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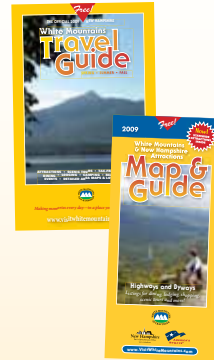
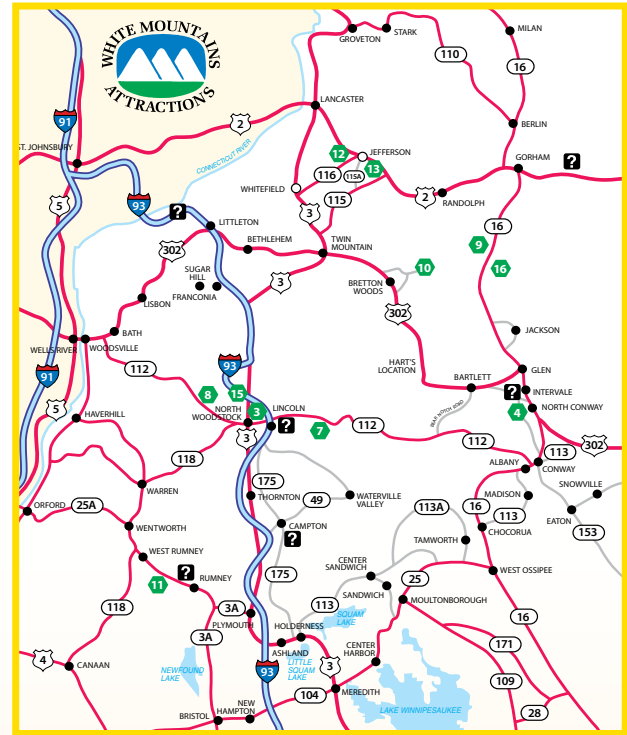
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State Parks

>> The **New Hampshire State Parks System** has 92 properties with a variety of natural, recreational and historical opportunities. A few of these properties have been listed to help you get started discovering what New Hampshire's state parks have to offer.

New Hampshire State Parks open the door for year-round activity. Trek or ride along winding trails where fresh air and solitude are your companions. Glide along our lakes, ponds and rivers in a canoe or kayak. Swim in the clear, cool water at one of our sandy beaches. Camp under the stars or picnic beneath a canopy of shady trees. Take a journey through time exploring our historic sites. Snowshoe, snowmobile, Nordic or alpine ski on miles of maintained trails. Enjoy the beauty and recreational opportunities of New Hampshire State Parks. Join us as stewards of these natural wonders and help us to preserve them for future generations.

Dear Friends,

As Governor of the State of New Hampshire, it is my pleasure to invite you to discover all that our many state parks have to offer. New Hampshire's parks have it all – majestic mountains, sparkling lakes, rivers and beautiful beaches.



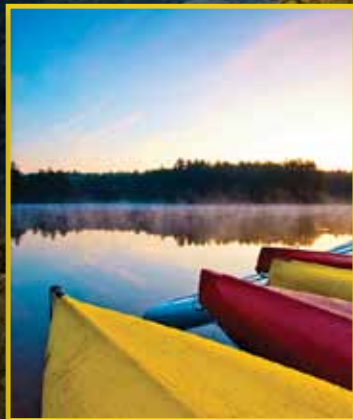
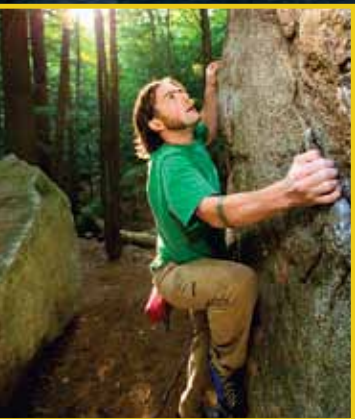
First Lady Susan Lynch and Gov. John H. Lynch.

In the following pages, you'll get a glimpse of just some of the many activities our state parks have to offer: skiing, hiking, swimming, kayaking or fishing in our pristine natural waters. You're sure to find something for every member of your group to enjoy in New Hampshire's state parks.

I know that once you discover our wonderful state parks, you'll want to visit again and again.

Sincerely,

John H. Lynch
Governor



NATURE'S PLAYGROUND: Climb, paddle, bike or splash around at New Hampshire's state parks.

BACKGROUND IMAGE:
Monadnock State Park


Experience Seasons at Our Parks

>> Visit New Hampshire any time of year. Hike our trails in the spring, sunbathe on our beaches in the summer, take panoramic snapshots of our fall foliage in autumn, and hit our slopes in the wintertime.




BACKGROUND IMAGE:
Androscoggin River in
Mollidgewock State Park.

ABOVE: A family camping
at Pawtuckaway State Park
in Nottingham.

 **FALL:** Take an autumn stroll on a path of bursting color.



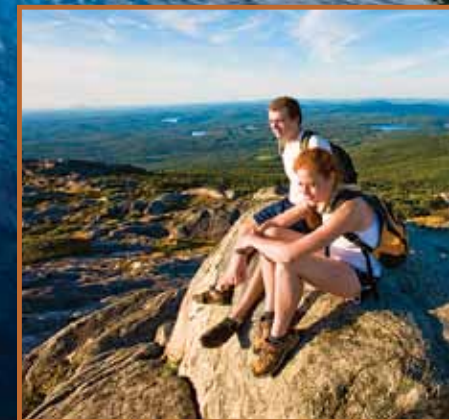
 **WINTER:** Stop for a photo op on a snowshoeing expedition.



