



North Conway, New Hampshire

White Mountain Adventure & Village Charm

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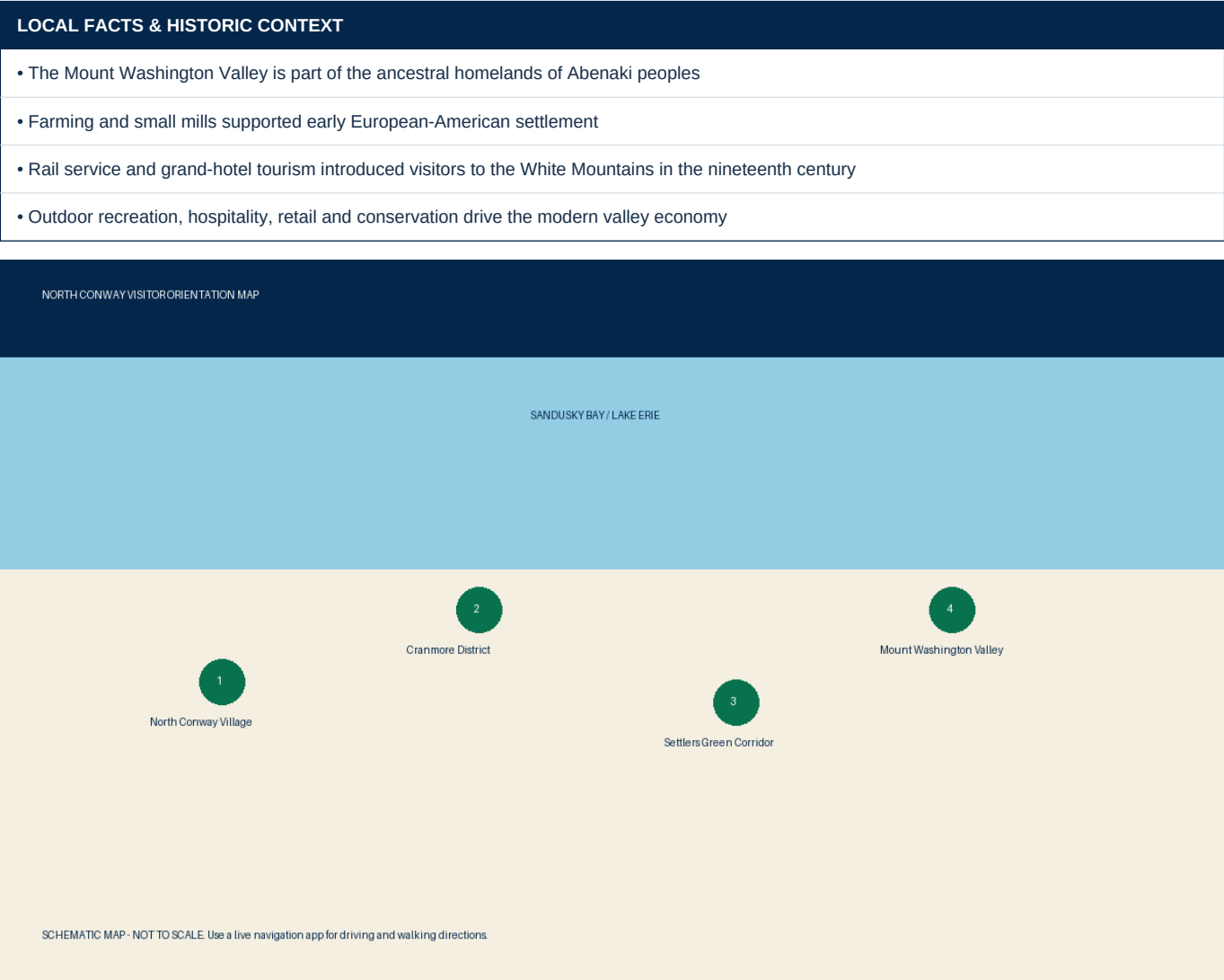
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Welcome to North Conway

North Conway is the best-known village base in New Hampshire's White Mountains, combining mountain scenery, skiing, hiking, outlet shopping and family attractions. The historic village, scenic railway and surrounding resort corridor make it useful in every season, with cozy inns, taverns and music adding evening character. This guide is designed for travelers who want context as well as recommendations: how the city developed, which districts fit different travel styles, how to group sights efficiently, and where evenings feel most active. The practical strategy is to choose one primary district for lodging, reserve the few experiences that matter most, and leave room for discoveries. In North Conway, the most useful visitor zones are North Conway Village, Cranmore District, Settlers Green Corridor, Mount Washington Valley. Each offers a different pace, so the best trip does not require seeing everything; it requires matching the itinerary to the traveler.

