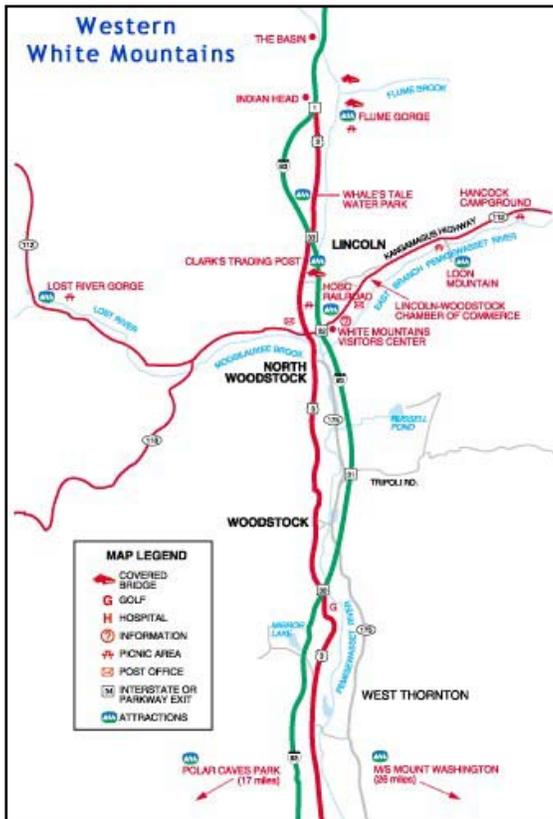


# Guide to White Mountains Towns

## Western White Mountains



### Lincoln / Woodstock / North Woodstock

The Lincoln Woodstock region of the White Mountains is the center point for activity on the western side of the mountains. This region is surrounded by mountains and offers a picturesque setting and all the amenities you could ever want or need. From here you are only minutes away from the 6,440 acre Franconia Notch State Park and other natural attractions within the White Mountain National Forest as well as the Kancamagus Highway.

Visitors can delight in water and theme parks, take a scenic train ride, enjoy a live bear show or play mini-golf, or take a gondola ride to the top of Loon Mountain and the list goes on.

A relative johnny-come-lately to the resort scene, Lincoln has made up for lost time. Following the opening of Loon Mountain ski area in 1966 and the arrival



Interstate 93 at its doorstep, it turned into one of the state's busiest destination areas. Main Street in Lincoln is lined with a variety of specialty shops and a visit to the Mill at Loon Mountain is a must. Here you will find a variety of shops and restaurants for all your shopping and dining needs. The center also offers a movie theater and the North Country Center for the Arts and other visitor services

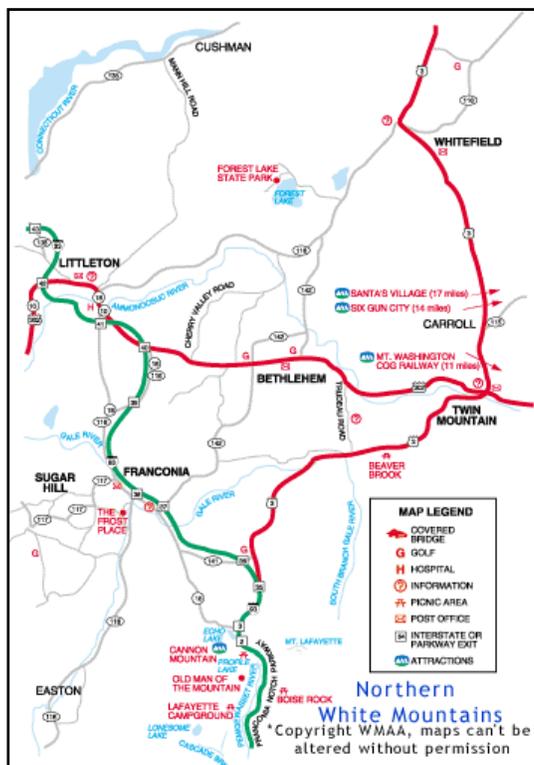


North Woodstock is a small community just a mile west of Lincoln and is only a short drive from Lost River. Lost River is a fun family natural attraction that allows you to explore the river as it winds its way in and out of caves and hidden passageways.

The Indian Head Resort on Rt 3 is a 4-season resort facing the famous Indian Head profile on Mt. Pemigewasset. There is a tower that can be climbed for better views.