 **SPRING:** See the first of the season's new blooms come to life.



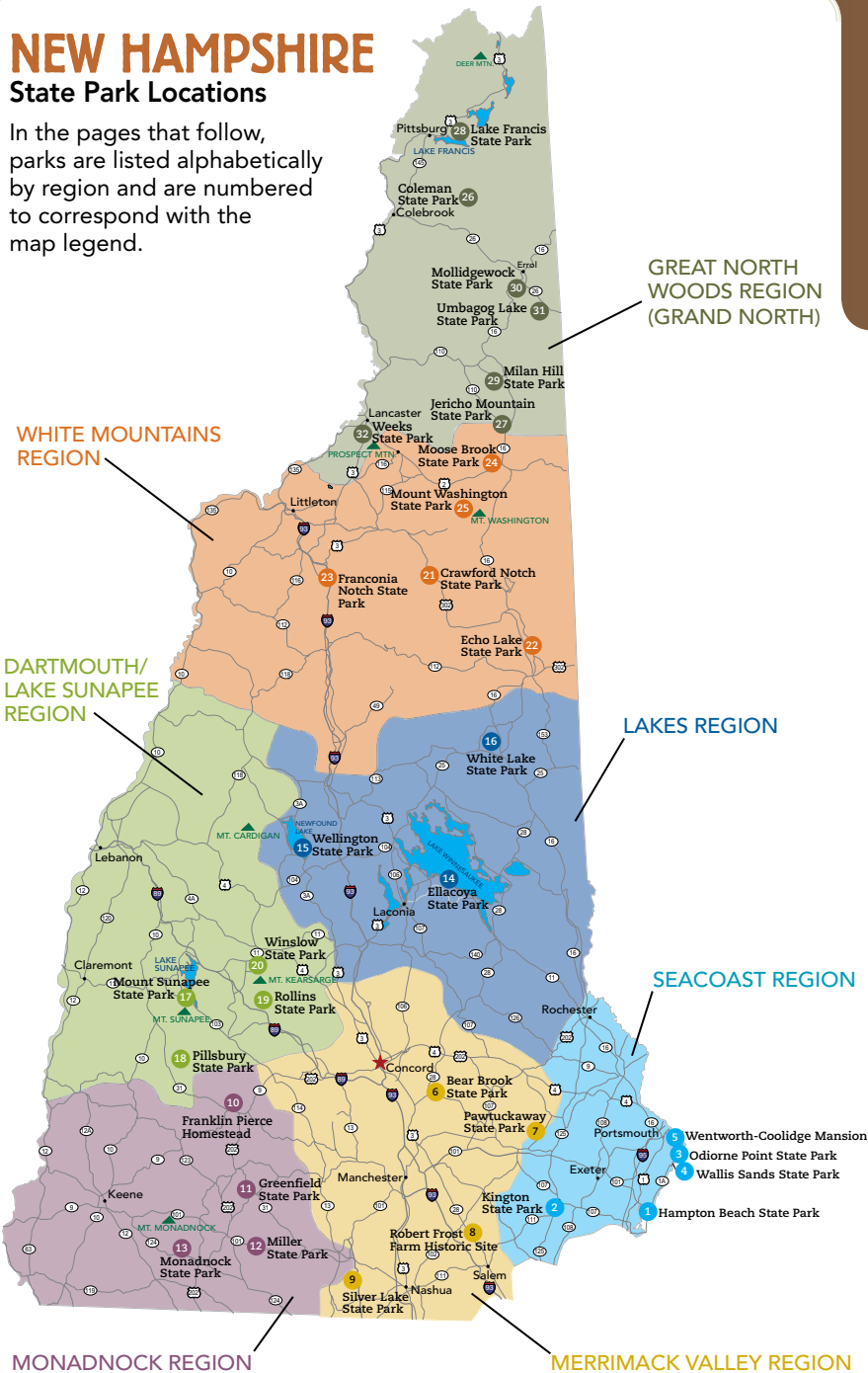
 **SUMMER:** Hike one of the Granite State's majestic peaks.



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State Park Locations

In the pages that follow, parks are listed alphabetically by region and are numbered to correspond with the map legend.



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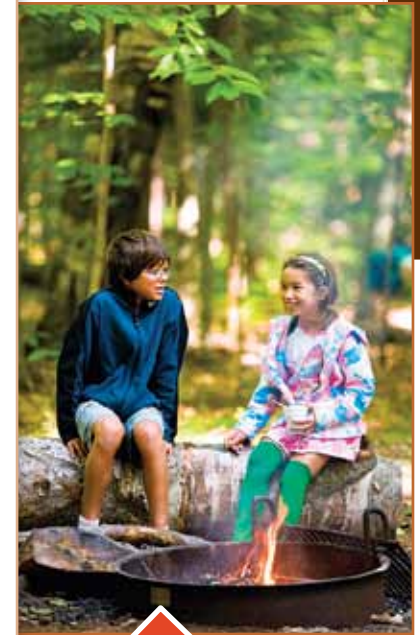
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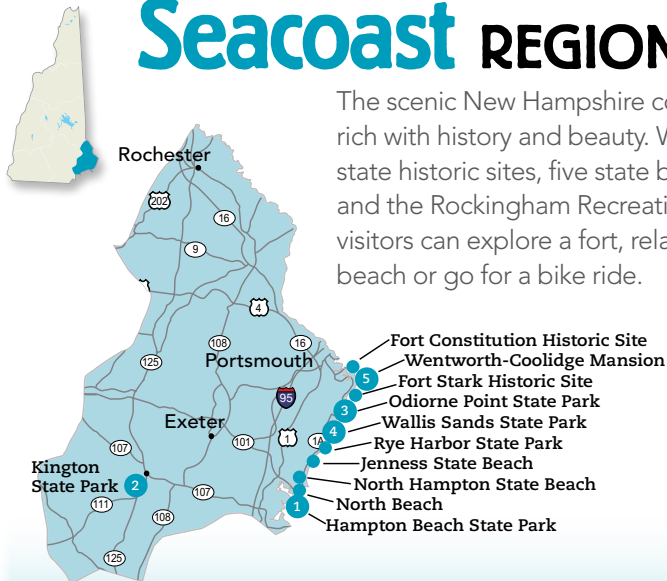
For a list of all New Hampshire state parks in each geographical area, refer to the lists following each region.

- Camping
- Pet Friendly
- Hiking
- Swimming



Seacoast REGION

The scenic New Hampshire coastline is rich with history and beauty. With five state historic sites, five state beaches and the Rockingham Recreational Trail, visitors can explore a fort, relax on the beach or go for a bike ride.



* Numbered bubbles in this guide correspond to featured New Hampshire parks. Information on unnumbered parks can be found at the end of each regional section.

