Day 1

- Begin your tour in Portsmouth, an active and thriving seaside community with fishing, shipping, and trade and also where Paul Revere was riding to warn that the British were coming. Downtown Portsmouth is buzzing with energy filled with museums, theatres, boutique shops, and some of the best food around.
- Walk back in time through a historic village with four centuries of preserved history at [Strawbery Banke Museum \(1\)](#) where actors remain in character for the era they represent.
- Head a few minutes down the road to New Castle, a town that is its own island, to tour [Fort Constitution \(2\)](#) and the [Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse \(3\)](#). This is the site of the first aggressive act of the Revolutionary War in which colonists raided the fort to steal gun powder and weapons.
- Pull Portsmouth together with an early evening walking tour through the Greater Portsmouth Chamber's Visitor Center. They'll captivate you with tales of ghosts and maritime folklore and a journey to the enslaved American memorial site.
- In the evening, catch a live show at the [Music Hall Theatre \(4\)](#), listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Groups can enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour.

Day 2

- Wake up in the morning to set the sail of a [Gundalow Cruise \(5\)](#), learn to navigate, troll for plankton, or learn about the human impact on marine ecosystems and water quality on this exact replica of a flat bottom barge ship from the 1700's.
- After lunch, head to Exeter for the [American Independence Museum \(6\)](#) to see two rare drafts of the U.S. Constitution. Exeter was the site of a famous and gory Native American attack.
- Take a peek inside [Philips Exeter Academy's Library \(7\)](#) which was designed by famous architect Louis I. Kahn. Philips Exeter famous alumni includes names such as Mark Zuckerberg, Gore Vidal, John Irving, and Dan Brown.
- Continue west to overnight in Manchester, a city that was once the textile capital of the world. It is now a cultural, urban hub in New England known for its signature beautiful brick structures that line the Merrimack River.



FOOTPRINTS FROM THE PAST TOUR

Southern New Hampshire

Best Time to Visit: *Spring through Fall*

Day 3

- Tour the Millyard including a visit to the [SEE Science Center \(8\)](#) with interactive exhibits and a scaled Lego display of the city of Manchester.
- Have lunch at the [Currier Museum of Art's Winter Garden Café \(9\)](#). After lunch, the group will split into two where half will tour the museum's collection and the other will tour the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Zimmerman House offsite before swapping.
- After, head up the road to check out the [New Hampshire State House \(10\)](#) in Concord, the only state house in the country that still uses its original chambers from 1818.
- Work your way to Newbury for an overnight near Mount Sunapee, stopping along the way at the [Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum \(11\)](#) for a guided walk through Medicine Woods Nature Trail.

Day 4

- Wake up fast with [Mount Sunapee's \(12\)](#) 1000' dual ziplines or test your balance with their Aerial Challenge Course.
- Work your way to the Connecticut River Byway part of New Hampshire where you will find [Saint Gauden's \(13\)](#), named for its former resident Irish born Augustus Saint Gaudens the world famous sculptor of the Beaux-Arts generation. This property is stunning and filled with trails, gardens, sculptures, working artists, and galleries.
- Loop down to [Fort #4 \(14\)](#), once the northwestern-most village within the British colonies where colonists once lived with the Abenaki tribe.

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Southern New Hampshire

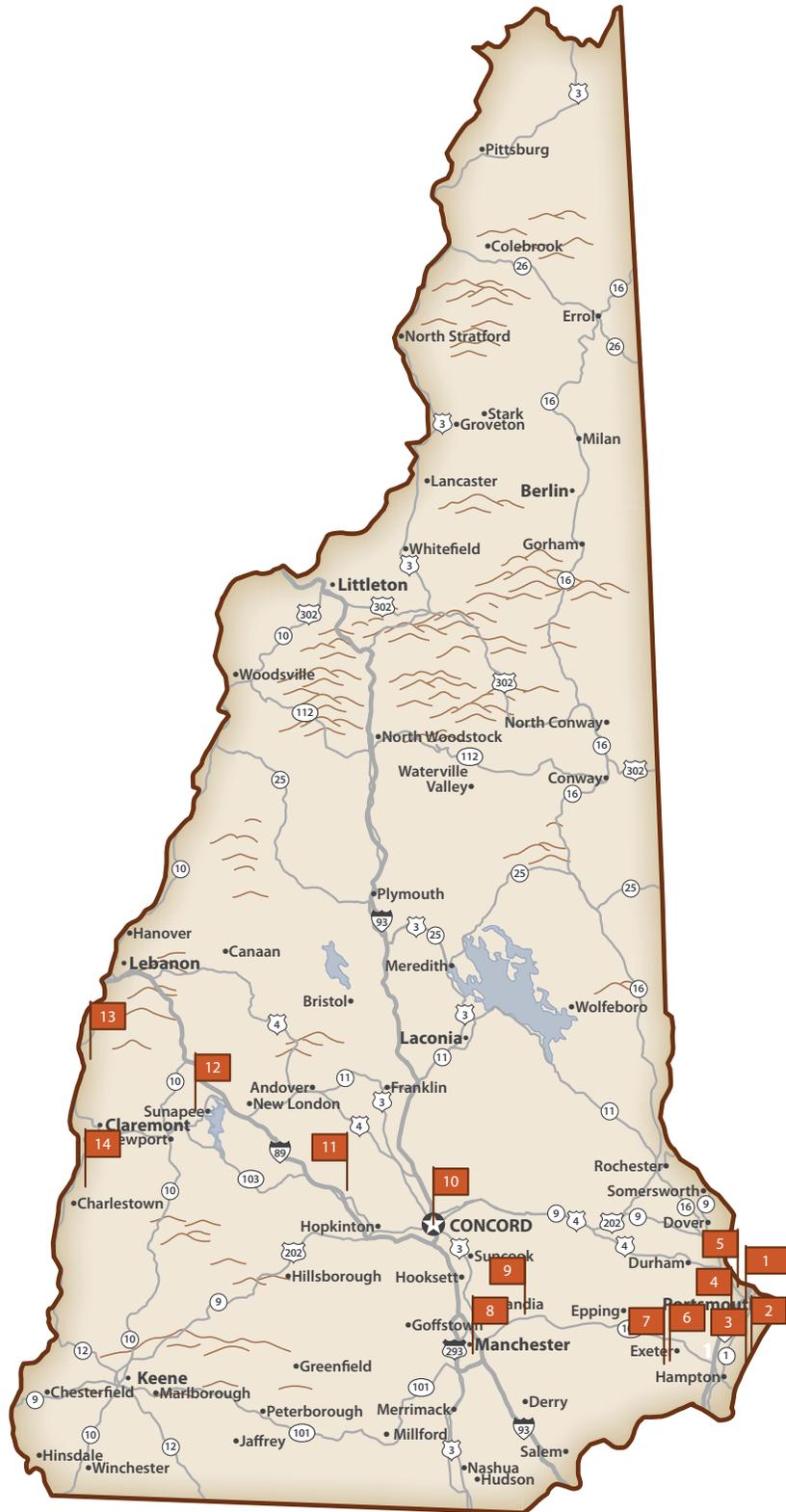




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JUST PLAIN FUN TOUR

Best Time to Visit: Spring through Fall

Day 1

- Nashua is the location of a massive indoor windtunnel and the largest indoor surfing tank in the world at [SkyVenture New Hampshire \(1\)](#).
- After a full day of out-of-this world flying and surfing fun, work your way up to the Lakes Region where you can enjoy some pre-dinner games at [Funspot \(2\)](#) in Laconia, the world's largest arcade.

Day 2

- The best part about staying on the lakes is that you can actually get out ON the lake. Try a guided kayaking tour with [Wild Meadow on Winnepesaukee \(3\)](#).
- Grab some lunch and a dose of gravity on the zipline courses at [Gunstock Mountain Resort \(4\)](#) in Gilford. Gunstock has the second longest zipline in the continental United States at a mile and a half hitting speeds up to 55 mph.

Day 3

- Check out [Clark's Trading Post's \(5\)](#) trained black bear show in the White Mountain town of Lincoln. Clark's is filled with all kinds of fun including an off-road Segway park, an acrobat show, the White Mountain Central Railroad, blaster boats, and climbing.
- Just down the road from Clark's is [Whales Tale Water Park \(6\)](#) with fast slides, tubes, a lazy river, and large water rides.

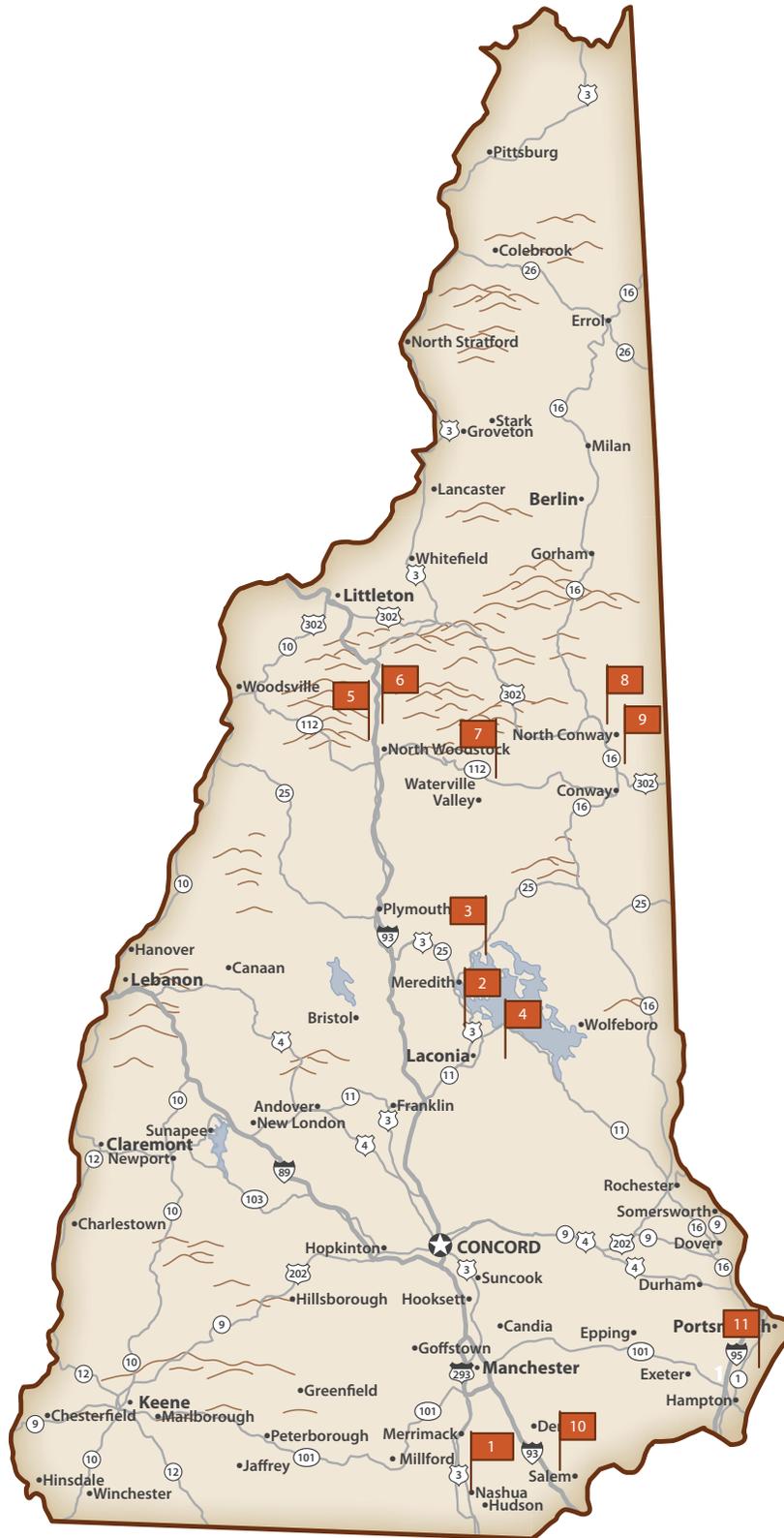
Day 4

- Get an early start so you have time to stop at overlooks along the [Kancamagus Highway \(7\)](#), one of America's most beautiful roads.
- Try a different type of aerial adventure just outside the North Conway Village at [Cranmore Mountain \(8\)](#) which has a treetop canopy tour. This resort also has a high speed mountain coaster.
- In the afternoon, if you didn't get enough water yet, [Kahuna Laguna \(9\)](#) at the Red Jacket Mountain View is a large indoor water park in North Conway.