One of the areas most famous attractions is Loon Mountain. While Loon Mountain is known throughout the region as one of New Hampshire's finest ski resorts a trip here during the summer season is an event you won't want to miss. Loon Mountain hosts a variety of family events throughout the summer and fall months. One of the highlights is a Gondola Skyride to the summit. From the top you will experience the grandeur of the region with views that are sure to impress the entire family. Other family activities at Loon Mountain include a Wildlife Theatre, In-Line Skate Park, Biking, Equestrian Center, Pony Rides and a variety of exciting events. Restaurants and a gift shop are also available.

# Northern White Mountains



## Franconia

Nestled in the forests and granite peaks of the White Mountains, the Franconia area is the very essence of New Hampshire. The state's official symbol, The Old Man of the Mountain, keeps watch over Profile Lake as streams of visitors take in the awesome vistas and majestic beauty of this land. Its natural beauty has continued to inspire the words of poets, including Robert Frost whose home in Franconia is now a museum. In the warmer months the splendid terrain beckons to hikers, bikers and campers, and visitors of all ages can enjoy the many natural attractions within Franconia Notch State Park. With winter's snows a new wave of enthusiasts arrive to ski miles of cross country trails or to meet the challenge of Cannon Mountain where the nation's first aerial tramway was constructed in 1938 and which hosted the nation's first racing trail and World Cup Race.

## Sugar Hill

Set high on a ridge with spectacular views of two mountain ranges, Sugar Hill is one of the states prettiest villages. Scenic drives abound and tucked in the hills and valleys of these lovely

towns are wonderful country inns, bed and breakfasts, fine dining and unique shops as well as numerous outdoor activities such as hiking, canoeing, and biking.

## Bethlehem

Bethlehem is the highest in elevation of any incorporated community east of the Rocky Mountains and offers some of the finest winter activities around. This quaint community is famous for its country inns, antiques and many one-of-a-kind shops that line Main Street. This scenic resort town is situated beyond Crawford Notch State Park and is easily accessible off I-93 or travel Rt. 16 to Rt. 302.

## Twin Mountain

This crossroads village is located at the junction of two important mountain routes, Rts. 3 & 302. Twin Mountain is the commercial center for the area and caters to hikers and skiers, who revel in the natural wonders of the White Mountain region. From here you are only minutes to the famous Bretton Woods Resort and the Mount Washington Hotel. Bretton Woods is a great family ski area and has many new trails to experience.



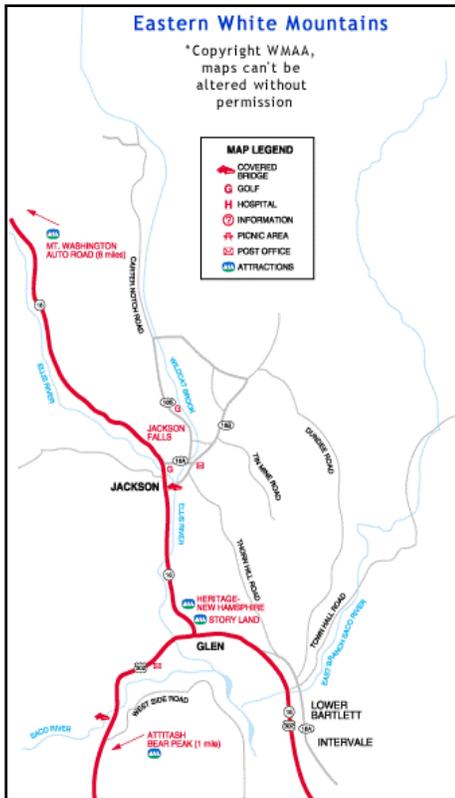
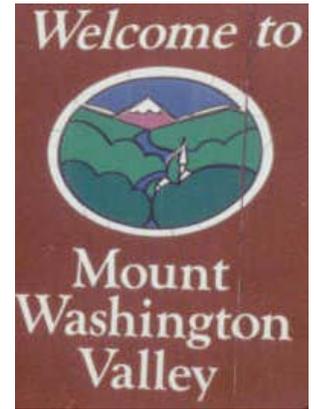
## Littleton

As you leave the White Mountain National Forest behind you on Rt. 302 or I-93, you will arrive in the scenic Connecticut River Valley. Situated on the banks of the river that separates New Hampshire and Vermont is the town of Littleton.