At a glance



This orientation diagram identifies visitor districts and relative relationships; it is not a navigation map.

How the city became what it is

The city's modern personality makes more sense when its transportation, geography and migration stories are considered together. The Mount Washington Valley is part of the ancestral homelands of Abenaki peoples. Farming and small mills supported early European-American settlement. Rail service and grand-hotel tourism introduced visitors to the White Mountains in the nineteenth century. Outdoor recreation, hospitality, retail and conservation drive the modern valley economy. These layers remain visible in architecture, street patterns, museums, markets and local traditions. Visitors should treat historic districts as living neighborhoods rather than stage sets: look upward at facades, notice old industrial buildings in new uses, and support independent businesses that sustain the character travelers came to experience.

Visitor districts

1. North Conway Village

North Conway Village is a useful itinerary zone for historic station, shops, cafes and galleries. Plan several nearby stops together, then move to another district only when the change supports a clear priority. This cluster-based approach saves time, reduces parking friction and creates room for spontaneous discoveries.

2. Cranmore District

Cranmore District is a useful itinerary zone for skiing, summer attractions and trail access. Plan several nearby stops together, then move to another district only when the change supports a clear priority. This cluster-based approach saves time, reduces parking friction and creates room for spontaneous discoveries.

3. Settlers Green Corridor

Settlers Green Corridor is a useful itinerary zone for outlet shopping, hotels and restaurants. Plan several nearby stops together, then move to another district only when the change supports a clear priority. This cluster-based approach saves time, reduces parking friction and creates room for spontaneous discoveries.

4. Mount Washington Valley

Mount Washington Valley is a useful itinerary zone for scenic drives, trailheads and neighboring villages. Plan several nearby stops together, then move to another district only when the change supports a clear priority. This cluster-based approach saves time, reduces parking friction and creates room for spontaneous discoveries.

Top attractions

Use this list as a planning menu rather than a race. Confirm hours, timed-entry requirements, accessibility and special-event closures on official websites.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES
• Conway Scenic Railroad
• Cranmore Mountain Resort
• Kancamagus Highway
• Diana's Baths
• Mount Washington Auto Road
• Echo Lake State Park
• Settlers Green
• Mount Washington Observatory Weather Discovery Center

Conway Scenic Railroad

Conway Scenic Railroad can serve as one of the day's anchor experiences. Check the official calendar before travel, decide how much time the group realistically wants to spend, and pair it with dining or sightseeing in the same part of North Conway. Advance reservations are worthwhile when the experience is central to the trip.

Cranmore Mountain Resort

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Kancamagus Highway

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Diana's Baths

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Mount Washington Auto Road

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Echo Lake State Park

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Settlers Green

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Where to stay

Where you sleep shapes the trip. North Conway Village is usually the simplest choice for a first visit because it offers historic station, shops, cafes and galleries. Cranmore District works well for travelers prioritizing skiing, summer attractions and trail access. Settlers Green Corridor appeals to visitors seeking outlet shopping, hotels and restaurants, while Mount Washington Valley is strongest for scenic drives, trailheads and neighboring villages. Compare parking, breakfast, resort or destination fees, cancellation rules and late-night noise—not only the advertised room rate. Families may value a pool, connecting rooms and easy breakfast more than a fashionable lobby; couples may prefer walkability and a quieter room; groups should ask about room blocks and motorcoach or multi-car logistics before committing.

HOTEL SHORTLIST
• Eastern Slope Inn Resort - historic village property
• White Mountain Hotel & Resort - mountain-view retreat
• Adventure Suites - imaginative themed accommodations
• Residence Inn North Conway - family-friendly suites
• North Conway Grand Hotel - shopping-corridor convenience

Eastern Slope Inn Resort

Historic village property. Compare the room type, total price, parking and cancellation terms for your exact dates. Ask about construction, event noise, breakfast and connecting-room availability when those details could affect the North Conway stay.

White Mountain Hotel & Resort

Mountain-view retreat. Compare the room type, total price, parking and cancellation terms for your exact dates. Ask about construction, event noise, breakfast and connecting-room availability when those details could affect the North Conway stay.