Day 5

- Before leaving New Hampshire, take a half-day or full-day at [Canobie Lake Park \(10\)](#) in Salem. This amusement park is known for its big roller coasters and thrill rides.
- Or head out by way of the seacoast region via 95 and split up your drive with a whale-watch with [Granite State Whale Watch \(11\)](#).

JUST PLAIN FUN TOUR



TEAM BUILDING & NATURE TOUR

Best Time to Visit: Spring through Fall

In New Hampshire, you can find an adventure that will bring you closer to your friends and change the way you view the natural world around you. Soar through the air, ride with the rapids, tunnel through narrow boulder caves, learn survival skills, and look wildlife in the eye.

Day 1

- Start out this tour big with BIG DROPS at [Gunstock Mountain Resort \(1\)](#) in Gilford on their canopy and zipline course. Gunstock has one of the longest zipline in the continental United States at a mile and a half, hitting speeds up to 55 mph.
- After lunch, split up your drive north with a stop at the [Squam Lakes Natural Science Center \(2\)](#) in Holderness where you will see mountain lions, bobcats, raptors, otters, and more along a nature trail in their large, natural habitat areas. Many of these animals were rescued.
- Don't eat just any dinner; go to [D'Acres Farm \(3\)](#) in Rumney where Regina offers a cooking class using local ingredients and organic foods. This working farm and educational center has overnight options in shared rooms for groups up to 20 guests, but of course, you can come for the day for their cooking programs and events.
- Head over to Lincoln for overnight after dinner.

Day 2

- Wake up in the morning with [Lost River Gorge and Boulder Caves \(4\)](#) which has a wooded trail with boardwalks that bring guests over cascading falls and to a series of boulder caves including the "Lemon Squeezer."
- After lunch, journey even deeper into the White Mountains on an [Alpine Adventures Off-Road Safari Tour \(5\)](#) in their custom 6-wheel off-road vehicles that can get as crazy as the group inside.
- Moose are moving the most at dusk and dawn so once the sun starts to set, hop on the modified [Pemi-Valley Moose Tour \(6\)](#) bus with its brake system and engine hum that won't scare the moose away. They have a 98% sighting rate.

Day 3

- Head north for a white water rafting adventure on the Androscoggin River with [RaftNH \(7\)](#). They also offer stillwater tours with kayaks, canoes, or paddleboards.



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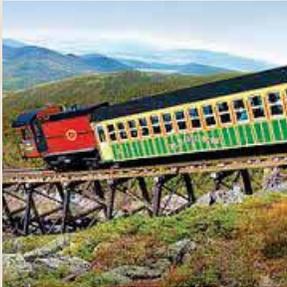


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TEAM BUILDING & NATURE TOUR

Best Time to Visit: Spring through Fall

Day 4

- Today is your hiking day! The **AMC; Joe Dodge Lodge (8)** in Pinkham Notch and Highland Center in Crawford Notch both have plenty of gear that is available for guests to use at no charge. Your mountain guide will help prepare your group.
- Depending on how ambitious and experienced your group is, you may want to hike to the summits and camp in the mountains. If you want to shorten the trek, you can take the **Mount Washington Auto Road's (9)** guided stagecoaches part way up Mount Washington and then get dropped off at the Alpine Garden Trail. From here you can trek to the Lake of the Clouds AMC hut and continue to the summit of this amazing peak. Views are spectacular and the experience is challenging and rewarding. There are plants and birds that are found only on Mount Washington.
- There are three ways down the mountain: hike out, return via the Auto Road, or take the **Mount Washington Cog Railway (10)** down to the other side of the ridge that meets up with Route 302 where your coach can meet you.

Day 5

- From the mountains to the sea, head south to end your tour with salty air and crashing waves. New Hampshire's seacoast has the cleanest, sandy beaches in North America and is packed with adventures such as whale-watching, deep-sea fishing, and your bus can even **sail a gundalow (11)** from the harbor city of Portsmouth!
- Cap your tour off with a celebration lobster bake feast catered by **Petey's Summer-time Seafood (12)**.

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PLAY WITH YOUR FOOD TOUR

Best Time to visit: Late Spring through Early Fall

Culinary creations have become a form of art. Inspirations from across New Hampshire have merged giving visitors a one-of-a-kind taste of New Hampshire. Eat and drink your way through New Hampshire while experiencing the state's culture and history. This tour will take you through some of the most celebrated destinations in a creative and scrumptious way.



Image Courtesy: White Mountain Cupcakery



Image Courtesy: Red Fox Bar & Grill



Day 1

- Wake up with a hot cup of coffee and a bite to eat at The [Metropolitan Coffee House and Fine Art Gallery \(1\)](#), where the coffee is locally roasted and the walls are adorned with works of art featuring artists of the Mt. Washington Valley.
- Hop on the [Conway Scenic Railroad \(2\)](#) for a lunch aboard their historically restored dining car with scenic views.
- Peruse the stores and do a little tax-free shopping at [Settlers Green \(3\)](#) outlet village. Be sure to stop at [White Mountain Cupcakery \(4\)](#) to sample some of their many flavors, some of which were featured on Food Network's Cupcake Wars ©.
- **Midweek Option:**
Enjoy dinner accompanied by a story from [New Hampshire's Storytelling Alliance \(5\)](#) at [Mt. Washington Cider Company \(6\)](#).
- **Weekend Option:**
Enjoy a wood-fired pizza from the [Red Fox Bar & Grille \(7\)](#)

Day 2

- Head south to Wolfeboro, America's oldest summer resort.
- From there, board the [M/S Mount Washington \(8\)](#) for a one-way scenic lunch cruise across Lake Winnepesaukee, the largest lake in New Hampshire.
- Meet up at the Mill Falls at the Lake for a glass of wine and an instructed painting class provided by [The Canvas Roadshow \(9\)](#). Sip, relax and paint your own masterpiece inspired by a classic master.
- Head to [NASWA Resort's NazBar & Grill \(10\)](#) for a private beach party and beachside BBQ dinner.

PLAY WITH YOUR FOOD TOUR

Best Time to visit: Late Spring through Early Fall



Image Courtesy: Redhook Brewery



Image Courtesy: Flag Hill Winery & Distillery



Image Courtesy: Jumpin' Jays Fish Cafe

Day 3

- Wake up to waffles and pancakes served by [Kellerhaus \(11\)](#), New Hampshire's oldest chocolate maker. Experience chocolate-making first hand with a workshop where you will make your own sweet treats for later.
- Journey to the seacoast, stopping at [Redhook Brewery \(12\)](#) for a tour and tasting. Enjoy some tasty pub style food in the Cataqua Pub paired with Redhook brews.
- Explore downtown Portsmouth during your free time before dinner.
- Enjoy a uniquely inspired menu during a themed dinner at [Stages at One Washington \(13\)](#). Each themed dinner is significantly different and the inspiration for each comes from the featured guests speciality.

Day 4

- Start the day off with a seated wine tasting and learn how vodka is made as you tour [Flag Hill Winery & Distillery \(14\)](#).
- Take in the sights of the seacoast aboard the chartered MV Heritage as you cruise along the Piscataqua River learning about the history and significance of [Portsmouth Harbor \(15\)](#) with Portsmouth Harbor Cruises.
- Relax and experience a traditional New England seafood dinner at [Jumpin' Jays Fish Café \(16\)](#). Be sure to sample thier crab cakes, voted best in NH by NH Magazine.
- End the day with a performance or show at the historic [Music Hall \(17\)](#).
- Be sure to check out events going on at [Prescott Park \(18\)](#) when visiting Portsmouth.

PLAY WITH YOUR FOOD TOUR

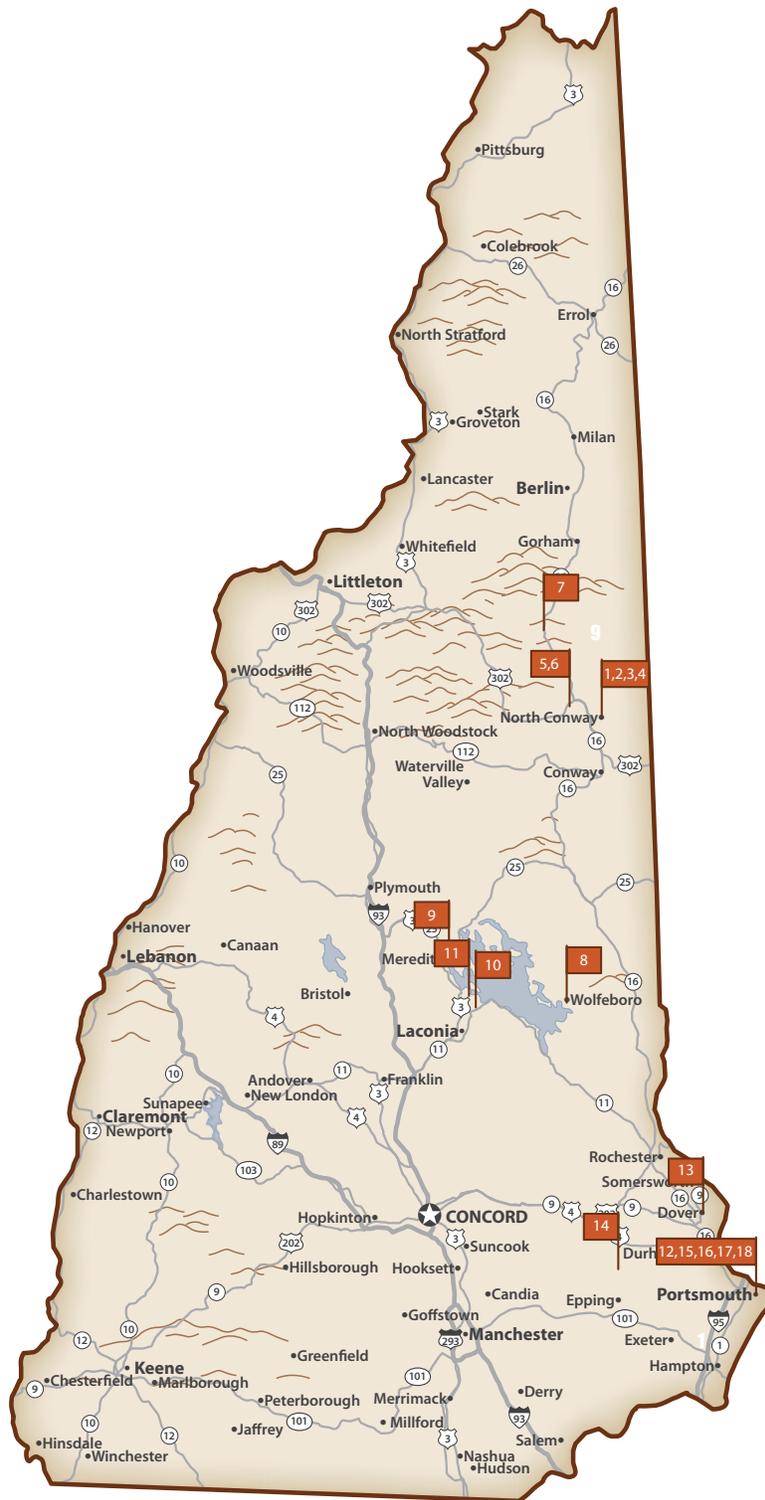




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CULINARY ADVENTURE TOUR

Best Time to visit: Winter through Early Spring

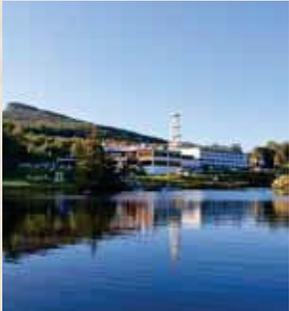
When winter arrives, all of New Hampshire's rarities are covered with a glistening layer of snow creating a winter wonderland. Don't worry, there's no need to be a pro on the powder to enjoy all that New Hampshire has to offer. Alongside the plethora of winter wonders, enjoy a glass (or two) of New Hampshire's very own hand-crafted brews and delectable New England inspired culinary traditions.

