



White Mountain National Forest

Accessible Day-use and Overnight Recreational Facilities



This listing provides basic information on the level of accessibility for the Forest's day-use and overnight recreation facilities. Although barriers still exist at some recreation locations, the long-range goal of the Forest Service is to provide access for all.

The 23 campgrounds in the White Mountain National Forest range in size from 7 to 176 campsites, and vary in setting from drive-through sites suitable for large trailers, to tent sites with walk-in access. Most campgrounds offer paved roadways with gravel campsites, vault (non-flush) toilets, handpumps for water, and bear-proof trash dumpsters. A few have converted to flush systems and water spigots for water.

The listing is broken down by the Ranger District in which each site is located. If you would like additional information on any of these sites, please contact the White Mountain Visitor Center at (603) 745-3816.

Androscoggin Ranger District

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Visitor information services and restrooms fully accessible

300 Glen Road, Gorham NH 03581

Barnes Field Group Campground – This campground, located next to Dolly Copp Campground, is for groups and may be used by reservation only. Most camping sites and the vault toilets are accessible. There is a hand pump for water.

Basin Pond Campground – Located next to the Basin Pond Fishing and Picnic Area, this campground offers flush toilets, and water faucets. Interpretive programs are held on some Friday evenings during the summer. A majority of the 21 campsites are accessible, but the toilets, although modified for accessibility, may present some problems to persons who use wheelchairs. Further restroom improvements are planned for 2006.

Basin Pond Fishing & Picnic Area – Located between the Basin Campground and Cold River

Campground north of Fryeburg, ME, on Rt. 113, this site offers opportunities for picnicking, fishing, boating, and hiking in a beautiful mountain setting. There is an accessible fishing platform with a gravel pathway. The nearest restroom is at the Basin Pond Campground.

Cold River Campground – Located next to Basin Pond on Rt. 113. There are accessible vault toilets, water from a handpump, a picnic shelter, and an open grassy area for playing. All 14 campsites are accessible.

Crocker Pond Campground – Situated south of Bethel, ME, off Rt. 5, this secluded campground sits above Crocker Pond. Although there are only 7 sites, all but one are accessible, and each offers a different level of challenge and setting. Along the gravel roadway there is a hand pump for water and accessible vault toilets. Access to the pond is very difficult at this site due to the steep and loose gravel-covered banking. Other nearby locations (Patte Marsh and Broken Bridge Pond) offer varying levels of pond access for fishing and boating.

Dolly Copp Campground – This large campground, the oldest on the Forest, has 176 campsites and is located in Pinkham Notch on Rt. 16, 6 miles south of Gorham. It offers a variety of campsite types and has summer interpretive programs. Facilities include water faucets and flush toilets; however, only the restroom in the Big Fields Loop is wheelchair accessible.

Dolly Copp Picnic Area – Located on Rt. 16, south of Dolly Copp Campground. There are picnic tables, grills, a pavilion, and a water fountain, but the toilets are not wheelchair accessible.

Gilead Picnic Area – This wayside area, located on Highway 2 between Gorham and Bethel, is fully accessible, including picnic tables, water, grills for cooking, and a toilet.

Glen Ellis Falls & Picnic Area – This historic recreation area, constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1930s, is located on Rt. 16 in Pinkham Notch. The terrain and the

historic construction of this site present many barriers for persons with disabilities. The paths to the picnic sites may pose problems for some people, although the area around the tables is flat and compacted. The flush toilet is not wheelchair accessible, and is located up a steep, loose gravel pathway. The walkway to the falls has over 200 fieldstone steps and may be difficult for those with visual and mobility impairments, or health problems such as heart or breathing conditions. Wheelchair access is impossible. There is a water fountain by the parking area.

Hastings Campground – Located 3 miles south of Gilead, ME, on Rt. 113. All 24 campsites at this campground are accessible. There are accessible vault toilets, and handpumps for water.

South Pond Recreation Area – This beautiful recreation area on Rt. 110 in Stark is worth the drive. It has a large picnicking area, a beach for swimming, a toilet and changing facilities, small boat launch area, and a 1/4-mile compacted gravel shoreline trail with great places for fishing (although this trail may be in roughened condition). Due to frost heave, the vault toilets are no longer wheelchair accessible.

Wild River Campground – Located at the end of a 5-mile gravel road that begins south of Rt. 2 on Rt. 113. This remote campground has been upgraded to improved accessibility for wheelchairs. There are currently 11 campsites (1 site with a shelter, 3 with drive-in access), a handpump and spigots for water, and wheelchair-accessible vault toilets.