1 Hampton Beach STATE PARK

Route 1A | Hampton, NH 03842
603-926-3784



HAMPTON BEACH STATE PARK provides year-round recreation, with Atlantic oceanfront facilities situated along miles of sandy beach. The Seashell complex includes a bandshell amphitheater, public information services, comfort station and first aid. Activities in the park include swimming, fishing, picnicking and RV camping with full hook-ups at the campground.



The Atlantic oceanfront at Hampton Beach State Park.

2

Kingston STATE PARK

124 Main Street | Kingston, NH 03848
603-642-5471



JUST 14 MILES from the New Hampshire Seacoast, antiques shops and fine restaurants, Kingston State Park is 44 acres in size, and includes fireplaces, picnic areas, a playground, softball field, a sandy beach with swimming and three game areas for horseshoes and volleyball. The park accepts reservations for business parties, wedding receptions, children's groups and family functions.



The beach at Kingston State Park.

3

Odiorne Point STATE PARK

Route 1A | Rye, NH 03870
603-436-7406



AT ODIORNE, picnickers can enjoy sweeping views of the ocean, and explorers can uncover evidence of our military past. Other activities in the park include boating, fishing, hiking, biking, nature walks and cross-country skiing. The Seacoast Science Center, located within the park, houses exhibits relating to the natural history of Odiorne and the seacoast area. (There is a separate admission fee for the Center.)



Biking at Odiorne Point State Park.

4

Wallis Sands STATE PARK

Route 1A | Rye, NH 03870
603-436-9404



WALLIS SANDS STATE BEACH offers oceanfront swimming, views of the Isles of Shoals, and a sandy beach that families especially enjoy. Beach amenities include a store that sells a variety of items, food, and drinks; and a large bathhouse with hot and cold showers.



Riding the waves at Wallis Sands.

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Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion HISTORIC SITE

375 Little Harbor Road | Portsmouth, NH 03801
603-436-6607

THE WENTWORTH-COOLIDGE MANSION is the former home of New Hampshire's first royal governor, Benning Wentworth, who served in office from 1741 to 1767. The 40-room mansion is one of the most outstanding homes remaining of the Colonial era. Its stateliness and furnishings reflect aristocratic life in Portsmouth in the 1700s.



The Colonial-era Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion.

- Camping - Hiking - Swimming - Pet Friendly

KEY TO SYMBOLS:

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SEACOAST REGION

Fort Constitution Historic Site

Route 1B, U.S. Coast Guard Station, New Castle 03854
603-271-3556
Overlooks the Piscataqua River and the Atlantic Ocean. Ruins are seen today. Picnicking on grounds.

Fort Stark Historic Site

Route 1B, Wildrose Lane, New Castle 03854
603-271-3556
On New Castle Island. Named for John Stark, commander at the Battle of Bennington.

Hampton Beach State Park

Route 1A, Hampton 03842
603-926-3784
Oceanfront facilities along miles of sandy beach. Band shell ampuheater.

Jeness State Beach

Route 1A, Rye 03870
603-436-1552
Great family location with Atlantic oceanfront setting. Sandy beach for swimming and picnicking. Bathhouse. Metered parking.

Kingston State Park

124 Main St., Kingston 03848
603-642-5471
Located on Great Pond. Families can enjoy many activities. Volleyball, softball and group-use areas.

North Beach

Route 1A, Hampton 03842
603-436-1552
Great family location with an Atlantic oceanfront setting. Ideal for swimming and picnicking. Bathhouse. Metered parking.

North Hampton State Beach

Route 1A, North Hampton 03862
603-436-1552
Great family location. Ideal for swimming and picnicking. Bathhouse, metered parking and lifeguards.

Odiorne Point State Park

Route 1A, Rye 03870
603-436-7406
Coastal park with hiking and biking trails, tidal pools, boat launch and Seacoast Science Center.

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					<p>Rye Harbor State Park</p> <p>Route 1A, Rye 03870 603-436-1552</p> <p>Scenic views of the ocean, Isles of Shoals and Rye Harbor. Fishing and picnicking with ocean breezes.</p>
		S	P	●	<p>Wallis Sands State Park</p> <p>Route 1A, Rye 03870 603-436-9404</p> <p>Swimming, views of the Isles of Shoals and a sandy beach. Beach store, bathroom and picnic tables. </p>
				● ●	<p>Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion Historic Site</p> <p>375 Little Harbor Rd., Portsmouth 03801 603-436-6607</p> <p>Colonial mansion with tours, gallery, year-round programs and scenic views of Little Harbor.</p>

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PARK PATROL CHIEF | Ed Parr

41 years | Hampton Beach State Park



RAISED IN WARNER, at the base of Mount Kearsarge and Rollins State Park, Hampton Beach State Park Patrol Chief Ed Parr has a strong appreciation for nature at work. "Experience the sun and moon rise. Observe the power of the ocean at storm time. Sunbathe. Enjoy the park's concerts, fireworks, sand sculptures and the Seafood Festival!"

FAVORITE PARK SPOTS:

- The boardwalk at Boars Head because you can catch a breeze and enjoy a one-mile stretch of sandy beach.
- The south end of the main beach because there's a view of pleasure craft and fishing fleet in Hampton Harbor.
- The Seashell Complex is the center of activity and focus of special events, entertainment and park services.

Merrimack Valley REGION

Escape to one of Merrimack Valley's natural hideaways. Bear Brook State Park is the largest developed park in the state. It offers everything from equestrian trails to camping, and thousands of acres to play. History is rich in this region with the home of Robert Frost.

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Bear Brook STATE PARK

157 Deerfield Road | Allenstown, NH 03275
603-485-9874



BEAR BROOK STATE PARK, with more than 10,000 acres, is located in the southeast region of the state. Miles of trails through the heavily forested park, leading to marshes, bogs, summits and ponds, offer options for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians. The 95-site campground is remotely located in the park on the shore of Beaver Pond.



One of Bear Brook's ponds.