Day 1

- Enter New Hampshire through Hanover, home of Dartmouth College. This quaint historic town encompasses the perfect amount of New England Charm providing a variety of activities to capture your attention.
- Start the day off at the [Hood Museum of Art \(1\)](#), (admission free) viewing masterpieces from one of the largest and oldest university collections in the country. Then take a stroll down [Main Street \(2\)](#) exploring a variety of boutiques and cafés.
- Journey back to the Hanover Inn for a one-of-a-kind farm-to-table dining experience at [PINE \(3\)](#) including a presentation by their acclaimed mixologist.

Day 2

- Enjoy a morning of snowshoeing, sightseeing, and exploring the back country along the Appalachian Trail accompanied by an experienced [Appalachian Mountain Club \(AMC\) \(4\)](#) guide leaving from downtown Hanover, snowshoes and poles provided. Don't forget to bring your packed lunch courtesy of the Hanover Inn.
- Head further into New Hampshire stopping at the [Flying Goose Brew Pub & Grille \(5\)](#) to take in scenic views of Mt. Kearsarge while experiencing a tasting of the pub's microbrews.
- Hop on over to [Graze Sustainable Table \(6\)](#) to taste farm-raised and housemade offerings prepared from the freshest locally and regionally produced foods. Graze puts a spin on the farm-to-table concept by owning the farm where their food comes from.



CULINARY ADVENTURE TOUR

Best Time to visit: Winter through Early Spring

Day 3

- Wake up with a waffle or pancake breakfast served by [Kellerhaus \(7\)](#), New Hampshire's oldest chocolate maker, followed by a chocolate-making workshop where you can make your own sweet treats for later.
- Make your way north to Waterville Valley where you will be introduced to a team of Alaskan, Hedlund, and Siberian Huskies at [Valley Snow Dogz \(8\)](#) dog sledding.
- Further north, tour the [Woodstock Inn Station and Brewery \(9\)](#) for a sampling of their freshly crafted ales and beers followed by a late lunch in their cozy restaurant to enjoy the hometown atmosphere.
- End the night at [Indian Head Resort \(10\)](#) with live entertainment.

Day 4

- Start your day on a cross-country skiing adventure guided by the [Loon Mountain Adventure Center \(11\)](#). Ski along the Pemigewasset River and experience the snow covered beauty of the White Mountain National Forest.
- Grab lunch at the historic [Omni Mount Washington Resort \(12\)](#), a favorite vacation destination of many U.S. Presidents, poets, and celebrities.
- After lunch, meet up with your adventure guide for a canopy tour adventure at [Bretton Woods \(13\)](#). Cascading through treetops gives you a bird's eye view of scenic Rosebrook Canyon.
- Make a stop at [Tuckerman's Brewing Co. \(14\)](#) to sample some of their unique and creative brews.
- Circle back to Lincoln completing the White Mountain Loop along the [Kancamagus Highway \(15\)](#), best know for its rich history and beauty. Make sure to travel along the highway just before sunset when the sun reflects off the mountains just right providing the perfect photo opportunity.

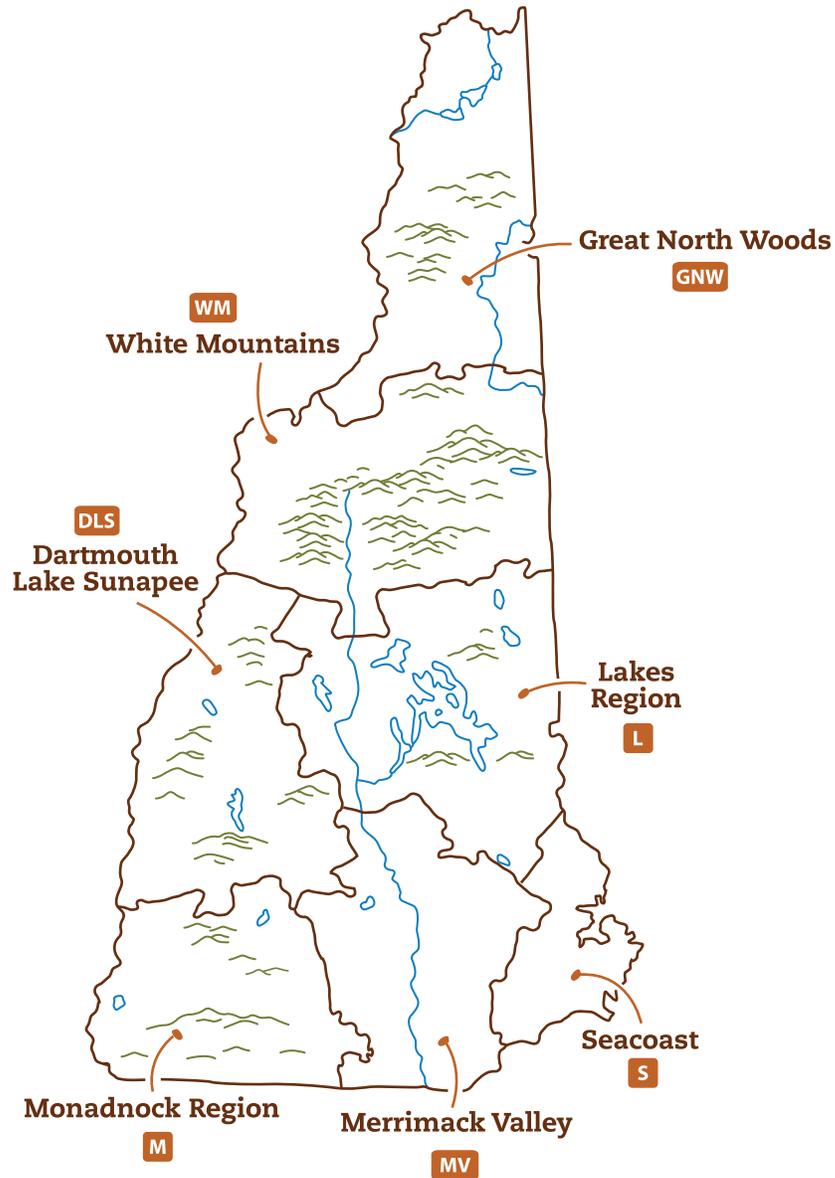
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Arts & Crafts

Andres Institute of Art, Brookline - This free adventure incorporates both hiking and exposure to many works of art. Andres Institute of Art in Brookline, NH is a 140-acre sculpture park with miles of wooded trails, beautiful vistas, and peaceful settings. There are now over 60 thought-provoking original works of art that can be discovered throughout the trail. Contact: John Weidman, director@andresinstitute.org • P: 603-673-8441 • www.andresinstitute.org **MV**

Canterbury Shaker Village Education & Programs, Canterbury – Cooking, baking, wood-working, gardening, fiber art, basketry, broom-making, spoon-making, canning, painting, and wildlife presentations. There are many classes to choose from given enough advanced notice, a private class could be arranged for your group. Contact: Maisie Keith Daly, mkdaly@shakers.org P: 603-783-9077 x284 • www.shakers.org **L**

Canvas Roadshow, Meredith –Paint, sip wine, and relax as you learn to put your own twist on a classic with the artists from The Canvas Roadshow. These artists can lead a group class either at Mill Falls or at Sacred Waters Yoga Studio. Contact: Debbie Ellis, info@thecanvasroadshow.com • P: 603-943-2103 • www.thecanvasroadshow.com **L**

Currier Museum of Art, Manchester - This intimate art museum features a changing selection of American and European paintings, sculpture, glass, ceramics and more. The museum is pleased to be able to accommodate groups of up to 60 for tours and lunch at the Winter Garden Café. Contact: Lisa Pavlopoulos, lpavlopoulos@currier.org P: 603.669.6144 x110 • www.currier.org **MV**

Custom Photography Tours, Statewide- Add a little more flash to your tour! Don't just show your guests how beautiful New Hampshire is; show them how to capture it with a step-on photography guide. Just one of many experiences that New Hampshire Tours can arrange. This tour operator specializes in the state of New Hampshire and can customize almost any experience for your group. Contact: Colette Crisp, colette@newhampshiretours.com • P: 603-880-1420 • www.newhampshiretours.com **NH**

Hood Museum of Art, Hanover - The Hood Museum of Art at Dartmouth College is one of the oldest and largest college museums in the country. Admission is free! The award-winning building designed by Charles Moore and Chad Floyd of Centerbrook Architects was completed in 1985, yet the museum's collections stretch back to 1772, three years after Dartmouth College was founded. Contact: Kate George, kate.george@dartmouth.edu • P: 603-646-1469 • www.hoodmuseum.dartmouth.edu **DLS**

New Hampshire Bowl and Board Demos, Webster - The making of wood bowls, boards, utensils and so much more at New Hampshire Bowl and Board. With an advanced registration, groups can watch demonstrations of how bowls and boards are made. Contact: Paul Silberman, paul@nhwoodbowls.com • P: 603-648-9566 • www.newhampshirebowlandboard.com **DLS**

Philips Exeter Library, Exeter – Designed by famous architect Louis I. Kahn. Countless politicians and influential figures studied at Philips Exeter Academy since the 1700's. Recent names include Mark Zuckerberg, Gore Vidal, John Irving, and Dan Brown. Contact: Gail Scanlon, gscanlon@exeter.edu • P:603-777-3313 • www.exeter.edu **S**

Saint Gaudens, Cornish - Discover the beautiful home, studios and gardens of Augustus Saint-Gaudens, one of America's greatest sculptors. Over 100 of his works of art can be seen in the galleries, from heroic public monuments to expressive portrait reliefs, and the gold coins which changed the look of American coinage. Enjoy summer concerts, explore nature trails, or indulge your hidden talents during a sculpture class. Contact: Gregory Schwartz, Gregory_C_Schwartz@nps.gov • P: 603-675-2175 x107 www.nps.gov/saga/index.htm **DLS**

Sandwich Galleries, Sandwich – Surroundings Art Gallery, the Patricia Ladd Carega Gallery, The League of New Hampshire Craftsmen store, and more. View work from the most dynamic artists locally, nationally, and internationally in one of the most scenic and quaint settings in New England. Don't just come to look – make sure your group arranges a workshop or lecture with an artist in advance and then finish the presentation with a guided art walk around town. Contact: Don Sutton, info@surroundingsart.com • P: 603-284-6489 • Sandwich Website: www.discoversandwich.com **L**

Sarah's Hat Boxes, Hancock- Wholesale operation with a retail store where guests can shop for authentic, handmade fabric boxes. There are more than 800 designs to explore and a 2,000 sq. ft. show room. Call in advance. Contact: Deborah Mills, sales@sarahshatboxes.com • P: 603-525-3800 • www.sarahshatboxes.com **M**

Sharon Arts Center, Peterborough – Mission to support and serve artists and craftspeople, to engage the community in the artistic process, and to foster the relationship between artists and the community through education, exhibitions, the promotion and sale of art and craft, as well as through special programs and events. Visit the gallery, schedule an art party, or arrange to have a workshop. Contact: Camellia, camelliasousa@nhia.edu • P: 603-836-2518 • www.sharonarts.org **M**

Interactive Nature

Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester – This walking tour will teach students about the history of the Merrimack River, hydroelectric power generation, how the fish ladder works and which migratory fish use the ladder to bypass the dam each spring. The tour ends with an underwater look into the ladder. Groups larger than 30 can be accommodated. Contact: Helen Dalbeck, hdalbeck@nhaudubon.org • P: 603-626-3474 • www.amoskeagfishways.org **MV**

Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), White Mountain National Forest - AMC owns and operates several eco-lodges and eight high huts throughout the White Mountains and encourages groups to take advantage of their guided adventures for all abilities, rentals, educational programs, lodging, and dining offerings. Adventure groups- ask about hut-to-hut hiking! Contact: Denise Spoor, amcgroup@outdoors.org • P: 603-466-8059 • www.outdoors.org **WM**

Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway, Franconia Notch State Park – This 80-passenger cable car brings visitors to Cannon Mountain's 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 **WM**

Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge – A non-profit natural sanctuary founded in 1945 as a memorial to all the men and women who died and were affected during World War II. Located high on a hilltop, this sanctuary is an open air cathedral on 236 acres and a place of peace for any cause. Grounds are open to the public free of charge from May 1 to October 31. Contact: Laurie Kendall, laurie@cathedralofthepines.org • P: 603-899-3300 • www.cathedralofthepines.org **MV**

Clark's Trading Post, Lincoln - Famous for its trained black bears circus act, historic train that steams through the worlds only operational Howe Truss Covered Bridge, and Lincoln's largest gift shop. Contact: Anne Clark, info@clarkstradingpost.com P: 603-745-8913 x 16 • www.clarkstradingpost.com **WM**

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. Guests can choose to walk through just to 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 **WM**

Granite State Whale Watch, Rye – 30 years of exclusive dedication to whale watching, sightseeing and research. The average whale watching expeditions travel about 12 - 15 miles from Rye Harbor, and whales are seen on 99% of the trips! Naturalists lead the trips that are narrated by experts. Contact: Lindsay Reynolds, gsww@comcast.net • P: 603-964-5545 • www.whales-rye.com **S**

Great Glen Trails, Pinkham Notch - Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snow tubing and the one-of-a-kind SnowCoach up Mount Washington in winter. Biking and walking on their trail system and kayaking all summer. Contact: Dan Houde, dan@mt-washington.com • P: 603-466-3988 x 141 • www.greatglentrails.com **WM**

Hobo Railroad, Lincoln – A 15 mile round trip excursion in vintage, restored coaches along the winding Pemigewasset River. Take your pick from turkey dinner trains, ice cream sundae trains, or Hobo picnic lunches. Contact: Paul Giblin, littlehobo@hoborr.com • P: 603-745-2135 x 13 • www.hoborr.com **WM**

East Hill Farm, Troy - 150 acre farm with heritage breed cows, goats, pigs, horses, sheep and chickens. Offers hands-on educational experiences, farm stays, family style meals, barn dance weekends and more. Contact: Jennifer Adams, info@east-hill-farm.com • P: 603-242-6495 • www.east-hill-farm.com **M**

Loon Center and Markus Wildlife Sanctuary, Moultonborough – Displays, exhibits and videos introduce you to the wonders of New Hampshire's loon and efforts to restore and maintain the loon population in NH. Admission to the Center is free and the Markus Wildlife Sanctuary walking trails are open seven days a week, all year, dawn to dusk. Visit the Loon's Feather Gift Shop for all things loon and more! Contact: Kellee Duckworth, info@loon.org • P: 603-476-5666 • www.loon.org **L**

Lost River Gorge and Boulder Caves, North Woodstock - Gigantic boulders stacked like blocks – the mosses, the boulder caves, intricate boardwalks, magnificent views, and intriguing history – Lost River has an ecology trail, a nature garden, and visitors can pan for gemstones as well. Contact: Kate Wetherell, gm@lostrivergorge.com • P: 603-745-8031 • www.findlostriver.com **WM**

Mill Falls at the Lake EKAL Lake Activity Center, Meredith – Stunning lakefront resort with six inns, several restaurants, shopping and an activity center offering summer activities for groups and guests. Contact: Joe Ouellette, joe@millfalls.com P: 603-677-8774 • www.millfalls.com **L**

Mount Washington Auto Road, Pinkham Notch – Beautifully scenic, historic, and impressive road to the summit of the highest peak in the Northeast. Ride in the Great Glen Trail's modified stages to reach the summit or participate in guided bird-spotting or ecology drives. Contact: Dan Houde, dan@mt-washington.com • P: 603-466-3988 x 141 **WM**

MS Mount Washington Cruises, Laconia – Day, evening, sunset, dance, and brunch cruises. From May to Oct, the 230 ft. MS Mount Washington cruises 5 ports around Lake Winnepesaukee, the third largest lake in New England. Groups can take a one-way cruise across the lake. Contact: Carol Morash, info@cruisenh.com • P: 603-366-5531 • www.cruisenh.com **L**

Pemi Valley Moose Tours, Lincoln - Now has a larger coach to take groups on a three hour moose excursion through the White Mountains and Grand North. The tour has a 97% moose sighting success rate. Contact: Larry Hartle, moosetour@yahoo.com P: 603-745-2744 • www.moosetoursnh.com **WM**

Petey's Summertime Seafood, Rye – Offering private and catered clambakes, lobsterbakes, and more for every occasion. Contact: Peter Aiken Jr, info@peteys.com • P: 603-433-1937 • www.peteys.com **S**

Polar Caves, Rumney - Formed about fifty thousand years ago as the third continental glacier descended over New Hampshire's White Mountains. When the ice retreated, it left behind an amazing series of caves and passageways for visitors to explore. Self-guided tours take you to the rock garden and nature trails and through the caves. Contact: Rob Arey, rob.arey@polarcaves.com P: 603-536-1888 • www.polarcaves.com **L**

Portsmouth Harbor Cruises, Portsmouth – Charter the 49 passenger MV Heritage to navigate the ever changing tides of the Piscataqua River, the Cocheco River, and the Great Bay and discuss the birdlife of the inland waterways where this estuary remains largely undeveloped. Contact: Mindy Puckett, phc@portsmouthharbor.com • P: 603-436-8084 www.portsmouthharbor.com **S**

Remick Museum, Tamworth – The agriculture way of life is preserved from 1790 to present day where groups can enjoy a guided tour of this historic working farm and buildings, visit the store, take a low-impact walk down a path for views of the Ossipee Mountain Range, explore the cattle barn, tap maple syrup, and take advantage of special group workshops and programs. Contact: Erica Boyton, eboyton@remickmuseum.org • P: 603-323-7591 • www.remickmuseum.org **L**

Rocks Estate, Bethlehem - From wildflowers and maple syrup to wildlife habitat or local history, there is plenty to discover at The Rocks Estate. Explore the historic grounds on foot or by horse-drawn carriage ride. Tours take visitors through the picturesque Rocks property and trail system while offering spectacular views of the Presidential mountain range. Contact: Nigel Manley, info@therocks.com • P: 603-444-6228 • www.therocks.org **GNW**

Seacoast Science Center, Rye - a 135 acre seaside park with a learning center and miles of handicap accessible trails taking visitors through seven distinct natural habitats: rocky shore, woodlands, uplands, salt marsh, fresh water & salt ponds, and sandy beach (no swimming – protected). Groups can explore on their own or take advantage of their group tour/educational programs. Contact: Karen Provazza, k.provazza@seacentr.org • P: 603-436-8043 • www.seacoastsciencecenter.org **S**

Squam Lakes Science Center, Holderness - Squam Lakes Cruise; the focus of this 90-minute guided tour is the natural history and ecology of Squam Lake. An experienced naturalist/educator guides the group in search for wildlife, including the Loon and the Bald Eagle and provides a firsthand look at their nesting behaviors. Contact: Amanda Gillen, amanda.gillen@nhnature.org • P: 603-968-7194 • http://www.nhnature.org/nature_lakes.html **L**

Tin Mountain Conservation Center, Albany - Provides environmental learning programs for school children, adults, and families from their eco-friendly Nature Learning Center. They offer over 70 programs including hikes, lectures, and field trips with local natural history experts. Contact: Susan Beane, sbeane@tinmountain.org P: 603-447-6991 www.tinmountain.org **WM**

Wild Meadow on Winnepesaukee Kayaking, Center Harbor with Lake Winnepesaukee out its back door it makes this a great partner for hosting a kayaking class. Contact: wildmeadow@myfairpoint.net • P: 603-253-7536 • www.wildmeadowcanoes.com **L**

Winnepesaukee Railroad, Laconia – Offering foliage, summer scenic, and turkey trains along Lake Winnepesaukee to Meredith Bay. Contact: Paul Giblin, littlehobo@hoborr.com • P: 603-745-2135 x 13 • www.hoborr.com **L**

Science

Anheuser Busch Brewery, Merrimack – Factory tours and guests can visit the famous Clydesdale horses at their United States' official training site in Merrimack! Contact: Carla Reardon, Carla.l.reardon@anheuser-busch.com • P: 603-595-1202 www.budweisertours.com **MV**

Aviation Museum of New Hampshire, Manchester - Manchester Airport's historic 1937 terminal building and the Slusser Aviation Learning Center. Both are unique Granite State resources that provide exhibits about NH's aviation history and aviation learning experiences. Experience flight simulators! Contact: Jessica Pappathan, jpappathan@nhahs.org
P: 603-669-4877 • Website: www.nhahs.org **MV**

McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Concord - The Discovery Center is New England's premiere air and space science center, offering an all-inclusive package exclusively for tour groups of 15 or more which includes general admission and one planetarium show. Contact: Sherie Moore, smoore@starhop.com • P: 603-271-7827 ext.102 • www.starhop.com **MV**

Mount Washington Observatory Discovery Center, North Conway - Learn what meteorologists watch for, how climate works, what makes the Alpine Zone special, and what it's like to live and work on the summit of Mount Washington without leaving North Conway's village. The Discovery Center offers interactive, live video conferencing with the summit and can customize the program for your group. Contact: Michelle Cruz, mcruz@mountwashington.org • P: 603-356-2137 x 212 • mountwashington.org **WM**

Children's Museum of New Hampshire, Dover - Formerly in Portsmouth and now has expanded three times in size in its Dover location. With about 17 different exhibits, children can learn about aerodynamics by inventing flying machines, learn about world cultures, or natural life on the Cocheco River and more. Contact: Douglas Tilton, dtilton@childrens-museum.org
P: 603-742-2002 x 109 • www.childrens-museum.org **S**

Ruggles Mine, Grafton - The oldest mica, feldspar, beryl, and uranium mine in the USA. Contact: P: 603-523-4275
www.rugglesmine.com **DLS**

SEE Science Center, Manchester – The SEE is an active learning center engaging visitors of all ages in the pursuit of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Contact: Becky Mayhew, becky@SEE-ScienceCenter.org • P: 603-669-0400
www.see-sciencecenter.org **MV**

History

Albacore Park, Portsmouth – Tour the USS Albacore, a National Engineering Landmark from which the designs of all the Navy's modern, nuclear-powered submarines evolved. She served as a Navy research submarine out of Portsmouth for 19 years and was known for being the world's fastest submarine underwater. Learn the "Albacore" legend that began with a loaned patrol boat to the U.S. Navy during WWI and was credited with the sinking of 8 Japanese ships.
Contact: James Craig, albacorepark@myfairpoint.net • P: 603-436-3680 • www.ussalbacore.org **S**

American Independence Museum, Exeter – Discover the stories behind America's revolutionary past and how they relate to our country today featuring the brave men and women who overcame uncertainties and established our country. Affiliated with the Ladd-Gilman House (1721) and the Folsom Tavern (1775) which was the center of the political scene during the Revolution. Contact: Julie Hall Williams, info@independencemuseum.org • P: 603-772-2622 • www.independencemuseum.org **S**

American Police Motorcycle Museum, Meredith – Showcasing some of the rarest motorcycles and those that have been part of pivotal history making moments including the 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 **L**

America's Stonehenge, Salem – Built by Native American Culture or a migrant European population? No one knows for sure. A maze of man-made chambers, walls and ceremonial meeting places, America's Stonehenge is most likely the oldest man-made construction in the United States at over 4000 years old. Contact: Pat Stone, info@stonehengeusa.com • P: 603-893-8300
www.stonehengeusa.com **S**

Café Lafayette Dinner Train, Lincoln – A fine dining experience aboard the 1950's Granite Eagle originally built for the Missouri-Pacific Railroad, the 1953 Algonquin X-CRN Café Coach, and the beautiful 1924 Pullman dining car Indian Waters that was built for the New York Central Railroad. Contact: Ali French • P: 603-745-3500 • cafelafayettedinnertrain.com **WM**