This unspoiled New England village is the shopping center for the region and offers all present-day amenities. Littleton retains a feeling of stepping back in time with its turn-of-the-century architecture, stately mansions and inns, some of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

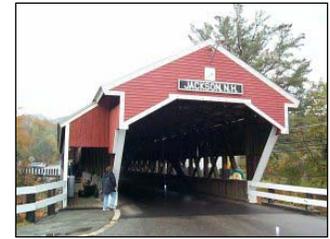
# Mt. Washington Valley Towns

North Conway and the surrounding areas of Conway, Intervale, Glen, Bartlett and Jackson are nestled in the eastern slope region of Mt Washington, New England's highest peak (6288'), and we are collectively called the Mt Washington Valley. The area has been a renowned summer resort since the 1700's and a winter resort as well since the early 1930's. Mt. Washington Valley has some of the finest attractions, lodging and restaurants in New Hampshire, as well as outdoor recreation of all descriptions, tax free outlet shopping and some of the most beautiful scenery you've ever seen anywhere.



## Jackson

You enter this postcard-perfect village through a covered bridge whose rushing river flows past white-steeped churches, gracious inns, and grand Victorian hotels. Jackson caters to its guests but in a simple and relaxing way while retaining its historic ambiance and pristine beauty. It is a well-known center for cross-country skiing, and is ranked by a national magazine as one of the top areas in the world. For summer visitors, golf and tennis are available right in the heart of the town, and the surrounding mountains beckon to hikers and sightseers in every season. A wonderful way to take in the sights of Jackson, while enjoying the fresh New Hampshire air and getting some exercise, is to walk around the one mile "Village Loop" on Main Street / Rt. 16 A and Rt.16



## Glen

Located at the junctions of Rts. 16 & 302, this scenic village offers several restaurants, speciality shops and a variety of visitor services for all of your vacation needs. Glen is conveniently located next to major alpine and cross-country ski areas, which offer trails for all abilities. A trip here during the warmer months is a must, because Glen is home to Story Land and Heritage New Hampshire. These two theme parks are sure to delight the entire family. Story Land offers rides and activities for all ages, while Heritage New Hampshire offers an interesting look into New Hampshire's past.

## Bartlett

Set along the banks of the scenic Saco River, Bartlett offers small town hospitality with all the amenities and fun in the great outdoors. Attitash bear peak, the well known winter ski area located in Bartlett, also offers some of the best trails in the state for mountain biking, dramatic panoramic views of Mount, and a variety of summer activities including a waterslide, alpine slide, a golf driving range, and more. There are numerous natural swimming areas in the clean and gentle flowing Saco river, Ask a local for location and directions. Connections to the Kancamagus highway can be made using Bear Notch Road, except during winter, when Bear Notch Rd is closed.

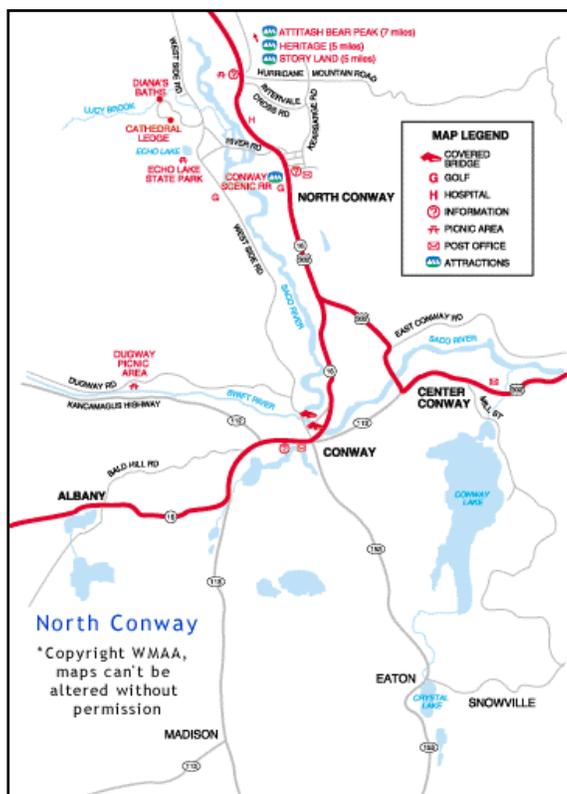


## Conway and North Conway

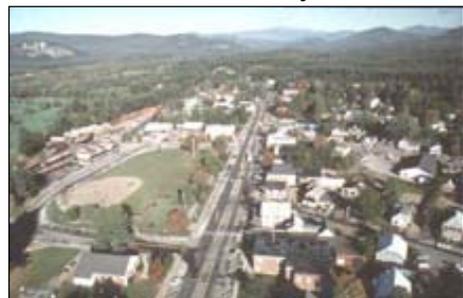
These scenic villages are the gateway to the many attractions of the Mount Washington Valley area. Since the village of Conway was on the major route through the mountains it had five inns and was the hotel center of the region as early as the 1820s. Fifty years later railroads had reached the area and summer tourists could travel by train to luxurious hotels in the mountains.

