

New Hampshire

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Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Black Trumpet (p330)
- ➔ The Lone Oak (p333)
- ➔ White Mountain Cider Co (p362)
- ➔ Wolfetrap Grill & Raw Bar (p347)
- ➔ Burdick Chocolate (p337)

Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Ale House Inn (p329)
- ➔ Snowflake Inn (p362)
- ➔ Proctor's Lakehouse Cottages (p343)
- ➔ Omni Mt Washington Hotel & Resort (p364)

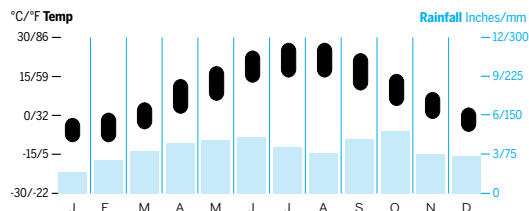
Why Go?

New Hampshire bleeds jagged mountains, scenic valleys and forest-lined lakes – they lurk in all corners of this rugged state. It all begs you to embrace the outdoors, from kayaking the hidden coves of the Lakes Region to trekking the upper peaks surrounding Mt Washington. Each season yields a bounty of adrenaline and activity: skiing and snowshoeing in winter, magnificent walks and drives through autumn's fiery colors, and swimming in crisp mountain streams and berry-picking in summer. Jewel-box colonial settlements like Portsmouth buzz a sophisticated tune, while historic attractions and small-town culture live on in pristine villages like Keene and Peterborough.

But there's a relaxing whiff in the air too – you're encouraged to gaze out at a loon-filled lake, recline on a scenic railway trip or chug across a waterway on a sunset cruise – all while digging into a fried-clam platter or a lobster roll, of course.

When to Go

Concord



Dec Glide across trails on a horse-driven sleigh ride.

Jul Watch Exeter's American Independence Festival.

Oct See jack-o'-lanterns at Keene's annual Pumpkin Festival.



New Hampshire Highlights

- 1 Walk in the footsteps of Robert Frost at his former farm in **Franconia** (p356)
- 2 Trundle up the second-steepest railway track in the world along Mt Washington's **cog railway** (p363)
- 3 Take a free walking tour at **Dartmouth College** (p338) in Hanover and discover renowned Mexican muralist José Clemente Orozco's riveting mural in the depths of the library
- 4 Kayak your way around Portsmouth Harbor and do yoga on the beach with **Portsmouth Kayak Adventures** (p328)
- 5 Tube down the snowy slopes at **Mt Cranmore Resort** (p359)