Canterbury Shaker Village, Canterbury - Canterbury Shaker Village is a National Historic Landmark and museum nestled among 700 acres of forests, nature trails, gardens and ponds. See how the Shakers lived by touring 25 original and 4 reconstructed Shaker buildings. The Village offers guided tours about nature and heritage, arts and crafts, a special Shaker Textile Tour for sewing and quilting enthusiasts and a Shaker Herb and Garden Tour for nature, cooking and gardening enthusiasts. Contact: Maisie Keith Daly, mkdaly@shakers.org • P: 603-783-9077 x 284 • www.shakers.org **L**

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

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

Conway Scenic Railroad, North Conway - Seasonal rail passenger service aboard restored historic railcars powered by steam or early diesel locomotives from North Conway to Conway (11 miles/55 minutes), Bartlett (21 miles/ 1.75 hours), or Crawford Notch/ Fabyan (50+ miles/5.5 hours). Special excursions and events are also available to groups of 20 or more. Contact: Sandra Janvrin, sandyj@conwayscenic.com • P: 603-356-5251 • www.conwayscenic.com **WM**

Daniel Webster Birthplace, Franklin - While the site affords a view of the early years of Daniel Webster, it also provides a glimpse of farm life in the 1700s during the infant years of the United States. Contact: New Hampshire State Parks, nhparks@dred.state.nh.us • P: 603-934-5057 • www.nhstateparks.org **L**

Discover Portsmouth Center, Portsmouth - Immerse yourself in the rich 400 year history of Portsmouth. Visit historic houses, museums, and see The Sawtelle Collection Exhibit, which features a large collection of maritime paintings and artifacts assembled by a Portsmouth resident. Stop by the gift shop for historic Portsmouth souvenirs and view a documentary highlighting Portsmouth's history. Contact: Candi Enman candi@portsmouthhistory.org • P: 603-436-8433 www.portsmouthhistory.org **S**

Enfield Shaker Village, Enfield – Nestled in a valley between Mt. Assurance and Mascoma Lake, the Enfield Shaker site has been cherished for over 200 years. At its peak in the mid 19th century, the community was home to three “Families” of Shakers. Contact: Dolores Struckhoff, info@shakermuseum.org • P: 603-632-4346 • www.shakermuseum.org **DLS**

Fort at No. 4, Charlestown - Early families found themselves in a remote section of New England. No. 4 was the northern most settlement of the English colonies at this time and became a major rallying point for troops fighting in the Revolutionary War. Contact: Wendy Baker, info@fortat4.com • P: 603-826-5700 • www.fortat4.org **DLS**

Fort Constitution Historic Site, New Castle – Historic lighthouse and location of the first aggressive act of the Revolutionary War where weapons and gunpowder stashes were raided but not a shot fired. Formally called Fort William and Mary. Contact: P: 603-271-3556 • www.nhstateparks.org **S**

Frye's Measure Mill, Wilton – An historic landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Frye's Measure Mill has been water powered since the 1850's. Some of the Mill's first products - including round and oval pantry boxes, measures, and piggins - are still being produced on much of the original water powered machinery. Examples of Frye's oldest woodenware can be found in museums throughout the country. Contact: Harley and Pam Savage • P: 603-654-6581 • www.fryesmeasuremill.com **M**

Gundalow Company, Portsmouth- Sail on the Piscataqua, a traditional reproduction of the flat-bottom gundalow barges once prevalent along local waterways. A great way to explore the sights and sounds of Portsmouth and Kittery, ME. Groups up to 30 passengers can sail from Memorial Day weekend through October. Docked at Prescott Park. Contact: Meredith Davidson, mdavidson@gundalow.org • P: 603- 433-9505 • www.gundalow.org **S**

Isles of Shoals Steamship Cruise, Portsmouth – Cruise on the victorian style M/V Thomas Loughton and experience the fascinating legends of the New Hampshire/Maine Seacoast in this 3 hour narrated tour. Little known but historically crucial, the legendary Isles of Shoals, located 6 miles off NH's coast, are an intriguing archipelago of 9 islands steeped with history. Gliding through Portsmouth Harbor, see a unique working port with tugboats, tankers, the nation's oldest and active naval yard, the closed castle-like prison- "the Alcatraz of the East", quaint Olde Port waterfront, a famous grand resort hotel, 5 historic forts and 3 lighthouses proudly guiding mariners safely through the waters. Contact: Rich Ryzman, marketing@islesofshoals.com P: 603-431-5500 x 101 • www.islesofshoals.com **S**

Mountain View Grand Resort, Whitefield – Ax throwing competitions, chicken bowling, hotel history tours, wine on the verandah, petting zoo, golf, and more wrapped in a timeless storybook setting at this historic grand resort overlooking the Presidential Mountain range. Contact: Rachel Manners, rmanners@mountainviewgrand.com P: 855-837-2100 • www.mountainviewgrand.com **GNW**

Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum, Warner – Exhibitions, events, and programs dedicated to connecting people of today with 20,000 years of ongoing Native American cultural expression. The Museum embraces cultural diversity and encourages responsible environmental action based on respect for nature. Contact: Lynn Clark, director@indianmuseum.org P: 603-456-2600 • www.indianmuseum.org **DLS**

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: Becky Metcalf, Becky@thecog.com P: 603-278-2256 • www.thecog.com **WM**

Museum of New Hampshire History, Concord – Retail store and exhibitions on New Hampshire's heritage and traditions as well as a variety of programs for children and adults. Contact: Joan Desmarais, jdesmarais@nhhistory.org • P: 603-228-6688 www.nhhistory.org **MV**

New Hampshire's Storyteller's Alliance, Statewide – Promotes the oral tradition of storytelling in all its forms: traditional, creative, educational, cultural, personal and therapeutic. Contact: John Sanders, president@nhstorytelling.org • P: 603-735-5965 www.nhstorytelling.org

Omni Mount Washington Resort Historic Tour, Bretton Woods – Exclusive experience for groups who want to tour this impressive grand resort built in the early 1900s originally to serve wealthy tourists traveling up to the Whites by rail. Very important events have been hosted at the resort including the International Monetary Conference which created **WM** the World Bank. Contact: Melissa Pratt, mpratt@omnihotels.com • P: 603-278-1000 • www.omnihotels.com

New Hampshire State House, Concord – It is the oldest statehouse in which the legislature still sits in its original chambers. The State House is made of Concord granite and was completed in 1819, with additions in 1866 and 1910. It remains the heart of New Hampshire State government and is one of the country's more architecturally significant capital buildings. Take a tour and see for yourself. Contact: Virginia Drew, virginia.drew@leg.state.nh.us • P: 603-271-2154 • www.gencourt.state.nh.us **MV**

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: Paula Kinney, info@androscogginvalleychamber.com, • P: 603-752-6060 • www.androscogginvalleychamber.com **GNW**

The Old Country Store and Museum, Moultonborough – Quite possibly the oldest country store in the United States, open since 1781. Groups are welcome. Contact: nhcountrystore@myfairpoint.net • P: 603-476-5750 • www.nhcountrystore.com **L**

Pickity Place, Mason - Since 1786 this quaint little red cottage has graced the hills of southern New Hampshire, seemingly untouched by time. The enchanting cottage was chosen by Elizabeth Orton Jones as the model for her illustrations in Little Red Riding Hood. Tour the gardens or come and dine.

Contact: Roxanne McMahan • P: 603-878-1151 • www.pickwicksmmercantile.com **M**

Pickwick's Ghost Tours, Portsmouth - Currently offering guided walking ghost tours and a history tour of Portsmouth will be adding guided Trolley tours right from downtown. Contact: info@pickwicksmmercantile.com • P: 603-4278671 • www.pickityplace.com **S**

Portsmouth Harbour Trail, Portsmouth - Walking tours and/or step-on guide service year-round to help your tours experience 400 years of history highlighting Portsmouth's homes, trademark tugboats and working waterfront, vibrant Market Square, blossoming Prescott Park, and more. Contact: Valerie Rochon, tourism@portsmouthchamber.org • P: 603-610-5510 www.portsmouthchamber.org **S**

Robert Frost Homestead, Derry - Home of poet Robert Frost & his family from 1900-1909; the two-story clapboard farmhouse is typical of New England in 1880s. Frost attributed many of his poems to memories from the Derry years. Guided tours, nature-poetry trail, video presentation, picnicking. National Historic Landmark. Contact: New Hampshire State Parks, info@robertfrostfarm.org • P: 603-432-3091 • www.robertfrostfarm.org **MV**

Star Island, Rye - For over one hundred years this island has been the destination for students, adults, and families alike looking for a respite from their busy mainland lives. Offering tours of this island's significance on the arts, natural history, world affairs, science and spirituality. Contact: Kyle Belmont, kbelmont@starisland.org • P: 603-431-5500 • www.starisland.org **S**

Strawbery Banke Museum, Portsmouth - Experience and imagine how people lived and worked in this typical American neighborhood throughout four centuries of history. Through its restored houses, exhibits, historic landscapes and gardens, and its interpretive programs, Strawberry Banke tells the stories of the many generations who settled in Portsmouth, from the late 17th to the mid-20th century. Contact: Jonathan Brown, jbrown@strawberybanke.org • P: 603-433-1110 • www.strawberybanke.org **S**

The Fells, Newbury - One of New England's finest examples of an early 20th-century summer estate. The Fells contains a 100 ft. perennial border, beautiful views of Lake Sunapee, and much more. Self guided tours of the historic Main House and also of the gardens and the John Hay Ecology Trail. Contact: Mary Lou McCrane, mlmccrane@thefells.org

P: 603.763.4789 ext. 6 • www.thefells.org **DLS**

Wright Museum of WWII History, Wolfeboro – Fascinating exhibits laden with vintage artifacts and interactive displays bring the American WWII experience to life. At the heart of the Wright Museum’s collection are dozens of fully-operational military vehicles. There are thousands of square feet devoted to telling the stories of Americans on the frontlines. Extensive displays illustrate the changes that took place on the home front. Contact: Donna Hamill, donna.hamill@wrightmuseum.org
P: 603-569-1212 • www.wrightmuseum.org **L**

Woodman Museum, Dover- Established in 1916, the Woodman Museum is a traditional early 20th century museum featuring natural and local history and art. The museum consists of 4 historic buildings, one of which is an original 1675 Garrison house, featuring period artifacts and memorabilia, art, furniture, a Civil War exhibit, Native American artifacts and more. Contact: Thom Hindle, contact@woodmaninstitutemuseums.org • P: 603-742-1038 • www.woodmanmuseum.org **L**

Tax Free Outlet and Main Street Boutique Shopping Hubs

Tilton Tanger Outlets, Off of I-93 x 20. Contact: Eric Proulx, enproulx@tangeroutlet.com • P: 603-286-7880 • www.tangeroutlet.com **L**

Merrimack Premium Outlets, Off of Everett Turnpike x 10. Contact: Aylin Felch, afelch@simon.com • P: 603-424-0050
www.premiumoutlets.com **MV**

North Conway Settlers’ Green Outlets, Off of Route 16. Contact: Laura Tuveson, marketing@ovpmanagement.com • P: 603-356-7031
www.settlersgreen.com **WM**

Manchester Elm Street, Downtown – Known for its Verizon Wireless Area, Fisher Cats Baseball (Toronto Blue Jays Double-A affiliate), the historic Palace Theatre, and an abundance of independent restaurants and cafes all within this walking downtown. **MV**

Concord Main Street, Downtown – Known for being the State’s capitol, the Capitol Center for the Arts, and for live entertainers within the squares. **MV**

Hanover South Main Street, Downtown – Known for Dartmouth College, the Hood Museum and the Hopkins Center for the Arts as well as a variety of boutique shops and quirky bakeries. **DLS**

Keene Main Street, Downtown – Known for the widest Main Street in the United States, for its historic Colonial Theatre, and for being the location of filming for the movie Jumanji. **M**

Mill Falls Marketplace in Meredith, Downtown – Walkable town known for its quaint waterfront setting and classy décor. **L**

North Conway Village Main Street, Downtown – Known for its mountainous setting, the focal point of the town being the 1874 Conway Scenic Railroad’s train station and Zeb’s General Store. **WM**