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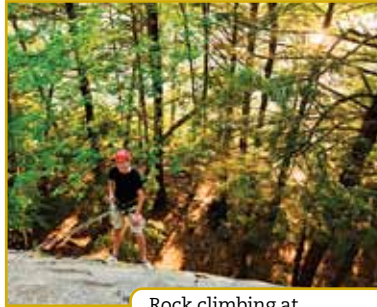
Pawtuckaway STATE PARK

128 Mountain Road | Nottingham, NH 03290
603-895-3031



PAWTUCKAWAY STATE PARK

offers a variety of landscapes, with something to do and see for everyone. There are many opportunities for hiking, with trails leading to a fire tower; an extensive marsh, and a geologically unique field with large boulders called glacial erratics. The campground sites line the shore of beautiful Pawtuckaway Lake.



Rock climbing at Pawtuckaway State Park.

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Robert Frost Farm HISTORIC SITE

Route 28 | Derry, NH 03038
603-432-3091

THE ROBERT FROST FARM

was home to Robert Frost and his family from 1900-1911. Frost, one of the nation's most acclaimed poets whose writings are said to be the epitome of New England, attributed many of his poems to memories from his Derry years. Enjoy a walk along the Hyla Brook Nature Trail.



The Robert Frost Farm.

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Silver Lake STATE PARK

Route 122 | Hollis, NH 03049
603-465-2342



SILVER LAKE STATE PARK

spans 80 acres and its sandy 1,000-foot beach curves along 34-acre Silver Lake. Popular activities in the park include swimming, picnicking, and boating. Amenities include picnic tables, kayak and paddleboat rentals, flush toilets and a park store.



Silver Lake's activities include swimming, picnicking and boating.

Hopkinton/Everett Riding



Zippering up an ATV trail.

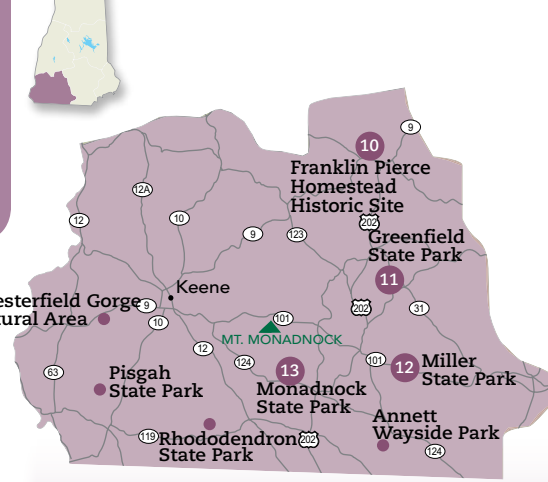
THE HOPKINTON-EVERETT RECREATIONAL TRAILS AREA

in Dunbarton and Weare offers 28 miles of trails with varying degrees of difficulty. The trails are open to motorized trail bike and ATV use and are managed by the NH Bureau of Trails. The property is owned by the Army Corp of Engineers.

For more on **OHRV riding** in New Hampshire, visit www.nhtrails.org.

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MERRIMACK VALLEY REGION					
C	C,S	R,F,S	B,E,H,R,P,W	● ●	Bear Brook State Park 157 Deerfield Rd., Allentown 03275 603-485-9874 Camping, fishing, hiking, biking, equestrian, with museum complex, nature center and archery range.
		B,F,S	B,H,P		Clough State Park Off Route 13, Weare 03281 603-529-7112 On Everett Lake's shore with a 900-foot beach. Fishing, picnicking, boating, hiking and biking.
				P	Hannah Duston Historic Site Exit 17 off I-93, Boscawren 03303 603-271-3556 Erected in 1874. Commemorates the escape of Duston, captured in 1697 during the French and Indian War.
	C,S	F	B,H,P,W		Northwood Meadows State Park NH Route 4, Northwood 03261 603-436-1552 Wilderness setting. Fishing, boating, hiking, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and more.
B,C	C,S	B,R,F,S	B,E,H,R,P,W	● ●	Pawtuckaway State Park 128 Mountain Rd., Nottingham 03290 603-895-3031 On the shore of Pawtuckaway Lake with camping, hiking, pavilion, Boulder Field and more.
	C		P,W	● ●	Robert Frost Farm Historic Site Route 28, Derry 03038 603-432-3091 Home of poet Robert Frost, the two-story farmhouse offers tours, nature-poetry trail and more.
		R,F,S	H,P	●	Silver Lake State Park Route 122, Hollis 03049 603-465-2342 Sandy 1,000-foot beach curves along 34-acre Silver Lake. Park store, kayak and paddleboat rentals.
	C	F	P,W	●	Taylor Mill Historic Site 242 Island Pond Rd., Derry 03038 603-431-6774 1800 historic up-and-down sawmill shows New Hampshire's forest products industry. Open some summer weekends.

Monadnock REGION



The Monadnock Region has superb recreational activities including hiking. The region offers six recreational trails with beautiful views of the area. Monadnock State Park is home to more than 40 trails and Mount Monadnock, believed to be the third most climbed mountain in the world.

10 Franklin Pierce Homestead HISTORIC SITE

Route 31 | Hillsborough, NH 03244
603-478-3165

OPERATED BY the Hillsborough Historical Society, the boyhood home of America's 14th president is a spacious and beautiful, federal-style country home. Built by Pierce's father in 1804, it reflects the gracious and affluent living of the 19th century. A ballroom, which extends the entire length of the second floor, was used for entertaining distinguished families of the state and nation.



Franklin Pierce's boyhood home.

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Greenfield STATE PARK

Route 136 | Greenfield, NH 03047
603-547-3497



TRY OUT A NEW TENT or spend a day splashing around in Otter Lake at Greenfield State Park. Tucked away in this 400-acre park are ponds, bogs and a forest that extends to the shores of undeveloped Otter Lake. The park offers opportunities to swim, fish, walk, canoe, camp and picnic in a variety of settings.



Fishing at Otter Lake.

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Monadnock STATE PARK

Route 124 | Jaffrey, NH 03452
603-532-8862



MONADNOCK STATE PARK is home to 40 miles of maintained foot trails, many of which lead to the bare rock summit. Mt. Monadnock is claimed to be the third most climbed mountain in the world. The mountain has unsurpassed 100-mile views to points in all six New England states. The park also has a new family campground.



Hikers on the summit of Mount Monadnock.

