

Views of the Valley - 5 Best Hikes of the Week



Short and Sweet

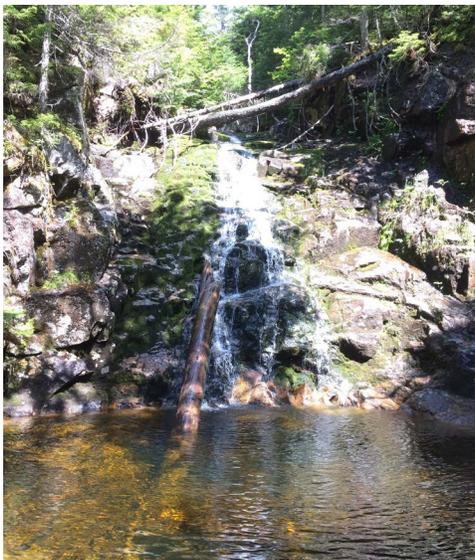
Bugle Cliff

Just a short walk down the Jackson-Webster Trail from the AMC Highland Center in Crawford Notch is Bugle Cliff. This rocky ledge offers great views of Crawford Notch and Saco Lake (the headwaters of the Saco River!) and the effort:reward ratio makes this a great option for smaller kids not quite ready for some of the region's larger mountains. Enjoy! *View from Bugle Cliff.*



4,000 Footer

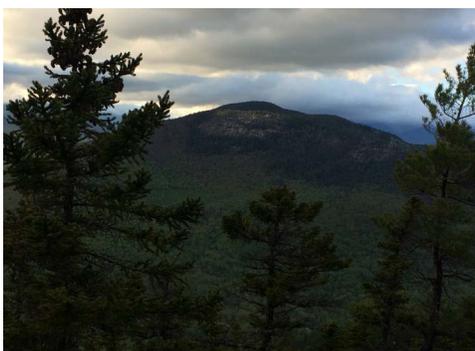
Mount Jackson, contrary to popular belief, is not named after President Andrew Jackson, even though it is adjacent to Mount Pierce and the rest of the Presidential Range. It is named after the NH state geologist in the 19th century, Charles Thomas Jackson. In any case, it is no less stunning of a mountain, even if not technically a 'presidential'! Access Mount Jackson from the Jackson-Webster trail in Crawford Notch, and add Mount Webster for a beautiful loop hike!



Waterfalls

Upper Falls of Silver Cascade

Silver Cascade can be seen from the roadside as you drive up Crawford Notch on Route 302, but for the upper falls, a little bit of a hike is necessary (but well worth it!). From the Highland Center in Crawford Notch, follow the Jackson-Webster trail to the split. The Jackson Trail goes left, but take the Webster trail to the right and just a couple hundred feet down the trail you will find the gorgeous, mossy upper falls of Silver Cascade. It is about 1.5 miles to the falls (one-way).



Off the Beaten Path

Mount Pickering is an 'off the beaten path' hike that lie not far from the 'beaten road'. It is accessed by a 2.1 mile trail (one-way) over the summit of Mount Stanton. Take Covered Bridge Lane from Route 302 in Bartlett to the trailhead. Please be considerate with the roadside parking for this trail and enjoy the views! *Iron Mountain as seen from Mount Pickering.*



Kid Friendly

Lovequist Loop is a one mile loop around Falls Pond just behind the Rocky Gorge Scenic Area on the Kancamagus Scenic Byway. A stroll around the pond is great for the younger kids and is easily coupled with amazing pictures at Rocky Gorge, a picnic, and a scenic drive along the byway itself!

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Helpful Resources

White Mountain National Forest:

www.fs.usda.gov/whitemountain

NH State Parks:

www.nhstateparks.org

Leave No Trace:

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

Hike Safe:

www.hikesafe.com

MWOBS Higher Summit Forecast

www.mountwashington.org



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