Peterborough Depot Square, Downtown – Famous for its contribution to American art, this town is naturally filled with galleries, crafts stores, and antiques. **M**

Portsmouth Market Square, Downtown – Known for its rich cultural scene and classy nightlife with one of the highest restaurants per capita in New England. Focal points are harbor cruises, historic homes and gardens, and live entertainment in places like Prescott Park, at the Historic Music Hall, the Loft, and the Seacoast Repertory Theatres. **S**

Wolfeboro Main Street, Downtown – Famous for being the oldest vacation resort in the United States and for its picturesque waterfront location. **L**

Volunteer Travel

Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) Trail and Lodge Work - People from near and far volunteer approximately 18,000 hours building 1,200 feet of bog bridging, and helping maintain 1,500 miles of trails. Learn about AMC's one to three day programs. Contact: Rob Burbank, rburbank@outdoors.org • P: 603-466-8137 • www.outdoors.org **WM**

Blue Ocean Society Beach Cleanups, Portsmouth - Protect the marine environment. On beach cleanups volunteers spend 1-2 hours collecting trash from a local beach, then record findings so they are also contributing to the Blue Ocean Society's long-term study on marine pollution. Contact: info@blueoceansociety.org • P: 603-431-0260 • www.blueoceansociety.org **S**

Northern Forest Canoe Trail (NFCT) Waterway Work, Errol - Weekend outings that offer hands-on trail maintenance along the scenic Northern Forest Canoe Trail. The NFCT links the waterways on New York, Vermont, Quebec, New Hampshire and Maine. Volunteers enjoy paddling, rapids, and wildlife. Contact: Kate Williams, kate@northernforstcanoetrail.org • P: 802-496-2285 www.northernforestcanoetrail.org **GNW**

Star Island, Atlantic Ocean - Located off the coast of Portsmouth, this historically significant island relies heavily on volunteers during the spring and summer to help maintain the island's infrastructure and landscaping and to help bring in weekend events. Volunteers get boat transportation and meals. Contact: Kyle Belmont, kbelmont@starisland.org • P: 603-431-5500 • starisland.org **S**

Freestyle & Adventure Fun for the Wild

Eastman Cross Country Center, Grantham: A winter activity center offering more than 36K of skiing and snowshoeing trails, skating and sledding. Group discounts and rentals available with advanced reservation. Contact: leslie@eastmannh.org P: 603-863-6772 • www.eastmannh.org/ski **DLS**

Franconia Notch Bike Path, Franconia Notch State Park - This 8.8 mile paved bike path has an elevation gain of 800 feet and takes visitors to many of the most scenic and natural points in Franconia Notch State Park. Cannon Mountain offers bike rentals. Cannon also has a shuttle to bring back groups that prefer a one-way, downhill ride on the path from the tramway to the Flume Gorge Visitor Center. Contact: Julianne Ireland, julianne.ireland@dred.state.nh.us • P: 603-823-7722 x 776 www.cannonmt.com **WM**

Highland Mountain Bike Park, Northfield - A mountain bike park dedicated to providing the ultimate riding experience for beginners to experts. Contact: Mark Hayes, info@highlandmountain.com • P: 603-287-7677 • www.highlandmountain.com **L**

Northern Extremes Snowmobile Tour, Bartlett - From a one hour jaunt to a three hour cruise, experienced guides will take you on a unforgettable tour through the white mountains and the long fields of Maine. They'll take you to the best snow conditions and lesser traveled trails. Guided tours are recommended for first-time snowmobilers. Contact: Peter Gagne, reservations@northernextremesnowmobiling.com • P: 603-374-6000 • www.northernextremesnowmobiling.com **WM**

Raft NH, Gorham - Experience whitewater rafting in NH, specializing in adventures from float trips to Class IV whitewater! Whether rafting or kayaking Raft NH has fleets to accommodate large groups, conventions, and tour buses. Up to 65 people per trip and off-street parking available for buses. Contact: Karen Tolin, info@dogslednh.com • P: 603-545-4533 • www.raftnh.com **GNW**

Rye Airfield Skateboard Park & RAMP CAMP, Rye – One of the country’s premier skateparks with a family friendly atmosphere in a very clean environment. Lessons and rental equipment. Contact: Beau Lambert, beau@ryearfield.com • P: 603-964-2800
www.ryearfield.com **S**

SkyVenture New Hampshire, Nashua – America’s largest indoor surfing pools and the Northeast’s only indoor skydiving. The indoor vertical wind tunnel is not only used by the world’s best skydivers to train in but it was also designed for the general public to experience the sport of body flight. NO Experience Necessary! Sky Venture NH is also the location of North America’s largest indoor surfing pool. Contact: Laurie Greer laurie@skyventurenh.com • P: 603-897-0002 • www.skyventurenh.com **MV**

Team O’Neil Rally School, Dalton - Several miles of private forest roads, world class instructors and a dynamic, fun program of education to give you better car control on loose surfaces. Ford’s official Rally School, home of champion rally drivers and a beautiful spot to hone your skills behind the wheel. Contact: Team O’Neil, info@teamoneil.com • P: 603-444-4488
www.team-oneil.com **GNW**

Vertical Dreams Indoor Climbing and Outdoor Guides, Manchester – Top roping, lead climbing, bouldering, inverts, overhangs, roofs, and more than 50 routes of all abilities make Vertical Dreams one of the most versatile climbing experiences in the area. Total 500 feet of climbing terrain and a converted elevator shaft that is 70ft high. Contact: Corey Hebert, corey@verticaldreams.com
P: 603-625-6919 • www.verticaldreams.com **MV**

Alpine Ski Resorts

Check out www.skinh.com for a complete list of downhill and Nordic resorts.

SKI RESORT	VERTICAL DROP (FT)	ACREAGE	# OF TRAILS	OFF-THE-SLOPES ACTIVITIES
<i>Abanaki Ski Area, Wolfeboro</i>	200	18	7	
<i>Attitash, Bartlett</i>	1,750	310+	67	MC, O, SC, Z
<i>Black Mountain, Jackson</i>	1,100	200	46	HB
<i>Bretton Woods Ski Resort, Bretton Woods</i>	1,500	464	97	CT, G, H, HB, O, SC, ST, WF, XC, Z
<i>Cannon, Franconia Notch State Park</i>	2,180	282	81	H, MB, SC, WF
<i>Cranmore, North Conway</i>	1,200	200+	57	CT, MC, O, SC, ST
<i>Crotched Mountain, Bennington</i>	1000	100	25	
<i>Dartmouth Skiway, Lyme Center</i>	975	106	30	
<i>Granite Gorge, Keene</i>	525	75	22	MB, ST, XC
<i>Gunstock, Gilford</i>	1,400	227	55	CT, MB, O, SC, SK, ST, WF, XC, Z
<i>King Pine, East Madison</i>	350	48	17	O, ST
<i>Loon Mountain, Lincoln</i>	2,100	370	61	CT, H MB, O, SC, ST, XC, Z
<i>McIntyre, Manchester</i>	200	37	10	ST
<i>Mount Sunapee, Newbury</i>	1,510	233	66	CT, H SC, Z
<i>Pats Peak, Henniker</i>	770	115	28	O, ST
<i>Ragged Mountain, Danbury</i>	1,250	220	55	ST
<i>Waterville Valley Resort, Waterville Valley</i>	2,020	255	50	G, H, MB, O, SK, ST, WF, XC
<i>Wildcat Mountain, Jackson</i>	2,112	225	50	H, O, SC, Z

Key: CT- Canopy Tour, G- Golf, H- Hiking, HB- Horseback Riding, MB- Mountain Biking, MC- Mountain Coaster, O- Other Activities, SC- Scenic Chairlifts, SK- Skate & Bike Parks, ST- Snow Tubing, WF- Water Fun, XC- Cross-Country Skiing, Z- Zipline

Canopy Tours (CT) & Ziplines (Z)

(CT & Z) Alpine Adventures, Lincoln - "Thrillville" Aerial Park has an abundance of excitement with bridges, cargo nets, rope ladders, zip-lines, giant swings, a tree house and the first Powerfan © free-fall device in the United States. Also at Alpine, visitors can enjoy a "Tree Trek" tour, summer Off-Road Tours on a private 300 acre terrain and guided snow show tours in the winter. Early evening cookouts are held throughout the summer. Contact: Allan Guilbeault allan@alpinezipline.com
P: 603-745-9911 • www.alpinezipline.com

(CT & Z) Bretton Woods Canopy Tour, Bretton Woods - The tour descends over 1,000 vertical feet and consists of a series of tree-top zip lines, suspension bridges, and hiking trails. The tour concludes with the Williwaw Racing Zip, a dual, side-by-side zip line running right into the base area. The Williwaw Racing Zip can also be enjoyed without participating in the entire Canopy Tour. In addition, the Adventure Center has a climbing wall, ATV mountain tours, archery, fly fishing, diac golf, river tubing, guided hiking and scenic lift rides. Visitors in the winter can do dogsledding, tubing, skating and sleigh rides.
Contact: Erin Shedd, eshedd@omnihotel.com • P: 603-278-3342 • www.omnihotel.com **WM**

(CT) Cranmore Mountain Adventure Park, North Conway - North Conway's newest family attraction is a complete outdoor adventure featuring a mountain coaster, 5 different aerial adventure courses, zip-lines, summer tubing, bungee trampoline, giant swing, scenic chairlift rides, disc golf, bouncy houses, a spider mountain, mining for kids and climbing wall.
Contact: Paul Durfee pdurfee@cranmore.com • P: 603-356-1116 • www.cranmore.com **WM**

(CT & Z) Enriched Learning Center Outdoors, Berlin - Adventures educational center offering canoe and kayak rentals, guided fishing trips, yurt camping and a recently constructed aerial adventure course. Adventure seekers will be able to choose from 12 different elements before descending down two ziplines. The course can be combined with any other activity. The adventure course is located at the ELC's new Adventure Outpost property in Errol.
Contact: Jim Cochran, adventure@enrichedlearning.net • P: 603-215-0002 • www.elcoutdoors.com **GNW**

(CT & Z) Gunstock Mountain Resort, Gilford - Aerial Treetops Adventures course includes 91 different challenges suspended within the trees in 8 different courses. Also at Gunstock is a zip tour course that includes the second longest zipline in the continental United States and an offroad segway course.
Contact: Wendy Barrett, wbarrett@gunstock.com • P: 603-737-4320 • www.gunstock.com **L**

(CT & Z) Loon Mountain Resort, Lincoln - Zip-line across the Pemigewasset River. Riders soar more than 700 feet across the river, and then zip on a separate line back to the Adventure Center. There is also an Aerial Forest Adventure Park, gondola skyrides, climbing wall, bicycle rentals and Sunday worship services at the summit.
Contact: Adam Davidoff, adavidoff@loonmtn.com • P: 603-745-6281 • www.loonmtn.com **WM**

(CT) Monkey Trunks, Chocorua and Weirs Beach - Adventure for visitors of all ages. Visit the location in Chocorua and experience 6 ziplines over and through the trees and challenges that include swinging beams, tightropes, cargo nets and more. The Weirs Beach course features 4 ziplines and 48 different challenges and it's lit up at night allowing visitors to zip under the lights.
Contact: Hazel Ives, inforh@monkeytrunks.com, Chocoura: 603-367-4427 Weirs Beach 603-452-8974 • www.monkeytrunks.com **WM**

(CT) Morningside Flight Park, Claremont - Zipline canopy tours, kayak & paddleboard tours and rentals, outdoor laser tag, fishing and an extensive campground. Offering customizable packages for groups of all sizes. Contact: Paul Mazzone, morningside@flymorningside.com, • P: 603-783-4931 • www.flymorningside.com **DLS**

(CT & Z) Mount Sunapee Resort, Newbury - Adventure park includes zipline canopy tours, Segway excursions, an Aerial Challenge Course, Disc Golf, mini golf, sky rides, new bike park, climbing wall, gravity jump and is host to exciting annual events. Contact: Bruce McCloy, bmccloy@mountsunapee.com • P: 603-763-3500 • www.mountsunapee.com **DLS**

(Z) Wildcat Mountain Ziprider™ and Alpine Disk Golf Course, Pinkham Notch - Enjoy scenery that has been consistently voted #1 in North America (SKI Magazine). In addition to the ZipRider™, scenic gondola, and 9-hole alpine disc golf course.