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Miller STATE PARK

Route 101E | Peterborough, NH 03458
603-924-3672



LOCATED ON THE 2,290-foot summit and flank of Pack Monadnock in Peterborough, Miller was the first state park in New Hampshire. Three main hiking trails ascend Pack Monadnock to the summit. An operational fire tower, used for detecting fires, affords a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside.



Climbing to the Pack summit.

Historic Homes and Sites

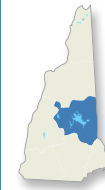


The Robert Frost Farm Historic Site.

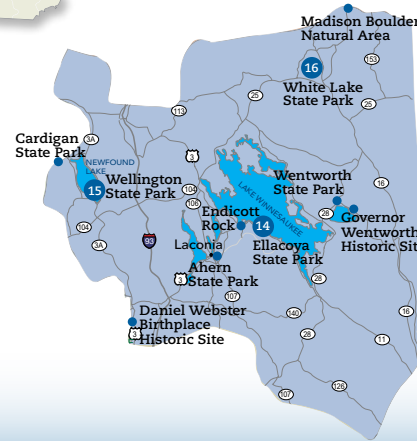
FROM THE FARM OF famous poet Robert Frost to the estate of politician and conservationist John Wingate Weeks, you can take a journey through time exploring history at one of New Hampshire's State Historic Sites. Discover the significance of 14 cherished locations, each offering unique experiences of tradition, culture and heritage.

For more on **Historic Homes**, log on to www.nhstateparks.org.

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MONADNOCK REGION						
	S	F	H,P,W			<p>Annett Wayside Park </p> <p>Route 119, Cathedral Road, Rindge 03461 603-485-2034</p> <p>Near Cathedral of the Pines, nice spot for a picnic. Trail offers a pleasant stroll to the reservoir.</p>
			H,P			<p>Chesterfield Gorge Natural Area </p> <p>Route 9, Chesterfield 03443 603-363-8373</p> <p>Chesterfield Gorge Natural Area spans 13 acres. Great opportunities for hiking along the gorge.</p>
			P			<p>Franklin Pierce Homestead Historic Site </p> <p>Routes 9 and 31, Hillsborough 03244 603-478-3165</p> <p>The boyhood home of America's 14th president reflects the gracious and affluent living of the 19th century.</p>
C	C,S	B,FS	H,P,W			<p>Greenfield State Park </p> <p>Route 136, Greenfield 03047 603-547-3497</p> <p>Camping, fishing, swimming and hiking available in this popular park.</p>
	C		H,P			<p>Miller State Park </p> <p>Route 101E, Peterborough 03458 603-924-3672</p> <p>Scenic mountain park with working fire tower, moderate hiking trails to the summit and great views.</p>
C	C		H,R,P,W			<p>Monadnock State Park </p> <p>Route 124, Jaffrey 03452 603-532-8862</p> <p>World's third-most climbed mountain. Camping and cross-country skiing. National Natural Landmark.</p>
	C,S	F	A,B,E,H,PW			<p>Pisgah State Park </p> <p>Off Routes 10, 119 and 63, Winchester 03470 603-239-8153</p> <p>Year-round trailheads. More than 13,300 acres of rough forested terrain.</p>
			H,P,W			<p>Rhododendron State Park </p> <p>Route 119 West, Fitzwilliam 03447 603-532-8862</p> <p>Wild rhododendron grove, walking path in NH's only botanical state park. National Natural Landmark.</p>



Lakes REGION



From the birthplace of statesman Daniel Webster to Ellacoya State Park, situated on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee, the Lakes Region has a nice mix of parks that offer historic flair, natural beauty and ample recreational opportunities.

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ELLACOYA STATE PARK

Route 11, Scenic Drive | Gilford, NH 03247
603-293-7821



ELLACOYA'S 600-foot-long sandy beach, with views across the lake to the Sandwich and Ossipee mountains, is a great place to spend time with the family for a full day of swimming and picnicking. An accessible bathhouse, with showers and a changing area for swimmers, is located near the swimming area.



Ellacoya's RV Park campsites.

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- Camping - Hiking - Swimming - Pet Friendly

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Wellington STATE PARK

Off Route 3A, 650 West Shore Rd. | Bristol, NH 03222
603-744-2197



LOCATED ON THE SHORE

of Newfound Lake, 204-acre Wellington State Park boasts the largest freshwater swimming beach in the New Hampshire State Park system. The peninsula nature trail features picnic areas, designated fishing areas, plant identification markers, and spectacular views of Newfound Lake and Cliff and Belle Islands.



The largest freshwater swimming beach in New Hampshire.

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White Lake STATE PARK

Route 16 | Tamworth, NH 03886
603-323-7350



THE PARK LIES along the shores of White Lake, an example of a typical glacial lake. Guests enjoy walks around the lake on a well-maintained foot path while looking for loons or signs of beaver activity. The campground is well-located to serve as a base to enjoy many activities in the area.



Floating in White Lake.

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LAKES REGION

Ahern State Park

Route 106, Laconia 03246
603-485-2034

On the shore of Lake Winnisquam. Enjoy fishing, boating, picnicking, biking and walking.

Cardigan State Park

Off Route 18, Orange 03741
603-485-2034

A mountain road leads to a picnic spot on the slope of Mount Cardigan. Trail to panoramic views on summit.

Daniel Webster Birthplace Historic Site

Route 127, Franklin 03235
603-271-3556

The birthplace of one of our country's most respected orators and statesmen.

Ellacoya State Park

Route 11, Scenice Drive, Gilford 03246
603-293-7821

Mountain views from the beach on Lake Winnepesaukee. Pavilion.

Endicott Rock State Park

Route 3, Laconia 03246
603-271-3556

Perhaps New England's oldest public monument. It marked the assumed headwaters of the Merrimack River.

Governor Wentworth Historic Site

Route 109, Wolfeboro 03894
603-271-3556

Explore a pre-American Revolution northern plantation. Artifacts reveal details about the privileged class.

Madison Boulder Natural Area

Route 113, Madison 03849
603-485-2034

One of the largest glacial erratics in the world. Designated a National Natural Landmark in 1970.