Pemigewasset Ranger District

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Visitor information services and accessible restrooms

71 White Mountain Drive, Campton, NH 03223

Beaver Brook Wayside Rest Area – This recently reconstructed roadside picnic area is located on Rt. 302, north of Franconia State Park. Most of the picnic sites and the vault toilets are fully accessible. There is a hand pump for water.

Big Rock Campground – Located east of the Lincoln Woods Parking Area on the Kancamagus Highway, this campground presents accessibility problems due to its steep terrain. The vault toilets and several of the 28 campsites are accessible, but the roadway and handpump locations may present

difficulties.

Campton Family Campground – Located on Rt. 49 north of Campton, this wooded campground with towering pines offers flush toilets, water faucets, pay showers, and interpretive programs on Saturday nights in the summer. All of the 58 campsites are easily accessible, as well as one of the three bathhouses which has had its showers and restrooms upgraded. Evening programs are offered June through Labor day, and are by reservation only. Please contact the Gateway Center for a schedule.

Campton Group Campground – Available by reservation only, this group campground on Rt. 49 offers open grassy campsites and accessible vault toilets. The toilet for group areas B and C has a fairly steep path leading to it (up to 15% grade and 45 feet long). Water from faucets is easily obtained.

Crawford Path Parking Area – Offering a good vantage point for panoramic views of the Rosebrook and Dartmouth Mountain Ranges, this site is the trailhead for the Crawford Path Trail and is also a popular sledding spot in the winter. An accessible vault toilet is located here.

Forest Discovery Trail – Just 800 feet east of the entrance to Big Rock Campground is the “Discovery Trail” developed recreation site. This gravel surfaced loop trail is about a mile in length, with an average grade of 8%. There is also a short section that pitches up 14%, so users should check the map to decide how far they want to go, or if they want to do the loop in reverse. The loop trail, which traverses an 80-acre site demonstrating different types of timber management treatments, offers beautiful views of Scar Ridge. Off the main loop is a shorter “softwoods” loop, approximately 0.3 miles in length, with a bridge crossing a small stream. Benches and interpretive panels are located trailside. There is also an information kiosk and accessible restroom with paved access paths at the parking area.

Hancock Campground – Situated on the Kancamagus Highway, 4 miles east of Lincoln, this campground provides a good starting point for the many recreation opportunities in the Lincoln area. All 56 campsites and flush toilets are accessible, and handpumps for water are scattered throughout. Campsites range from drive-through

sites suitable for RVs, to back-in sites along the paved loop road, to walk-in sites by the side of the Pemigewasset River that can be accessed by a more challenging gravel path.

Hancock Scenic Overlook – Located on the Kancamagus Highway approximately 11 miles east of Lincoln. It offers a magnificent view of West Peak in the Greeley Ponds Scenic area, a covered pavilion with benches, stone sitting walls, and interpretive panels.

Long Pond Picnic & Fishing Area – Located off Long Pond Road (formerly called North-South Road) in Benton, this site offers opportunities for fishing, boating, and picnicking in a gravel-surfaced, secluded setting. Charcoal grills and accessible toilets are also located here. Access to the dam may be difficult for some people due to the uneven grassy path surface. Two accessible fishing platforms are located between the boat launch and the dam, and this section of trail has been improved and surfaced with gravel.

Mt. Cleveland Overlook – Located on Rt. 3 just north of the Franconia parkway, this reconstructed picnic area offers a secluded setting and view of Mt. Cleveland. There is an accessible gravel surfaced trail to reach the picnic area from the southern end of the parking area.

Otter Rocks Rest Area – Just east of Big Rock Campground, this rest area has picnic tables and accessible toilets near the roadway. Hancock Branch, with its rocks and pools, is an attraction for sitting and swimming. However, the embankment to reach the river has a grade of 10 to 20% with loose gravel, and there are rocks and tree roots by the river bank. This presents a challenge, but it can be done for those who are up to it.

Pemigewasset Scenic Overlook – This newly constructed scenic overlook area is located just west of the height of land on the Kancamagus Highway. It offers a striking view down the Pemigewasset drainage, as well as a panoramic view of Mt. Osceola, Scar Ridge, and Mt. Huntington. There are accessible vault toilets, hardened gravel paths, and a paved path to a covered viewing pavilion with interpretive panels.

Russell Pond Campground – Located off the Tripoli Road in Woodstock, this campground, with 85 campsites, is only partially accessible to

visitors due to the rugged terrain and location of some campsites. The campground offers a mix of sites, with 15 suitable for RVs and 70 tent sites, several of which are accessible. There are four flush-toilet and coin operated shower buildings, three of which are wheelchair accessible. Water is available from faucets. Evening programs are held in an amphitheater on Saturday nights, June through Labor day, and are by reservation only. Please contact the Gateway Center for a schedule.

