

# Views of the Valley - 5 Best Hikes of the Week



## 4,000 Footer of the Week

### Mount Eisenhower

This 4,780' tall member of the Southern Presidential Range, Mount Eisenhower is a beautiful mountain that falls between Mount Pierce and Mount Franklin in the Presidential lineup. It is most easily accessed via the Edmands Path off Mt Clinton Rd (turn on near the AMC Highland Center in Crawford Notch) which carries you up more than 2,700 feet of vertical gain in 3.3 miles (one-way) to the summit of Mount Eisenhower. The views from Mount Eisenhower are some of the best in the Southern Presidentials, and well worth the climb!

*Photo: View north from Mount Eisenhower.*



## Off the Beaten Path

### Glen Boulder

Off the heavily trodden paths of "The Rockpile", on one of Mount Washington's lesser-traveled flanks is the massive glacial erratic we know as Glen Boulder. You can see this boulder up on the ridgeline as you drive north into Pinkham Notch, where you will park to take the Direttissima to the (very steep) Glen Boulder Trail 2.6 miles (one way) to this geological phenomenon. Be sure to bring your camera!



## Short and Sweet

### Sawyer Pond

A tranquil spot underneath Mount Tremont. To reach the trailhead, turn onto Sawyer River Road from Rte 302 just north of Sawyer Rock picnic area and follow it to the end. The trail is a 1.5 mile stroll to the Pond (one-way), a lovely spot for an afternoon wilderness picnic!

*Photo: Sawyer Pond from Mount Tremont.*



## Waterfalls

### Franconia Falls

Franconia Falls are a beautiful set of various different falls with really fun rocks to climb on all around them! To access them, walk 3 miles (one way) along flat ground next to the East Branch of the Pemigewasset River to the Falls Trail and the falls themselves. Park at Lincoln Woods on the Kancamagus Highway for this hike. (It is a little bit of a drive, but a beautiful drive with great picnic spots and scenic outlooks there and back!)



## Kid Friendly

### Mount Hedgehog

This 5.0 mile loop hike is on the UNH trail accessed from the parking lot near Passaconaway Campground on the Kancamagus Highway. With beautiful ledges and views of Mount Passaconaway, this hike is sure to satisfy. At 5 miles round trip and only 1,300' of vertical gain, this is a perfect hike for younger kids who already have some hiking experience under their belts.

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### Helpful Resources

#### **White Mountain National Forest:**

[www.fs.usda.gov/whitemountain](http://www.fs.usda.gov/whitemountain)

#### **NH State Parks:**

[www.nhstateparks.org](http://www.nhstateparks.org)

#### **Leave No Trace:**

[lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org)

#### **Hike Safe:**

[www.hikesafe.com](http://www.hikesafe.com)

#### **MWOBS Higher Summit Forecast**

[www.mountwashington.org](http://www.mountwashington.org)



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