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	C,S	B,F,S	H,R,P,W	●	Wellington State Park Route 3A, Bristol 03222 603-744-2197 A sandy beach on the shores of Newfound Lake. Picnic in the pines, trails, volleyball and horseshoe courts.
		F,S	H,P	●	Wentworth State Park Route 109, Wolfeboro 03894 603-569-3699 On the shore of scenic Wentworth Lake. Swimming, picnicking, hiking, fishing and group-use area.
C	S	R,F,S	H,R,P,W	●	White Lake State Park Route 16, Tamworth 03886 603-323-7350 Great swimming, camping, fishing, boating and wildlife viewing. Pitch Pines National Natural Landmark.

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PARK MANAGER | Arthur Charbonneau

5 years | White Lake State Park



WITH VIEWS OF THE MOUNTAINS

in the distance and the loons sounding off, White Lake State Park Manager Arthur Charbonneau questions what could be more perfect. "I can be working anywhere in the park and when I hear the loons on the lake, I stop and listen," Charbonneau says. "People come to spend a week in this environment, but I get to do it year 'round."

FAVORITE PARK SPOTS:

- My favorite spot is on the lake in the early morning because that is when the loons are most active.
- I also like the lake at sunset – watching the sun slip behind the mountains as the water laps on the shore.
- The lake is great for swimming. The water is crystal clear and fairly shallow for a long distance out.

Dartmouth/ Lake Sunapee REGION

Apart from its great mix of small towns, the Dartmouth/ Lake Sunapee Region is a beautiful place to relax in the outdoors. Pillsbury State Park is remotely located with several ponds for kayaking, primitive camping and plenty of hiking. Reach the top of Mt. Kearsarge from either Winslow or Rollins State Park.



17 Mount Sunapee STATE PARK

Off Route 103 | Newbury, NH 03255
603-763-5561



THIS MAJOR recreation area in the Dartmouth/Lake Sunapee Region offers year-round activities. Enjoy hiking, swimming, picnicking, boating, fishing and swimming in the summer and fall months. The campground offers lean-to and platform sites for family camping. Mt. Sunapee State Beach is situated about a mile from the campground and offers numerous amenities.



Fishing on Lake Sunapee.

- Camping - Hiking - Swimming - Pet Friendly

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Pillsbury STATE PARK

Route 31 | Washington, NH 03280
603-863-2860



HEAVILY WOODED and sprinkled with several ponds and wetlands, Pillsbury State Park is one of the more primitive and lesser-known gems of the New Hampshire State Park system. History buffs enjoy exploring the park's long-abandoned and overgrown cellar holes, remnants of early farm settlement and lumbering of the late 1700s and early 1800s.



A pond and picnic tables at Pillsbury State Park.

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Rollins STATE PARK

Off Route 103, Mountain Road | Warner, NH 03278
603-456-3808



A 3.5-MILE-LONG scenic auto road rises from the park entrance through woodlands to the parking and picnic areas. Rollins affords views that stretch from Mt. Monadnock to the hills of New Hampshire's coastal plain. The summits of Pack Monadnock, Crotched and Uncanoonuc Mountains, the hills of central Massachusetts, and the Boston skyline are visible on the horizon.



Hiking in Rollins State Park.

- Camping - Hiking - Swimming - Pet Friendly

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Winslow STATE PARK

Off Route 11 | Wilmot, NH 03287
603-526-6168



WINSLOW STATE PARK

is located on the northwest slope of Mt. Kearsarge. The picnic and playground area is on a 1,820-foot plateau with outstanding views of the White Mountains and southern and central Vermont peaks. A one-mile foot trail leads from the picnic area to the summit of Mt. Kearsarge.



The view from Mt. Kearsarge.

Think Outside the Tent



A yurt at Milan Hill State Park in Milan.

TIRED OF SLEEPING in a tent?

Looking for a different type of camping experience? Find a softer way to camp. From yurts – or canvas-sided structures – to cabins, platforms to lean-tos, New Hampshire's state parks have several options that offer campers a new way of camping. We offer options for almost anyone.

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DARTMOUTH/LAKE SUNAPEE REGION					
					<p>Gardner Memorial Wayside Area </p> <p>Route 4A, Wilmot 03287 603-485-2034</p> <p>Part of Gile State Forest. Has a memorial to Walter C. Gardner II, scenic picnic area and hiking.</p>
C	A,S	B,R,F,S	H,P		<p>Mount Sunapee State Park </p> <p>Route 103, Newbury 03255 603-763-5561</p> <p>Offering year-round activities from swimming, camping, hiking to skiing.</p>
C	C,S	B,R,F	B,H,P		<p>Pillsbury State Park </p> <p>Route 31, Washington 03280 603-863-2860</p> <p>Primitive, lesser-known gem. Camping, hiking, biking, canoeing, fishing and wildlife viewing.</p>
			H,P		<p>Rollins State Park </p> <p>Off Route 103, Warner 03278 603-456-3808</p> <p>Scenic auto road up Mount Kearsarge through woodlands to a picnic site, parking and hiking trails.</p>
					<p>Sculptured Rocks Natural Area </p> <p>Routes 3A & 118, Groton 03241 603-485-2034</p> <p>An example of nature's powerful yet delicate artistry, geologically interesting glacial potholes.</p>
	F,S		H,R,P,W		<p>Wadleigh State Park </p> <p>Route 114, North Sutton 03260 603-927-4724</p> <p>Swim in beautiful Kezar Lake where tall pine trees shade picnic sites near the beach.</p>
	S	F	H,R,P,W		<p>Winslow State Park </p> <p>Off Route 11, Kearsage Mountain Road, Wilmot 03287 603-526-6168</p> <p>A one-mile foot trail leads from the picnic area to the 1,820-foot summit of the NW slope of Mount Kearsarge.</p>

White Mountains REGION



The White Mountains Region is a popular location for those looking for a great day trip. There are several day hikes throughout the region. Be sure to visit Franconia Notch State Park's Flume Gorge and Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway. Mount Washington State Park sits atop Mount Washington, the highest peak in the Northeast.