Russell Pond Fishing Platform and Boat Launch – On Russell Pond at the Russell Pond Campground, this site offers a wheelchair-accessible fishing platform and a boat launch site for non-motorized watercraft. The boat launch may pose some accessibility problems for wheelchair users, especially if the water level is low, and getting into a boat from the fishing platform may also be difficult. There is access to a small beach on a gravel surfaced trail.

Sugarloaf I Campground – Located a short distance from Zealand Campground on Zealand Road, this campground offers 29 campsites which present some access difficulties due to the terrain. There are hand pumps for water, and both restrooms have been modified for wheelchair access.

Sugarloaf II Campground – Just north of Sugarloaf I, this campground has 32 campsites, which are more easily accessible than Sugarloaf I due to gentler terrain, and accessible toilets. There are handpumps and a grassy play area.

Waterville Campground – Located in Waterville Valley on the Tripoli Road just off Rt. 49. All 27 of the wooded campsites at this campground are accessible, as well as handpumps for water and accessible vault toilets.

Wildwood Campground – Situated on Rt. 112, 7 miles west of Lincoln in Kinsman Notch, many of the 26 campsites here are accessible, as well as the water faucets and vault toilets.

Wildwood Picnic Area – Located across from Wildwood Campground on Rt. 112, this picnic site overlooks the Ammonoosuc River and offers accessible picnic tables, charcoal grills, a water faucet, picnic shelter, toilets, and a play area on a grassy surface.

Zealand Campground – Located on Rt. 302, 2 miles east of Twin Mountain, this campground

offers 11 open campsites – many with easy access, a hand pump, and accessible toilets.

Zealand Picnic Area – Situated across from the Zealand Campground, this picnic site is accessible, including toilet facilities.

Saco Ranger District

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Visitor information services - and restrooms (not fully accessible)

33 Kancamagus Highway, Conway NH 03818

Albany Covered Bridge – Located on the Kancamagus Highway west of Conway. This fully wheelchair-accessible facility includes paved parking lots on each side of the river and paved paths leading to interpretive panels, the covered bridge, and a fishing pad adjacent to the river. The fishing pad is also a good place to view and photograph the historic covered bridge. Wheelchair-accessible vault toilets are located at this site.

Bemis Bridge – On the Davis Path Trail in Hart's Location is a 168 foot, accessible, cable-stay pedestrian bridge, offering beautiful views up and down the Saco River. The bridge is just one tenth of a mile from the gravel parking area, and there is limited accessible parking at the bridge.

Blackberry Crossing Campground – Located across from the Albany Covered Bridge on the Kancamagus Highway, this campground occupies the site of a former Civilian Conservation Corps camp. Most of the 26 campsites are level and surfaced with compacted gravel, although some also have concrete pads from the former CCC buildings within the campsite. All the vault toilets are accessible. There are interpretive panels and a handpump for water.

CL Graham – Wangan Ground Overlook – This overlook at the height of land on the Kancamagus Highway has breathtaking views of the Sawyer Pond Watershed Area to the east. The facility offers paved parking, concrete sidewalks, and an accessible covered viewing pavilion with interpretive panels.

Covered Bridge Campground – Located near the Albany Covered Bridge on Dugway Road. Most of the 49 campsites and all vault toilets are accessible. Water is available from handpumps.

Dugway Picnic Area – A cool, shady picnic site located on the Dugway Road between Conway and the Covered Bridge in Albany. There is a handpump for water, and all sites are accessible, with a surface of compacted pine needles. There is also an accessible vault toilet located approximately 300 feet toward the river on a compacted gravel path.

Jigger Johnson Campground – Located on the Kancamagus Highway west of Conway, this campground offers flush toilets and water from faucets. Most of the 75 campsites are easily accessible and the roads are paved. Some of the toilet buildings have been modified to be wheelchair accessible. There are also coin-operated showers. A hardened path leads to the Russell-Colbath barn, where evening programs are held. Contact the Saco Ranger District for details.

Lower Falls Picnic Area – This site, located between Rocky Gorge and Blackberry Crossing Campground, offers opportunities for picnicking, swimming, and fishing. The picnic area and path providing views of the falls are surfaced with packed gravel. Water is available from a handpump. Newly constructed bathrooms and changing areas are wheelchair accessible. At this time there is no accessible route to water's edge.

Passaconaway Campground – Located on the Kancamagus Highway between Sabbaday Falls Picnic Area and Jigger Johnson Campground, west of Conway. Almost all the 33 campsites offer easy access, with paved roadways, accessible toilets, and a handpump for water.

