



White Mountain National Forest Five Hikes Near Evans Notch



The Roost Loop

1.8 Miles (Round Trip)
Medium Difficulty
Average Time: 1 hour

Leave the east side of Route 113 at the Evans Brook Bridge, north of Hastings Campground. Follow the trail up moderate to steep grades about 0.5 miles to an open ridge called the Roost. Follow the path down hill for a short distance to open ledges with excellent views of the Wild River Valley and many mountain peaks. From the Roost, continue south along a more gradual grade until the trail reaches Route 113 on the south side of Hastings Campground. Distance back to the starting point is about 0.6 miles along the road.

Basin Trail to Rim Junction

2.3 Miles (One Way)
Medium Difficulty
Average Time: 2 hours

Beginning at the Basin Pond parking area, follow the trail along the south side of the pond for 0.3 miles to an old logging road. Continue on the Basin Trail toward Rim Junction. At 1.0 mile a side trail leads left to Hermit Falls, a picturesque cascade. This side of the loop rejoins the Basin Trail at 1.2 miles. The trail crosses a wide brook and climbs steeply to the top of the cliff overlooking the Basin. At Rim Junction, follow the Basin Rim Trail 0.1 miles north to a short path out to the great views south and east.

East Royce Trail

1.5 Miles (One Way)
Medium Difficulty
Average Time: 1.5 hours

The trailhead is on the west side of Route 113, just north of Evans Notch. The trail crosses Evans Brook, climbs steeply and crosses other small brooks in the first 0.5-mile. The trail reaches the junction of the Royce Connector Trail at 1.0 mile. Stay right on the East Royce Trail, coming to open ledges at 1.1 miles. At 1.4 miles there are southern views, then the trail turns right and climbs to the summit of East Royce Mountain. Continue 0.1 miles to a path turning right (north) to a large ledge with views to the north and west.

Spider Bridge Loop Hike

(Via Wild River-Highwater Trails)
5.5 Miles (Round Trip)
Easy to Medium Difficulty
Average Time: 3.5 hours

Leave Wild River Campground and follow the Wild River Trail to the south following an old railroad grade along the banks of the Wild River to Spider Bridge, (2.7 miles). Cross Wild River on Spider Bridge and turn north (right), on the Highwater Trail which follows the west bank of the river. There are many vistas of Wild River and the mountains to the east along this section of trail. At the Wild River Bridge north of Moriah Brook, cross Wild River again to the east side, turn north (left) back to the campground. The Wild River area has a rich history that

includes the boom of the old logging days and the site of L.L. Bean's hunting camp, where the Maine Hunting Shoe was conceived and tested. Can you imagine the sights and sounds of the bygone era as hike down the old logging railroad bed?

Albany Mountain Trail

2.0 Miles (One Way from Road to Summit)

Medium Difficulty

Average Time: 1.5 hours

From Bethel take Route 5 south past Songo Pond and turn right onto the Patte Brook Road at sign indicating National Forest Camping. Follow signs to Crocker Pond Campground. Travel 0.6

miles on Forest Road 18: the trailhead is on your right.

This trail leads to the summit of Albany Mountain, a series of rocky openings with panoramic views. It's a popular spot for blueberrying in the summer and offers great views of colorful foliage in the fall.

Begin on the Albany Notch Trail, turning left onto the Albany Mountain Trail at 0.6 miles. At 0.9 miles from this junction, a connector trail leaves right, leading back to the Albany Notch Trail. Continue past this junction, ascending the north side of Albany Mountain as the trail begins crossing sections of open ledge and softwoods.

This map is for general information only. We recommend that you bring a trail guide and topographic map with you.

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