

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.



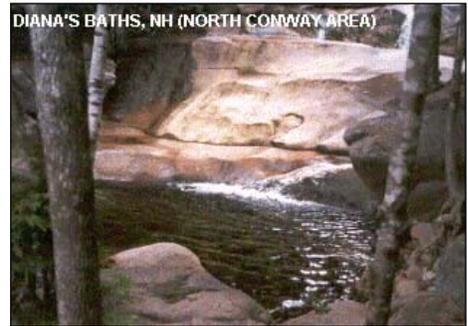
CATHEDRAL LEDGE

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.