Passaconaway Historic Site (Russell-Colbath House) – Built in 1832, this historic site is located on the Kancamagus Highway west of Conway, near the junction of Bear Notch Road. The Russell-Colbath barn, constructed by the Forest Service and partners in 2004, is a large, timber frame structure in which evening programs are held and includes accessible restrooms and a paved parking area with hardened pathways. There is also a hardened gravel path leading to Jigger Johnson Campground, Contact the Saco Ranger District for schedules.

Radke Cabin – A rustic cabin offering rental overnight stay just off the Kancamagus Highway west of Conway. A ramp to the cabin has been added, and there is an accessible vault toilet. Contact the Saco Ranger District for details.

Rail 'n River Trail – Located behind the historic Russell-Colbath house, this shaded, 3/4-mile loop trail has a compacted gravel surface and easy grades. The trail has some interpretive panels and passes close to the Swift River.

Rocky Gorge Scenic Area – Reconstructed during 2004, there is a paved, looped parking area leading to a paved path and accessible bridge crossing the river just below the gorge. Across the bridge, the path narrows and is surfaced with compacted gravel. It winds along the edge of the gorge to a viewing area just above the falls. Here the visitor can view the falls from a stone overlook, feel the spray and hear the roar of the water. The path continues over a small ridge to Falls Pond, where there is a stone sitting wall near water's edge. There are benches for resting along the trail from the parking area to the pond. There are accessible vault toilets at the parking area and interpretive panels along the path to the pond.

Sabbaday Falls Area – Located on the Kancamagus Highway, this area offers picnic areas, toilets, a handpump for water, and a 0.4 mile trail leading to the falls. There is a stone surround near the entrance with interpretive panels leading to the trail. The gravel trail is wide and wheelchair accessible, but is steep in places (6 to 25% grade) with occasional cross-slopes (5% maximum) and frequent level places and benches. Wheelchair access to this site can be gained from either end of the parking area along the sidewalk. There is a guardrail with a wheelguard along the edge in the steeper sections of the trail. At the trail intersection by the falls, follow the signs for the Sabbaday Brook Trail, not the Sabbaday Falls Path.

Sawyer Rock Picnic Area – Located on Rt. 302 between North Conway and Crawford Notch State Park. Due to the topography of this site, accessibility, especially for persons using wheelchairs, may be difficult. There is a picnic shelter, handpump, and accessible toilets. The picnic sites nearest the parking area are the most accessible.

Sugar Hill Overlook – Newly reconstructed, and with breathtaking views of the mountains and valleys eastward from the Kancamagus Highway. This overlook is paved with concrete sidewalks, and has an accessible viewing pavilion with interpretive panels.

Information Centers

White Mountain Visitor Center
(603) 745-3816
I-93, Exit 32, N Woodstock, NH

This new information center has a full interpretive display that provides a history of the Forest and its evolution over time. The center was developed using the Smithsonian guidelines for accessibility, and has tactile, hands-on displays as well as an audio-described tour. Staff are available to provide information and suggestions on short hikes, campgrounds, and other activities and programs. Restrooms are also available.

Lincoln Woods Wilderness Trail Parking Area and Visitor Information Center
(603) 630-5190
Kancamagus Highway, Lincoln, NH

Located 5 miles east of Lincoln, this site serves as the starting point for many activities, including hiking, cross-country skiing, and mountain biking. There is a parking area, visitor information cabin, trailhead for the Lincoln Woods Trail, a 180 foot suspension bridge, and flush toilet facilities, all of which are wheelchair accessible. Also, the new pedestrian walkway on the highway bridge on the Kancamagus Byway, which offers views up the Pemigewasset River, is accessible from the parking area. The 2.8 mile Lincoln Woods Trail, which runs up the west side of the river, is shady, wide, and has an easy grade, although remnants of old railroad ties are still visible. The interim Franconia Brook Campground is located at the end of the East Side access road, which travels up the east side of the river. It offers limited accessible hardened tentpads and accessible temporary portable toilets. "Woods In Winter" programs are offered December through March, four evenings per month, by reservation only. Please contact the Gateway Center for details.

Backcountry Areas

Only minor developments have been provided in the backcountry areas. However, certain areas may present opportunities for a challenging experience depending on an individual's capabilities. Check with the District Ranger stations or the White Mountain Visitor Center for specific information related to your interests and needs.

The Galehead Hut offers fully accessible lodging for those up to the challenge of making the 4.5 mile journey, and Doublehead historic cabin now an accessible toilet which is now adjacent to it. The 4th Iron site off Rt. 302 also has new accessible toilets at the hike-in site.

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