Contact: Thomas Prindle, tprindle@skiwildcat.com • P: 603-466-3326 x 216 • www.skiwildcat.com **WM**

Attractions & Amusement Parks

Canobie Lake Park, Salem - Canobie has more than 85 rides, games, live entertainment and attractions including their popular wooden coaster called Yankee Cannonball, corkscrew coasters and their roller coaster "Untamed." This state of the art modern roller coaster was designed by German roller coaster designers Gerstlauer, who modeled the coaster after the Euro-Fighter 320+. Although compact in size, this roller coaster is among the steepest in the country.

Contact: Chris Nicoli, groups@canobelake.com • P: 603-893-3506 • www.canobie.com **M**

Funspot, Laconia - The world's largest indoor arcade offering more than 500 games, a 20 lane ten pin & candlepin bowling center, cash bingo, outdoor & indoor mini-golf, restaurant, tavern and more! Contact: Sandra Lawton, slawton@weirs.com

P: 603-366-4377 • www.funspotnh.com **L**

Kahuna Laguna, North Conway - A 40,000 square foot adventure at northern New England's first indoor water park, the Red Jacket Mountain View Resort in North Conway, NH. Contact: Jon Nartowicz, jnartowicz@redjacketmountainview.com

P: 603-356-5411 • www.kahunalaguna.com **WM**

Water Country, Portsmouth - New England's largest water park. 26 acres of rides and attractions. Water Country recently received the prestigious Platinum International Aquatic Safety Award for their high safety standards. Free parking, generous group discounts, and groups can bring their own outside food and beverage into the park.

Contact: Group Sales • P: 603-427-1112 ext. 2225 • www.watercountry.com **S**

Whale's Tale Water Park, Lincoln - 11 waterslides, a huge wave pool, ¼ mile long lazy river, kid's activity area, cabanas and attractions such as Castaway Cove, Shipwreck Island, Banzai Pipeline, and Eye of the Storm. Contact: Sales,

info@whalestalewaterpark.net • P: 603-745-8810 • www.whalestakewaterpark.net **WM**

Gardens and Quilting

A Quilters Gathering, Manchester- This international quilt show has grown in popularity over the years. Held annually, this show features nationally known quilt makers who educate on both the basics and the latest in quilting methods and techniques.

Check out the variety of activities, events, and workshops offered. Contact: Sarah Glenfield, sarah@aquiltersgathering.com

P: 603-714-8531 • www.aquiltersgathering.com **M**

Alpine Gardens, Mount Washington- Take the scenic Mount Washington Auto Road and stop on your way up or down to take the Alpine Gardens Trail. The trail arrives at a broad plateau, high above tree line which is home to the rare plants of the alpine zone. The best time of year to visit is early to mid-June when the Alpine flowers are in bloom. Contact: AMC Guide, Rob Burbank, rburbank@outdoors.org • P: 603-466-8137 • www.outdoors.org or Katherine Stuart, White Mountain National Forest

P: 603-466-2713 **WM**

Canterbury Shaker Village, Canterbury - Established in 1792, the village is one of the oldest and completely preserved of the Shaker villages existing today. It contains historic herb, perennial and vegetable gardens, which were planted in 1795 and have been cultivated ever since. Enjoy a gardening workshop or taste the fresh produce at the restaurant and farm stand. Contact: Maisie

Keith Daly, mkdaly@shakers.org • P: 603-783-9077 x 284 • www.shakers.org **L**

Celebration of Lupines, Sugar Hill – Tour the lupine fields by foot or by horse-drawn wagon during this three weeklong festival held in early June. Festival events include, art exhibits, an open-air market, specialty dinners at local inns, concerts, walking tours, and a variety of promotions at local businesses. Contact: Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce, info@franconianotch.org
P: 603-823-5661 • www.franconianotch.org **WM**

Celia Thaxter's Garden, Appledore Island, Isles of Shoals – Take the M/V Challenger to view the Island Gardens, located on Appledore Island, one of the 9 Isles of Shoals. The Shoals Marine Laboratory maintains a faithful re-creation of Celia's 1893 garden, the garden she lovingly detailed in her book "An Island Garden." Although the Appledore House Hotel along with Celia's cottage burned down in 1914, the locations of the gardens are in the same spot as they were during Celia's life. Some of the original plants can still be found in the garden. Contact: Noel Carlson, shoals-lab@unh.edu • P: 603-433-1290
www.celiathaxtergarden.com • www.sml.cornell.edu **S**

The Fells, Historic Estate and Gardens, Newbury- This estate is the former lakeside summer home of American writer and diplomat, John M. Hay. Inherited by Hay's son, both he and his wife transformed the property into extensive formal and informal gardens. Take a tour of the historic 22-room Colonial Revival house or enjoy the gardens. The gardens include a perennial border, a rock garden, a rose terrace, the Old Garden (the original garden created on the property), pebble court and the heather bed. Contact: Mary Lou McCrave, mlmccrave@thefells.org • P: 603-763-4789 x 6 • www.thefells.org **DLS**

Fuller Gardens, North Hampton- Fuller gardens is a public botanical garden that was once part of the summer estate of Massachusetts Governor Allen T. Fuller. In 1927 he commissioned a landscape architect to design and create gardens at his summer home in honor of his wife. On the grounds, you will find formal rose gardens, a Japanese garden and an English perennial garden. Contact: Jamie Colen, fullergrdn@aol.com • P: 603-964-5414 • www.fullergardens.org **S**

Keepsake Quilting, Center Harbor- Keepsake began as a quilting catalog in 1986 and soon turned into what it is now, a mecca for quilters from all over. The shop offers a large variety of "all things quilting" and has expanded to include knitting and needlework material. Contact: Debbie Cameau, customerservice@keepsakequilting.com • P: 603-253-8731 • www.keepsakequilting.com **L**

Kirkwood Gardens, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Holderness- The one-acre informal garden is located on the grounds of the Historic Holderness Inn. It includes both shade and sun beds planted with a wide variety of trees, shrubs, ferns and flowers. Contact: Amanda Gillen, amandagillen@nhnature.org • P: 603-968-7194 • www.nhnature.org **L**

Pickity Place, Mason, Built in 1876, this home was the model for the illustrations found in Little Red Riding Hood. Today, it is operating as a restaurant, nursery and gift shop. The grounds include a greenhouse with over 270 varieties of herbs, heathers, scented geraniums, and unusual perennials. Contact: Roxanne McMahon, info@pickityplace.com
P: 603-878-1151 • www.pickityplace.org **M**

Prescott Park, Portsmouth, It was Josie F. Prescott's wish that a public park be established along the Portsmouth waterfront, replacing what had become a rundown industrial area. Since her passing, the park has been maintained in her wishes. Over 10 acres along the Piscataqua River are flower gardens, walkways, seating, docking, and grass area are free and open to the public. In the summer, a "trial garden" is planted featuring over 500 flower varieties, and a "formal garden" which creates a sense of a park within a park. Contact: John Moynihan, john@prescottpark.org • P: 603-436-2824 • www.prescottpark.org **S**

Rhododendron State Park, Fitzwilliam- Rhododendron State Park has a 6-mile long, accessible trail that encircles the 16 acre grove of Rhododendron Maximum. These flowers bloom in mid-July. Contact: NH State Parks, info@nhstateparks.org
P: 603-532-8862 • www.nhstateparks.org **M**

Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, Cornish- This is the former home and studio of Augustus Saint-Gaudens, who created over 150 works of art. The property displays over 100 works from America's greatest artists and features gardens designed by Saint-Gaudens himself. These gardens remain in their original designs including an Italian influences terraced perennial garden, a cutting garden, a pergola, the Birch grove and pan fountain garden, a birch alley and hundred year old hedges. Contact: Gregory Schwartz, Gregory_C_Schwartz@nps.gov • P: 603-675-2175 • www.nps.gov/saga/index.htm **DLS**

Strawbery Banke Museum, Portsmouth- Experience how people lived and worked in a typical American neighborhood from the late 17th century to the mid-20th century. The museum's authentically restored houses and shops, period gardens and costumed role players present the daily lives of the people who lived there. There are nearly 4 centuries of original gardens which have been preserved, including garden design elements and period appropriate plant selections. Contact: John Forti, jforti@strawberybanke.org, Groups: Jonathan Brown, jbrown@strawberybanke.org • P:603-733-1110 • www.strawberybanke.org **S**

Tarbin Gardens, West Franklin- Tarbin gardens consists of five acres of English style gardens with waterfalls, live animals, exotic birds and a tropical greenhouse. Groups are welcomed with an introduction to the history and purpose of the gardens. Sit down for a cup of authentically brewed English Cream tea in the Rose Garden Patio following your tour. Contact: Iona Tarbin, info@tarbingardens.com • P: 603-934-3518 • www.tarbingardens.com **L**

Maple Sugar Houses

Fadden's General Store & Maple Sugar House, North Woodstock- Stop in and see the process of maple sugaring, or browse the general store for some NH maple goodies to bring home. Group Tours available with advanced notice. Contact: Jim Fadden, jimfadden@aol.com • P: 603-745-8371 • www.nhmaplesyrup.com **WM**

Fuller's Sugarhouse, Lancaster- Open year-round, learn about the making of pure NH maple syrup during a tour! Contact: Ed Fuller, info@fullerssugarhouse.com • P: 603-788-2719 • www.fullerssugarhouse.com **GNW**

Morning Star Maple Sugarhouse & Gift Shop, Dublin- Located in the heart of the Monadnock Region, this sugarhouse has been in production since 1988 in every step of the process, from the woods to the jug. Stop by and tour the property. Contact: Morning Star Maple, info@morningstarmaple.com • P: 603-563-9218 • www.morningstarmaple.com **M**

The Rocks Estate, Bethlehem- Learn about the history of maple sugaring from the Native Americans to the present. Tours enjoy tapping their own tree and tasting the finished product. Contact: Nigel Manley, info@therocks.org • P: 603-444-6228 www.nhmapleexperience.com **WM**

Stonewall Farm, Keene- Tours of the sugarhouse and samples are available in the spring. While you're there, check out the other fun farm activities. Taste Stonewall Farm produced maple products in their farm store. Contact: Jennifer Doyle, jdoyle@stonewallfarm.org • P: 603-357-7278 x 111 • www.stonewallfarm.org **M**

Wineries & Breweries

Please check out www.visitnh.gov for full listing of wineries and breweries

BUSINESS NAME	WINE	BREW	TOURS	RESTAURANT	REGION
603 Brewery		X			MV
7th Settlement		X		X	S
Able Ebenezer		X	X		MV
Anheuser-Busch Brewery		X	X		MV
Cameron's Winery	X		X		M
Candia Vineyards	X		X		MV
Elm City Brewing		X		X	M
Farnum Hill Ciders	X		X		DLS
Flag Hill Winery & Distillery	X		X	X	S
Flying Goose Brew Pub		X		X	DLS
Gilmanton Winery & Vineyard	X		X		L
Great North Ale Works		X	X		MV
Henniker Brewing		X	X		MV
Hermit Woods Winery	X		X		L
Hobbs Tavern & Brewing Co.		X		X	L
IncrediBREW	X	X	X		MV
Jewell Towne Vineyards	X		X		S
LaBelle Winery	X		X	X	MV
Martha's Exchange Restaurant & Brewing Co.		X		X	MV
Milly's Tavern		X	X	X	MV
Moat Mountain Smokehouse & Brewing Co.		X		X	WM
Moonlight Meadery	X		X		MV
Oasis Restaurant and Brewery		X		X	WM
One Love Brewery		X		X	WM
Portsmouth Brewery		X	X	X	S
Redhook Brewery		X	X	X	S
Sap House Meadery	X		X		L
Schilling Beer Co.		X		X	GNW
Seven Barrel Brewery		X		X	DLS
Smuttnose Brewing Co.		X	X	X	S
Stoneface Brewery		X	X		S
Sweet Baby Vineyard	X		X		S
Throwback Brewery		X	X	X	S
Tuckerman Brewing Co.		X	X		WM
Vineyard at Seven Birches	X		X		WM
Walpole Mountain View Winery	X		X		M
Woodstock Inn Brewery		X	X	X	WM
Zorvino Vineyards	X		X		S