Adventure Suites

Imaginative themed accommodations. Compare the room type, total price, parking and cancellation terms for your exact dates. Ask about construction, event noise, breakfast and connecting-room availability when those details could affect the North Conway stay.

Residence Inn North Conway

Family-friendly suites. Compare the room type, total price, parking and cancellation terms for your exact dates. Ask about construction, event noise, breakfast and connecting-room availability when those details could affect the North Conway stay.

North Conway Grand Hotel

Shopping-corridor convenience. Compare the room type, total price, parking and cancellation terms for your exact dates. Ask about construction, event noise, breakfast and connecting-room availability when those details could affect the North Conway stay.

Restaurants and local flavor

Dining is part of the destination, not simply a break between attractions. Build variety into the schedule: one signature reservation, one market or food-hall meal, one neighborhood favorite and one flexible choice near an attraction. In North Conway, local identity appears through long-running institutions as well as new kitchens. Verify days of operation and reservation policies directly, especially on Sundays, Mondays, holidays and event weekends. Travelers with allergies should speak with the restaurant rather than relying only on an online menu. A sensible evening pairs dinner and nightlife in the same district, reducing parking changes and allowing the group to walk or rideshare responsibly.

DINING SHORTLIST
• Chef's Bistro - contemporary village dining
• May Kelly's Cottage - Irish-inspired comfort food
• Moat Mountain Smoke House & Brewing - beer and barbecue
• Delaney's Hole in the Wall - casual local institution
• Table + Tonic Farm Cafe - fresh breakfast and lunch
• Horsefeathers - longstanding village restaurant

Chef's Bistro

Contemporary village dining. Menus, chefs, hours and reservation systems may change, so use this as a starting point and verify directly. Build extra time around weekend dinner and communicate dietary needs before arrival.

May Kelly's Cottage

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Moat Mountain Smoke House & Brewing

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Delaney's Hole in the Wall

Casual local institution. Menus, chefs, hours and reservation systems may change, so use this as a starting point and verify directly. Build extra time around weekend dinner and communicate dietary needs before arrival.

Table + Tonic Farm Cafe

Fresh breakfast and lunch. Menus, chefs, hours and reservation systems may change, so use this as a starting point and verify directly. Build extra time around weekend dinner and communicate dietary needs before arrival.

Horsefeathers

Longstanding village restaurant. Menus, chefs, hours and reservation systems may change, so use this as a starting point and verify directly. Build extra time around weekend dinner and communicate dietary needs before arrival.

Nightlife, bars, clubs and live music

North Conway offers evenings ranging from breweries and cocktail lounges to live music, sports, theater and dance venues. The right recommendation depends on age, music taste, desired dress level, mobility and tolerance for crowds. Check age restrictions, cover charges, bag policies, ticket requirements, dress codes and last-entry rules before leaving the hotel. Weekend entertainment may require advance tickets, while early evening is usually calmer. Groups should agree on a meeting point and transportation plan; never assume everyone will have reliable cell service in a crowded venue. Choose a designated driver or use a reputable transportation service, and avoid walking unfamiliar routes late at night merely because two places appear close on a map.

EVENING SHORTLIST
• M&D; Playhouse - regional theater productions
• Tuckerman Brewing Company - taproom events nearby
• Moat Mountain Brewing - relaxed beer hall evenings
• Deacon Street - cocktails and whiskey-focused bar
• Stone Mountain Arts Center - concerts in nearby Brownfield
• Red Parka Steakhouse & Pub - live entertainment in Glen

M&D; Playhouse

Regional theater productions. Review the current event listing and entry rules for the travel date. For a smoother night, keep dinner and entertainment in one district and arrange transportation before the venue becomes busy.

Tuckerman Brewing Company

Taproom events nearby. Review the current event listing and entry rules for the travel date. For a smoother night, keep dinner and entertainment in one district and arrange transportation before the venue becomes busy.

Moat Mountain Brewing

Relaxed beer hall evenings. Review the current event listing and entry rules for the travel date. For a smoother night, keep dinner and entertainment in one district and arrange transportation before the venue becomes busy.

Deacon Street

Cocktails and whiskey-focused bar. Review the current event listing and entry rules for the travel date. For a smoother night, keep dinner and entertainment in one district and arrange transportation before the venue becomes busy.

Stone Mountain Arts Center

Concerts in nearby brownfield. Review the current event listing and entry rules for the travel date. For a smoother night, keep dinner and entertainment in one district and arrange transportation before the venue becomes busy.

