Welcome to New Hampshire’s National Scenic Byways …

Discover the “Trails within the Trail”

Traveling through the region, you’ll discover that our covered bridges, waterfalls, historic sites, and railroads constitute their own attractions; you can follow these “Trails within the Trail” by making use of the icons that relate to each specific theme.

The History Trail

The White Mountain region is rich in historical fact, legend, and lore. From covered bridges to mill dams, you can see all around you literally nothing from the vicinity of the Vine-Master to the origin of skiing in America, to the surroundings required to sport the creative pieces of one of America’s finest Larse, Robert Frost.

The Covered Bridge Trail

Covered bridges are an integral part of the history and culture of the White Mountains, as well as providing an excellent place to wait out a summer shower, watch a sunrise nestled by the melting winter snow, or stow itself.

The Waterfall Trail

The White Mountains boast more than 50 waterfalls, some trails from the old road, others that may require a hike. If you choose to hike in, be sure to wear proper footwear. Specifically well-treaded down, which can be very slippery when wet, and be especially careful when traveling the wet rocks around the falls.

The Steak Rail Trail

You’ll find all kinds of trains in the White Mountains that appeal to a wide range of interests and tastes. Vintage streamlined restorations, to mountainclimbing gos, to cabooses and dung day-long trains, or trains on a rhythm of your own, you’ll find it here.

THE WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST RECREATION PASS

The White Mountain National Forest is one of the most heavily used National Forests in the nation, with over 200 miles of by roads to maintain the recreation facilities. As a result, a program is in place to collect fees for recreational use.

All unmarked vehicles parked on National Forest land must display a Recreation Pass when signed. There are several pass options: a $3 day pass available at ski areas, a $20 annual pass for those who use the Forest year round, or a $5 pass good for 1 day at any location. Recreational passes are available at ranger stations, Information Centers, and the White Mountain Visitors Center. For those holding the American Express, MasterCard, Visa and Sunstar, parking is free.

Note: prices current for 2014; information subject to change.
Explore the White Mountains Trail—one of America’s most spectacular scenic drives!

"Where can I see a MOOSE?"

Mile 29, North Conway and Conway

The White Mountains are home to moose. While many visitors see this enchanting creature, some visitors are concerned about the impact on the local environment. Here are a few tips on how to see moose while minimizing the impact:

1. Keep a safe distance: Moose are wild animals and can become aggressive if they feel threatened. It is important to keep a safe distance from moose.
2. Stay alert: Moose are not always visible when you approach them. Keep an eye out for them as you drive.
3. Do not feed the moose: Feeding moose can cause them to become more aggressive and dependent on human food sources.
4. Be patient: Moose are not always easy to see, especially in areas where they are more common. Be patient and keep an eye out for them.
5. Respect their space: Moose need their space to feel safe. Do not try to approach them or block their path.

By following these tips, you can help ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable experience while enjoying the majestic beauty of the White Mountains. Happy moose-watching!