Unique Culinary

Atlantic Grill, Rye- Located in historic Rye, close to downtown Portsmouth, this restaurant has ample space for large groups and serves classic favorites. Contact: Susan Labrie, slabrie@theatlanticgrill.com • P: 603-433-3000 • www.theatlanticgrill.com **S**

Bailiwick's Fine Restaurant, Littleton- Has a wine and martini bar with exposed brick and sophisticated décor. Invite a NH storyteller to join you for dinner for a really unique experience. Contact: Stacy Northrop, info@bailiwicksfinerestaurant.com P: 603-444-7717 • www.bailiwicksfinerestaurant.com **WM**

Conway Scenic Railroad Dining Cars, North Conway- Dine on either the Hattie Evans or the Chocorua historic dining cars for lunch or dinner and enjoy the scenery on board. Contact: Sandy Jarvin, sandyj@conwayscenic.com • P: 603-356-5251 • www.conwayscenic.com **WM**

D'Acres Organic Farm and Educational Homestead, Dorchester - Non-profit working farm dedicated to education and sustainability. Whether your group stays at D'Acres or wishes to visit for a day-long program, guests will gain valuable knowledge and experience that can carry over to their day-to-day lives. Contact: Josh Trought, info@dacres.org • P: 603-786-2366 • dacres.org **DLS**

Delaney's Hole in the Wall, North Conway- Creating a unique experience with high quality New England style food and hospitality, local entertainment combined with an interesting story. Contact: Mary Ellen Delaney, med@delaneys.com • P: 603-356-7776 www.delaneys.com **WM**

Epoch Restaurant at the Exeter Inn, Exeter - The restaurant and lounge features a seasonal farm-to-table menu and Sunday brunch in a historic yet contemporary setting. The inn was built in 1932 and displays beautiful Georgian architecture similar to that of the nearby prestigious Philips Exeter Academy. Contact: Laura Sterritt, lsterritt@theexeterinn.com P: 603-772-5901 x 401 • www.theexeterinn.com **S**

Jumpin' Jays Fish Café, Portsmouth- Recognized as one of the best seafood restaurant in New Hampshire, Jumpin' Jays features traditional New England Flavor with fresh fish arriving daily from local fisherman. Contact: Lauren Gordon, laurenjjfc@gmail.com P:603-766-3474 • www.jumpinjays.com **S**

The Farm at Eastman's Corner, Kensington- This year-round farmers market, features produce and foods from local farmers and artisans. Now offering the Kensington Food Barn featuring 2 commercial kitchens, where local farmers and food producers host educational workshops. Specialty workshops can be organized for groups. A new feature to the property, it is powered by entirely by solar energy. Contact: Eric Cimon, eric@eastmanscorner.com • P:617-784-8213 • www.eastmanscorner.com **S**

The Metropolitan Coffee House & Fine Art Gallery, North Conway- "The Met" features fresh and locally roasted coffee, sweet and savory crepes, a gelato house with 28 different flavors, scenic mountain views and works of art produced by Mount Washington Valley artists. Contact: Max or Lory, contact@metcoffeehouse.com • P:603-356-2332 • www.metcoffeehouse.co **WM**

Harvest Tavern of Mountain View Grand, Whitefield- Offers wine and scotch tasting as well as culinary demonstrations for groups. Contact: Rachel Manners, rmanners@mountainviewgrand.com • P: 603-837-0024 • www.mountainviewgrand.com **GNW**

PINE, Hanover- PINE is a farm-to-table restaurant with a focus on local and sustainable New England. Their mixologist specializes in uniquely inspired creations, creating one-of-a-kind concoctions and will give presentations for groups. Contact: Alexandra Zullo, alexandra.zullo@hanoverinn.com • P: 603-646-8060 • www.pineathanoverinn.com **DLS**

Portsmouth Gas Light, Portsmouth- Harbor front restaurant in downtown Portsmouth that can accommodate up to 300 guests with a menu that is popular for its seafood selection but also includes a mix of casual cuisine. Live music most evenings. Contact: Event Coordinator, functions@portsmouthgaslight.com • P: 603-430-9122 x 17 • www.portsmouthgaslight.com **S**

Red Fox Bar & Grille, Jackson- Offering 5 dining rooms and a bar, each with its own unique mood. Enjoy an authentic culinary experience with wood-fired pizza and much more. Can accommodate groups of up to 150 in the west side dining room. Contact: Sandy Lewis, sandradeejean@gmail.com • P: 603-383-4949 • www.redfoxpub.com **WM**

SALT Kitchen and Bar, New Castle- Located within the historic Wentworth by the Sea grand resort built in 1874 and named “one of the best hotels in the US” by *Conde Naste Traveler*. Contact: Yvonne Frederickson, info@wentworth.com
P: 603-422-7322 • www.thewentworth.com **S**

Stages at One Washington, Dover- Offers themed dinners with creative and unique tasting menus. Each dinner is different and changes in theme depending on the hosting guest, visiting chefs, vineyards and breweries. Contact: Evan Hennessy, reservations@stages-dining.com • P: 603-842-4077 • www.stages-dining.com **S**

Stickney's Restaurant or Main Dining Room at the Omni Mount Wasington Hotel, Bretton Woods - Located within New Hampshire's most famous historic grand resort in the heart of the White Mountains, groups can dine at Stickney's Pub and Steakhouse for casual fare or have lunch in the Main Dining Room There is a dress code during dinner. Contact: Melody Mere, mmere@omnihotels.com • P: 603-278-1000 • www.omnihotels.com **WM**

Unbridled Chocolates, Marlborough- Offers brunch on the weekends using locally grown ingredients, or take a chocolate kitchen tour. Contact: Chef Alan Crofut, chef@unbridledchocolates.com • P: 603-876-4700 • www.unbridledchocolates.com **M**

White Mountain Cider Company, Glen- Award-winning restaurant featuring its very own Cider Mill, pressing fresh cider from mid-September through early December. Can accommodate groups of up to 50. The country store features donuts and cider year-round. Contact: Teresa Sterns, wesqueeze@ciderconh.com • P: 603-383-4414 • www.ciderconh.com **WM**

White Mountain Cupcakery, North Conway- Serving over 500 fresh baked cupcakes daily, in a variety of flavors, some have been featured on Food Network's Cupcake Wars ©. Contact; Katherine Rassi Iannuzzi, info@wmcupcakery.com • P: 603-730-5140
www.wmcupcakery.com **WM**

Step-On Guides

Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, Portsmouth- Offer step-on guide services as well as itinerary suggestions and reviews. Also offer step-on guides for the Harbour Trail Tour year-round. Contact: Joan Chawziuk, info@portsmouthchamber.org
P: 603-610-5510 • www.portsmouthchamber.org **S**

Lakes Region Tourism Association, Tilton- The Lakes Region Tourism Association can assist with group travel planning from suggested itineraries and activities to step-on guides. Contact: Amy Landers, alanders@lakesregion.org • P: 603-286-8008
www.lakesregion.org **L**

Outdoor Escapes, Conway- Step-on guides offering sightseeing tours, photography tours, moose tours and more. They will also help customize tours for your group. Contact: Lucie Villeneuve, naturenut@outdoorescapesnewhampshire.com • P: 603-528-0136
www.outdoorescapesnewhampshire.com **WM**

Tyes Top Tours & Travel, Merrimack- Provides knowledgeable step-on guides anywhere in New Hampshire and New England. Contact: Mel Tye, info@tyestours.com • P: 603-424-4043 • www.tyestours.com **MV**

White Mountains Attractions Association, North Woodstock- Offers professional guides knowledgeable in all areas of the White Mountains and the Lakes Region as well as most other areas of the state. Contact: Mikey Duprey, mikey@visitwhitemountains.com • P: 603-745-8720 • www.visitwhitemountains.com **WM**

New Hampshire Based Receptives

Northeast Unlimited Tours, Keene- Using 4 decades of combined experience in the tour industry to be able to provide regional expertise in NH, VT, ME, MA, RI, CT, NY, Mid-Atlantic, Eastern Canada and Canadian Maritimes. Contact: Michelle Pino, michelle@northeastunlimited.com • P: 800-759-6820 • www.northeastunlimited.com **M**

Tye's Top Tour & Travel, Merrimack- Receptive tour operator specializing in creating custom tours for group and individuals to New Hampshire. Company owns a 15 passenger luxury Mercedes Sprinter used to shuttle guests staying in Manchester, Merrimack, and Nashua hotels to the Seacoast, the White Mountains, and Boston. This service complements tours that have a more freestyle, open schedule allowing for passengers to engage in different independent activities. The coach is also available for charter. Tye's Top Tours has a wide variety of new and creative tour programs including wine tasting, farm to table, holiday, and live theater. Contact: Mel Tye, tyest@tyestravel.com • P: 603-424-4043 • www.tyestravel.com **MV**

Performance

Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge - A non-profit, natural sanctuary founded in 1945 as a memorial to a son and all the men and women who sacrificed their lives in - WWII. Located high on a hilltop, Cathedral of the Pines is an open air cathedral and meeting space on 236 acres. The grounds are open to the public, free of charge, seven days a week from May 1 to October 31. They welcome performance groups and they have a full sound system with hookups. Contact: Laurie Kendall, laurie@cathedralofthepines.org P: 603-899-3300 • www.cathedralofthepines.org **M**

Downtown Keene Gazebo, Outdoor gazebo in the center of Keene that welcomes student groups to utilize for free (with advanced notice). The Keene Public Library co-sponsors student performances. The gazebo stage area is equipped with sound equipment. A co-sponsored library event would be free and open to the public and they will promote the performance. Contact the Keene Dept of Recreation • P: 603-357-9829 **M**

Flying Monkey Movie House, Plymouth - Experience the wonderful atmosphere of this theatre renovated in 1920's style. Indulge in Common Man quality cuisine. Contact: P: 603-536-2551 • flyingmonkeynh.com **L**

Hampton Beach Amphitheater Seashell Stage, Hampton Beach - Hampton Beach is one of the cleanest sandy beaches in the country with a boardwalk, 1950s era retail shops, nationally recognized events, weekly fireworks in the summer, and the Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom concert hall. This stage is available during the summer and fall seasons for groups selected and booked in advance. Deep-sea fishing, whale watching, waterslides, and more can be enjoyed while at Hampton Beach. www.hamptonbeach.org Contact: Glen French, glen@glenfrench.com • www.hamptonbeach.org **S**

Palace Theatre, Manchester: Designated the 2012 Outstanding Historic Theatre by the League of Historic American Theatres. The Palace is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a non-profit performing arts center. Contact: Nancy Duprey, nancyduprey@palacetheatre.org • P: 603-668-5588 • www.palacetheatre.org **MV**

The Music Hall, Portsmouth - This 900 seat historic theater was built in 1878. Student groups are welcome to try out the stage when there isn't a scheduled performance. Contact: Monte Bohanan, mbohanan@themusichall.org P: 603-436-2400 • themusichall.org **S**

Sports

New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon - Also called the Magic Mile, is the largest sports and entertainment facility in New England on 1,200 acres and can seat 88,000 people. NHMS hosts events most days of the year including two major NASCAR races. Contact: Nathan McShinsky, nmcshinsky@nhms.com • P: 603-783-4931 • www.nhms.com 

Manchester Monarchs Hockey, Manchester - Professional ice hockey affiliate of the Los Angeles Kings that play regularly at the Verizon Wireless Arena. Contact: Ticket Sales, P: 603-783-4931 • www.manchestermonarchs.com 

New Hampshire Fisher Cats Baseball, Manchester - A competitive professional baseball team that plays at the Northeast Delta Dental Stadium with a seating capacity of 6,500. Entertainment includes fireworks, mascots, and more. Contact: Michael Frissore, mfrissore@nhfishercats.com, • P: 603-641-2005 • www.nhfishercats.com 

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