21 Crawford Notch STATE PARK

2059 US Route 302 | Harts Location, NH 03812
603-374-2272



THIS 5,775-ACRE PARK, located in the White Mountains, offers popular family hikes to unique cliffs and brisk waterfalls including the highest in the state, Arethusa Falls. There are picnicking areas, parking for hiking and scenic pull-offs, as well as Dry River Campground offering 36 wooded sites.



Hiking at Arethusa Falls.

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- Camping - Hiking - Swimming - Pet Friendly

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Echo Lake STATE PARK

Off Route 302 | North Conway, NH 03860
603-356-2672



ECHO LAKE IS A great place to take the family for a swim or picnic. A scenic trail around the lake provides great views of sheer, 700-foot Cathedral Ledge which towers over the lake. A mile-long auto road and hiking trails lead to the top of Cathedral Ledge with views across the Saco River Valley.



A scenic look at White Horse Ledge, Cathedral Ledge and Echo Lake.

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Franconia Notch STATE PARK

Route 93 | Franconia/Lincoln, NH 03580
603-745-8391



FRANCONIA NOTCH STATE PARK is a spectacular mountain pass traversed between the high peaks of the Kinsman and Franconia mountain ranges. This popular park offers a multitude of recreational opportunities including camping and discovering geological wonders. The park is home to the Flume Gorge and Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway.



Ride the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway or stroll the path to the Flume Gorge.

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Moose Brook STATE PARK

Off Route 2, Jimtown Road | Gorham, NH 03581
603-466-3860



JUST NORTH of the Presidential Range, Moose Brook State Park is an area of unparalleled scenery. Moose Brook flows through the park, and after passing through a shallow warming pool, feeds the swimming area with cool, clear mountain water. The park is also ideal for fishing in the Peabody and Moose rivers, picnicking and exploring on foot or mountain bike.



Mountain biking at Moose Brook State Park.

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Mount Washington STATE PARK

Route 302 | Sargent's Purchase, NH 03589
603-466-3347



THIS 59-ACRE parcel, perched on the summit of the Northeast's highest peak, is surrounded by the extensive White Mountain National Forest. On a clear day, views from the 6,288-foot summit extend beyond New Hampshire as far as 130 miles to Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Maine, Quebec and the Atlantic Ocean.



A view from the Northeast's highest peak.

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WHITE MOUNTAINS REGION						
						<p>Bedell Bridge Historic Site</p> <p>Routes 10 & 25, Haverhill 03765 603-485-2034</p> <p>Diverse habitats on the banks of Connecticut River. Picnicking, fishing and boat launch.</p>
C		F	H,P,W			<p>Crawford Notch State Park </p> <p>2059 U.S. Rte. 302, Harts Location 03812 603-374-2272</p> <p>Hiking, fishing, wildlife viewing, camping and historic Willey House in scenic mountain pass.</p>
		F,S	H,P			<p>Echo Lake State Park</p> <p>Off Route 302, Conway 03818 603-356-2672</p> <p>Mountain lake, beach, boating and fishing. Scenic views of White Mountain and Cathedral Ledge.</p>
				P		<p>Eisenhower Memorial Wayside </p> <p>Route 302, Carroll 03598 603-485-2034</p> <p>This seven-acre memorial park honors President Eisenhower. Views are a short walk away. Picnicking.</p>
	S	B,F,S	B,P			<p>Forest Lake State Park</p> <p>Off NH Route 116, Dalton 03598 603-837-9150</p> <p>A mountain lake and 200-foot sandy beach in woodland setting. Many activities, group-use area and playground.</p>
C	A,C,S	R,F,S	H,P,W			<p>Franconia Notch State Park </p> <p>I-93, Route 3, Franconia 03580 603-823-8800</p> <p>Rich in history and natural wonders. The park includes two attractions, two campgrounds and two lakes.</p>
	S	F	P			<p>Lake Tarleton State Park</p> <p>Route 25C, Piermont 03779 603-485-2034</p> <p>Undeveloped park with beautiful views, picnicking, fishing and hunting in stunning surroundings.</p>
C	C,S	F,S	B,H,R,P			<p>Moose Brook State Park </p> <p>Route 2, Jimtown Road, Gorham 03581 603-466-3860</p> <p>Swim in clear water against a scenic mountain backdrop. Camping, picnicking, trout fishing, hiking and trails.</p>
			H			<p>Mount Washington State Park </p> <p>Route 302, Sargents Purchase 03589 603-466-3347</p> <p>Amazing views on the summit of Northeast's highest peak. Visitor center and historic TipTop House.</p>



Great North Woods REGION (GRAND NORTH)

With five state park campgrounds, the Great North Woods is the perfect place to escape to. No matter what your recreational preference is, this region is full of grand adventure, from amazing fishing to riding ATVs.

26 Coleman STATE PARK

Route 26 | Stewartstown, NH 03576
603-237-5382

COLEMAN STATE PARK LIES on the shore of Little Diamond Pond. There is excellent trout fishing in Little Diamond Pond and nearby streams makes Coleman an excellent location for fishing enthusiasts. The park is also a good base for fall hunting with a campground that offers 25 campsites.



Coleman State Park is a favorite for fishing.

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- Camping - Hiking - Swimming - Pet Friendly

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Jericho Mountain STATE PARKRoute 110 | Berlin, NH 03570
603-271-3254

JERICHO MOUNTAIN STATE PARK provides opportunities for miles of trail riding for ATV, UTV, trail bike and snowmobile enthusiasts alike. Open to the public, but still in development, the park will continue to have more miles added to the trail network over the next several years.



Riding an ATV at Jericho Mountain State Park.

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Lake Francis STATE PARK439 River Rd. | Pittsburg, NH 03592
603-538-6965

LAKE FRANCIS is a 2,000-acre lake near the Connecticut Lakes of the Great North Woods Region. Hunters and anglers enjoy this park as a base for their respective activities. Canoeists enjoy exploring the upper part of the Connecticut River. Campers enjoy the wilderness. A boat launch is located in the park.

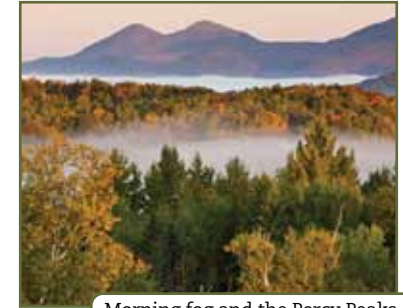


Kayaking on Lake Francis.

