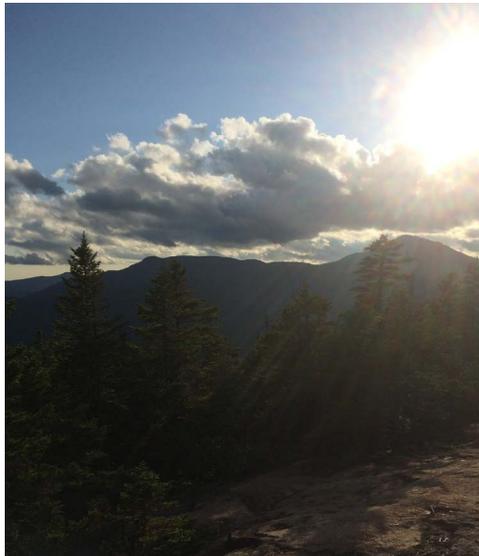
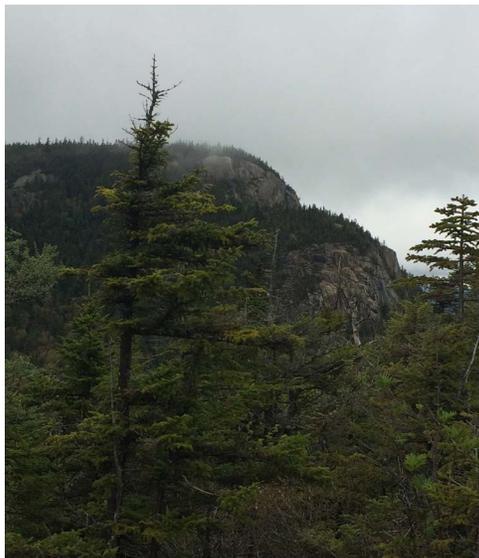


# Views of the Valley - 5 Best Hikes of the Week



## 4,000 Footer of the Week

**Whiteface**  
Mount Whiteface is so named for the eponymous giant white cliff on the southern side of the mountain, which provides stunning views out over the Lakes Region and the Ossipee Mountains, as well as out to Mount Chocorua and Mt Paugus. To reach Mount Whiteface, take the Blueberry Ledge Trail 3.4 miles (one-way) from Ferncroft road in Wonalancet (off of Route 113A).



## Off the Beaten Path

Stairs Mountain is likely named for the stairs-like appearance of the cliffs to be found on its eastern side (pictured from Mount Resolution). The summit is via a 4.6 mile hike (one way) via the Rocky Branch Trail and the Stairs Col Trail, which is accessed from the end of Jericho Road in Glen. This adventure is perfect for hikers looking to get away from the crowds!



## Waterfalls

**Glen Ellis Falls**  
It's hard to say that the tenth of mile to the first lookout to the 60' tall Glen Ellis Falls isn't worth the effort! These falls, located off NH Route 16 just South of the Pinkham Notch Visitor Center, are a truly wonderful outdoor experience. For those looking to diversify their viewpoint or to get different angle shots from their camera, old stone steps constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps more than 60 years ago take you down the side of the falls to more viewpoints below!



## Kid Friendly

**Mountain Pond**  
The 2 mile, mostly flat loop around Mountain Pond is a truly fantastic venture into the natural landscape of the Mount Washington Valley. The pond is shadowed by the Doublehead Mountains in Jackson and is a frequent site for owl, loon, and other wildlife sightings! To arrive, drive all the way down Town Hall Road off of Route 16A until reaching the trailhead on the right hand side. Note: if the gate is closed, this adds a couple miles each way along a nice dirt road on the river (a nice nature stroll all on its own!)



## Short and Sweet

Church Ponds is a nice stroll 2.2 miles (round trip) into the woods from the Passaconaway campground on the Kancamagus Highway. It is perfect for those looking for a nice mellow adventure or are short on time!

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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:**

[Int.org](http://Int.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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