



Views of the Valley - Suggested Hikes Week 12

Welcome to Views of the Valley, your number-one weekly hiking suggestion list for your stay in picturesque Mt. Washington Valley. Of course, getting into the mountains is one of the best ways to soak in the beauty of our area. Every week we highlight one waterfall hike, a hike with a view, and a nice gentle hike for new hikers or groups with small children. We also will give you one safety reminder or 'hiker hack' tip for when you're out in the woods.

Waterfall of the Week Thompson Falls



The cascade at Thompson Falls crashes over an overhanging rock ledge that looks like a gigantic clam thirty feet wide! Below the falls, the waters churn slowly around in an inviting, although very chilly, swimming pool. To access the falls, park at Wildcat Mountain & take the Way of the Wildcat Trail to Thompson Falls Trail. The trailhead is right across the bridge to the left of the Wildcat Base Lodge.

View Hunting Mount Resolution



4.2 miles (one-way) on the Davis Path (off Route 302) and a spur trail bring you to the wide impressive summit of Mount Resolution. This is a relatively strenuous hike for its distance, but one that is a little off the beaten path and sure to impress. With just a 0.3 mile spur you can tack Mount Crawford onto this hike as well!

As seen from Mount Jackson.

Mellow Wilderness Stroll Mountain Pond



The mostly flat, 2-mile loop around Mountain Pond is a truly fantastic venture into the natural landscape of Mount Washington Valley. The pond is shadowed by the Doublehead Mountains in Jackson and is a frequent site for owl, loon, and other wildlife. Drive, 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!)

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Start Early!

There's a reason people make a big deal about a nice 'alpine start'. Besides beating the traffic to the trailhead, it gives you plenty of time to rest, eat lunch, enjoy nature and your company, and still get back to town in time for dinner and a drink! It also leaves you much less apt to get stuck on the trail in the dark!

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