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Milan Hill STATE PARKRoute 110B | Milan, NH 03588
603-466-3860

MILAN HILL STATE PARK is located near popular areas for hiking, picnicking, fishing, canoeing, kayaking and wildlife viewing. From this hilltop campground, and the fire tower located there, you can get a complete view of the mountain ranges. The park has four camping yurts.



Morning fog and the Percy Peaks from the fire tower at Milan Hill.

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Mollidgewock STATE PARKRoute 16 | Errol, NH 03579
603-482-3373

MOLLIDGEWOCK STATE PARK lies along the shore of the Androscoggin River, within Thirteen Mile Woods Scenic Area. The park offers great canoeing and kayaking opportunities for both novice and expert paddlers. The area is a favorite of fishing enthusiasts and is popular for watching moose and other wildlife.



Fly-fishing in the Androscoggin River.

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Umbagog Lake STATE PARK

Route 26 | Cambridge, NH 03579
603-482-7795



UMBAGOG LAKE STATE PARK

is one of the more recently acquired parks in the state system. The park includes a base park campground with 27 sites, three cabins, and 33 remote campsites in isolated locations around Umbagog Lake accessible only by boat. Wildlife viewing at Umbagog includes a variety of birds, deer and moose.



A cottage at Umbagog Lake State Park.

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Weeks STATE PARK

Off Route 3 | Lancaster, NH 03584
603-788-4004



BUILT AT THE direction of John Wingate Weeks, leading conservationist, U.S. Congressman, U.S. Senator, and Secretary of War under Presidents Harding and Coolidge. The house and grounds, located on the summit of Mount Prospect, provide a 360-degree panorama of mountain splendor, including the Presidential Range of the White Mountains, the Green Mountains of Vermont, the Killkenny Range, the Percy Peaks and the upper Connecticut Valley.



A glimpse of the Weeks Lodge.

- Camping - Hiking - Swimming - Pet Friendly

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GREAT NORTH WOODS REGION

Androscoggin Wayside Park

Route 16, Errol 03579
603-538-6707

Along the Androscoggin River within the Thirteen Mile Woods. Picnicking, fishing and canoeing.



Beaver Brook Falls Wayside

Route 145, Colebrook 03576
603-538-6707

A scenic waterfall in the Great North Woods. A hidden gem in a serene spot for picnicking and hiking.



Coleman State Park

Route 26, Stewartstown 03597
603-237-5382

Near Little Diamond Pond. Camping, fishing, hunting, boating and snowmobiling.



Deer Mountain Campground

5309 N. Main St., Pittsburg 03592
603-538-6965

In Connecticut Lakes State Forest. Great for moose watching. Fireplace, picnicking, flat area and parking.



Dixville Notch State Park

Route 26, Dixville Notch 03576
603-538-6707

Rugged mountain pass with a scenic gorge on two brooks. Hiking and picnicking in a picturesque location.



Jericho Mountain State Park

Jericho Lake Road, Off Route 110, Berlin 03570
603-271-3254

Trail riding for ATV, UTV, trail bike and snowmobiling. Also enjoy swimming, fishing, canoeing and picnicking.



Lake Francis State Park

439 River Rd., Pittsburg 03592
603-538-6965

Excellent fishing, canoeing, hunting and camping in the wilderness of the Connecticut Lakes Region.



Milan Hill State Park

Route 16, Milan 03588
603-466-3860

Hiking, primitive camping, yurts and wildlife viewing. Scenic views from fire tower.



Mollidgewock State Park

Route 16, Errol 03579
603-482-3373

Canoeing, kayaking, fishing, wildlife viewing, and primitive camping along the Androscoggin River.



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						<p>Nansen Wayside Park </p> <p>Route 16, Milan 03588 603-538-6707</p> <p>Near the banks of the Androscoggin River, a popular place for picnicking, fishing and boating.</p>
B,C	S	B,R,F,S	P			<p>Umbagog Lake State Park </p> <p>Route 26, Errol 03579 603-482-7795</p> <p>Swimming, fishing, boat rentals and a store. Cabins and camping in isolated locations accessible by boat.</p>
C,S			B,H,P			<p>Weeks State Park</p> <p>Route 3 North, Lancaster 03584 603-788-4004</p> <p>Historic home with views of the surrounding mountains; summer programs, museum, fire tower and picnicking.</p>

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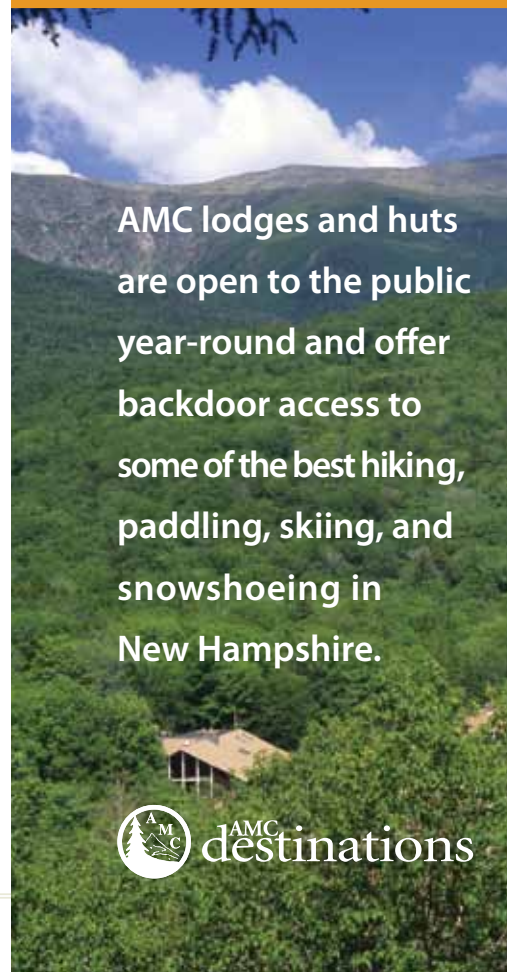
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