

Views of the Valley - 5 Best Hikes of the Week



Short and Sweet

Lily Pond

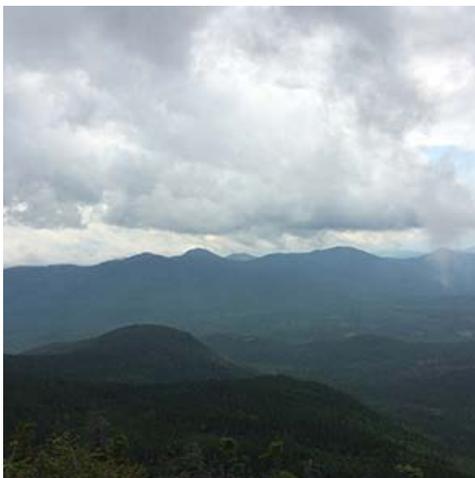
19.3 miles west of the Saco Ranger Station on the Kancamagus Scenic Byway is an unassuming gravel pull-off on the side of the road. From here, there is a very short walk to Lily Pond where, if you don't see a moose, the reflection of mountains on the pond surface can be just as stunning! Bring your camera! This pull-off is also the home of the start of both the Nanamocomuck Ski Trail and the Livermore Trail.



4,000 Footer

Mount Madison

Mount Madison is the northernmost mountain of the famous Presidential Range. Be sure to check the Mount Washington Observatory's higher summits forecast before starting the excursion to this 5,367-foot peak. From the Great Gulf parking area on Route 16 North of Pinkham Notch, 5 miles (one-way) on the Great Gulf and Osgood Trails yield the summit of Mount Madison. View of Mount Madison and Madison Spring Hut.



Off The Beaten Path

Mount Height

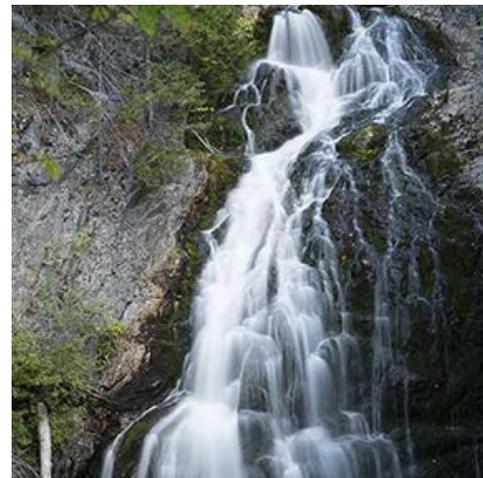
Mount Height is a peak that is arguably, by definition, ON the beaten path, as the Appalachian Trail passes directly over its summit. However, the mountain is just next to Carter Dome, which sits on the acclaimed 4,000 Footer list while Mt. Height does not. For this slight detail, the mountain just adjacent gets considerably less traffic than its neighbor and is OFF the beaten path for most hikers who are not making the 2,181 mile journey from Georgia to Maine. From the AMC Pinkham Notch Visitor Center it is 4.4 miles (one-way) on the 19 Mile Brook, Carter Dome, and spur trails to the summit of Mount Height. View over the Wild River Wilderness from Mount Height.



Kid Friendly

Otter Rocks

On the other side of the Kancamagus Scenic Byway, as you approach the town of Lincoln, is this obvious day-use area called Otter Rocks. This is a destination best combined with a nice drive on 'The Kanc' and some other activities, perhaps for a picnic and a splash on a hot day! Bring your bathing suit!



Waterfalls

Crystal Cascade

Did you know that there is a waterfall on the side of Mount Washington?? Well now you do! For much less effort than summiting the famous mountain you can reach the stunning falls of crystal cascade. Just a short hike up the Tuckerman Ravine Trail from the AMC Pinkham Notch Visitor Center is the marvel of Crystal Cascades off the right side of the trail. Remember your camera!

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White Mountain National Forest:

www.fs.usda.gov/whitemountain

NH State Parks:

www.nhstateparks.org

Leave No Trace:

Int.org

Hike Safe:

www.hikesafe.com

MWOBS Higher Summit Forecast

www.mountwashington.org



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