The golden age of the White Mountains had begun and with New England's discovery of skiing by the early part of the 1900s a whole new season for tourists began.

Today North Conway is the region's liveliest



resort town with the major concentration of inns, motels and restaurants. It has become a major shopping destination as well with scores of factory outlet stores and a quaint Main Street lined with one-of-a-kind shops of every description. Since New Hampshire has no sales tax many visitors plan their trip to the area to include at least one day of shopping. The summer season is filled with a wide array of activities ranging from arts, crafts and food fairs,



summer theater productions, a jazz festival in Conway, and concerts in the park and a hilarious mud-bowl football game in North Conway. Check the calendar section for complete listings of special events throughout the summer. Special train rides aboard the Conway Scenic Railroad provides an unusually pleasant way to view the splendor of

this magnificent mountain region. Just south of Schouler Park and the Conway Scenic Railroad on Main Street are some more of the unique shops in North Conway. Specialties, and more. Take in a movie, visit a local nightclub for live entertainment, attend one of the many après-ski parties or enjoy a stroll along Main Street. Conway is home to two of the most photographed covered bridges in New England. The Saco river covered bridge, is located just north of Conway village, and is open to cars and pedestrian traffic. The Swift river covered bridge, located just off of west side road, is open to pedestrian traffic only, and houses a picnic area. North Conway is also home to Cranmore Mountain, a 4 season resort within walking distance and view of downtown.



## Mt. Washington Valley Scenic Areas

### ECHO LAKE STATE PARK

Off River Road, 2 miles west of Route 16 in North Conway. A swimming beach with picnic tables and bath house plus dramatic views across the lake to White Horse Ledge.



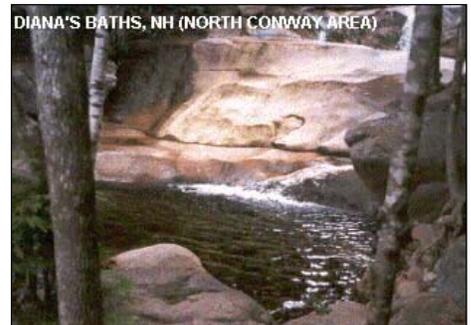
### CATHEDRAL LEDGE

Drive the mile-long road to the top of Cathedral Ledge State Park for broad views across the valley of the Saco. Rock climbers ascend these steep ledges, and they can be seen from the road as they pick their way along the cracks and crevasses. Rare peregrine falcons nest on the ledges and sometimes can be seen soaring on the updrafts. Located off of West Side Road.



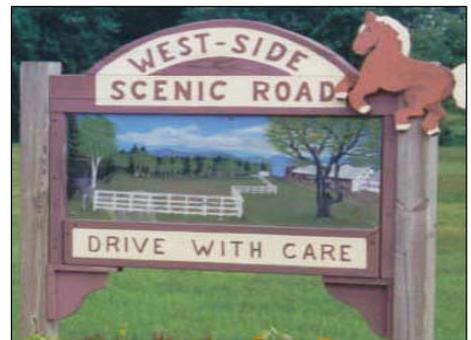
### DIANA'S BATH

River Road, 2.2 miles west of North Conway. Watch for a dirt road on the left and park beside the road. A short walk to the stream. No swimming since this is a public water supply. Lucy Brook has eroded and sculpted the rocks in this beautiful place.



### WEST SIDE ROAD

West Side Road, running north from the Conway Village traffic lights to River Road in North Conway, is not only a scenic road that passes two covered bridges, working farms, and mountain views, it is also the best and only way to avoid much of the Route 16 traffic snarl between Conway and North Conway. About a mile north of Conway, Still Road turns left, eventually joins Dugway Road in the White Mountain National Forest, and connects with the Kancamagus Scenic Byway at Blackberry Crossing. At the intersection with River Road, turn west past Echo Lake State Park, Cathedral Ledge, Diana's Baths, and Humphrey's Ledge, and travel along the Saco River to join Route 302 west of Glen.



### SACO RIVER CANOEING

The Saco is a popular canoeing river. Many people like to put in where River Road (turn west at the traffic lights at the north edge of North Conway Village) crosses the river, then paddle about 8 miles downstream to the Conway Village covered bridge. In the summer the river is wide and slow, except for light rapids between the Swift River covered bridge and the Conway (second) covered bridge. Take out after the second bridge at Davis Park. There are many outfitters that arrange trips and provide transportation upstream.