Red Parka Steakhouse & Pub

Live entertainment in glen. Review the current event listing and entry rules for the travel date. For a smoother night, keep dinner and entertainment in one district and arrange transportation before the venue becomes busy.

Three-day suggested itinerary

Day 1 - Orientation and signature sights

Begin in North Conway Village with a walk that establishes the city's geography. Choose one major attraction from the shortlist, allow an unhurried lunch, then continue with a riverfront, lakefront or downtown experience. Return to the hotel before dinner if the evening includes a ticketed show or club.

Day 2 - Neighborhood character

Explore Cranmore District and Settlers Green Corridor. Visit a market, museum or historic district in the morning, schedule a relaxed lunch, and leave time for independent shops or public art. Make the evening reservation in the same district whenever possible.

Day 3 - Flexible finale

Use the final day for Mount Washington Valley, a family attraction, a regional side trip or any priority missed earlier. Keep departure logistics in mind and avoid a nonrefundable last-hour activity. End with one locally distinctive meal rather than another long checklist.

Getting around, weather and timing

Portland, Maine, and Manchester airports are each roughly ninety minutes away. A car is essential. Mountain weather changes rapidly; winter tires, road conditions and trail preparation matter. Fall foliage and holiday periods book early. Confirm attraction operations, especially seasonal rail and mountain services. Photo: SayCheeeeeese/Wikimedia Commons, cropped for layout. Weather can change quickly in New Hampshire, especially around exposed waterfronts, plains and mountain areas. Pack layers, comfortable walking shoes and a compact rain option. Reserve high-priority attractions first, then place meals and secondary sights around them. Event calendars can transform hotel rates and traffic, so check professional sports, festivals, conventions and concerts for the exact dates. Keep confirmation numbers accessible offline, allow buffer time for parking, and avoid scheduling every hour. A well-paced North Conway trip normally feels richer with two or three anchor experiences per day than with a checklist of rushed stops.

Families and multigenerational groups

Families visiting North Conway should alternate high-stimulation attractions with parks, meals and rest. Confirm height rules, stroller policies, sensory accommodations and re-entry procedures before visiting large venues. Choose lodging that shortens the most demanding travel day. For multigenerational groups, discuss walking tolerance and seating needs before tickets are purchased. A flexible afternoon can protect the entire trip when weather, fatigue or enthusiasm changes the plan. Keep snacks, water and a simple indoor backup available, and assign one adult to hold confirmations while another manages the group.

Accessibility planning

Accessibility varies among historic buildings, entertainment venues, sidewalks and transit. Contact each essential property directly to confirm step-free entrances, elevator access, accessible rooms, roll-in shower configuration, parking and seating. Ask specific questions instead of relying on a generic accessibility symbol. Travelers using mobility devices should allow extra time at crowded attractions and identify restrooms and rest points in advance. KalviTravel can help organize these questions before booking, but final needs should also be confirmed with the operating provider.

Budget and value strategy

The largest North Conway expenses are normally lodging, major attractions, parking and evening dining. Save strategically rather than cutting every category: stay close enough to reduce repeated transportation costs, compare attraction bundles only when the included sights match the real itinerary, and use markets or casual lunches to balance a special dinner. Hotel prices are dynamic, and taxes or fees may not appear in the first search result. Calculate the full trip total—including parking, tips, admissions and transportation—before deciding which option offers the best value.

Travel thoughtfully

Travel respectfully by following venue rules, using marked crossings, limiting noise near residences and leaving public spaces clean. Local districts thrive when visitors spread spending among independent shops, guides, restaurants and cultural organizations. Photograph people only with consideration, and never enter private property for a better view. Learn the story behind a neighborhood rather than reducing it to a backdrop. This approach produces a more meaningful visit and helps preserve the places that make North Conway worth recommending.

Before you book

Prices, schedules, operating seasons, admission rules and businesses can change. Verify every time-sensitive detail with the provider. Travel protection may help with certain covered events; review the plan documents, exclusions and deadlines carefully.

Why plan with KalviTravel?

A search result can show a room or ticket; personalized planning connects the pieces. KalviTravel helps compare options, organize the traveler's priorities and build a North Conway trip around the people taking it—not a generic checklist. Call 508-769-3808 or email KalviTravel@outlook.com to begin.

Research starting points

Official city and destination tourism websites; official attraction, hotel, restaurant and venue websites; National Park Service resources where applicable; Ohio History Connection; local transit and airport websites. Guide prepared August 2026. Recommendations are editorial starting points, not guarantees or paid endorsements.

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