



White Mountain National Forest Accessible Recreation Opportunities



This listing provides some basic information on the level of accessibility for day use and overnight recreation facilities on the White Mountain National Forest. Although barriers still exist at many recreation locations, the long range goal of the Forest Service is to provide access for all. Following is a brief description of the developed recreation sites in the National Forest.

The 23 campgrounds in the White Mountain National Forest range in size from 7 to 177 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, hand pumps for water, and bear-proof trash dumpsters.

Toilet facilities referred to as “accessible” indicates that they are fully wheelchair accessible. Campgrounds where interpretive programs are offered on weekend evenings in the summer have sign language interpreters available, but require 18 days notice that the service is needed.

This listing is organized by the Ranger District in which each site is located. If you would like additional information on any of these sites, please contact the District office listed for that site, or the Forest Supervisor’s Office at: (603) 528-8721, TTY (603) 528-8722,

719 North Main St., Laconia, NH 03246. Also, the State of New Hampshire has toll free caller relay service available at: TTY 1-800-735-2964.

AMMONOOSUC RANGER DISTRICT
660 Trudeau Road
Bethlehem, NH 03574
(603) 869-2626, TTY (603) 869-3104
Visitor information services (not fully accessible) and outdoor accessible vault toilets.

PEMIGEWASSET RANGER DISTRICT
RFD #3 Box 15 Rt. 175
Plymouth, NH 03264
(603) 536-1315, TY (603) 536-3281
Visitor information services and accessible restrooms.

Crawford Path Parking Area offers 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.

Elbow Pond is a 56-acre pond located at the end of Elbow Pond Road approximately 3 miles up Rt. 118 in the Town of Woodstock. Currently there is passenger car access to the pond, and hardened access to waters edge. This is an undeveloped recreation site and will not offer drinking water or restrooms. The site

offers beautiful views, wildlife, canoeing, and warm water fishing. This cool water pond contains pickerel, and yellow perch.

Beaver Brook Wayside Rest 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.

Long Pond Picnic & Fishing area, located on the North-South Road in Benton, NH, offers opportunities for fishing, boating, and picnicking in a gravel-surfaced, secluded setting. Charcoal grills and accessible toilets are also located here. Two new accessible fishing platforms have been installed between the boat launch and the dam and this section of trail has been surfaced with crushed gravel.

Mt. Cleveland Overlook, located on Rt. 3 just north of the Franconia parkway, is a recently reconstructed picnic area offering a secluded setting and view of Mt. Cleveland. There is an accessible trail to reach the picnic area from the parking area.

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

Wildwood Picnic Area located across from Wildwood Campground on Rt. 112 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 offers 11 open campsites, many with easy access, a hand pump, and accessible toilets.

Zealand Picnic Area situated across from the Zealand Campground, is accessible, including toilet facilities.

Sugarloaf I Campground located a short distance from Zealand Campground on Zealand Road, offers 29 campsites which present some access difficulties due to the terrain. There are hand pumps for water, and a restroom that has been modified, but is not fully wheelchair accessible. Plans are underway for an upgrade of the restrooms.

Sugarloaf II Campground just north of Sugarloaf I, has 32 campsites, which are more easily accessible than Sugarloaf I due to gentler terrain and accessible toilets. There are hand pumps and a grassy play area.

Big Rock Campground, located east of the Lincoln Woods Parking Area on the Kancamagus Highway presents accessibility problems due to its steep terrain. The vault toilets and several of the 28 campsites are accessible, but the roadway and hand pump locations may present difficulties. **Note:** Just 800' east of the entrance, the Discovery Trail will be opened spring of 2003. This gravel surfaced trail is 1.3 miles in length with an average grade of 8%. It is a loop trail, which traverses an 80-acre site demonstrating different types of timber management treatments, and beautiful views of Scar Ridge. Interpretation for this site and the opening of an accessible restroom is planned for 2003.

Campton Family Campground, located on Rt. 49, north of Campton, wooded 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. Evening programs are offered June through Labor Day. Please contact the District for a schedule.

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

Hancock Campground, situated on the Kancamagus Highway 4 miles east of Lincoln, provides a good starting point for the many recreation opportunities in the Lincoln area. All 56 campsites and toilets are accessible and hand pumps for water are scattered throughout. Campsites range from drive-through sites suitable for RV's 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 gravel path, which presents more of a challenge.

Hancock Scenic Overlook is located on the Kancamagus Highway approximately 11 miles east of Lincoln, NH. It offers a magnificent view of West Peak in the Greeley Ponds Scenic area and has been recently upgraded to include an accessible pavilion and sidewalk.

Lincoln Woods Wilderness Trail Parking Area and Visitor Information Center, is located on the Kancamagus Highway, 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, and toilet facilities, all of which are wheelchair accessible. The new pedestrian walkway on the highway bridge, which offers views up the Pemigewasset River and the 180' Lincoln Woods suspension bridge, is accessible from the parking area. The 2.8 mile trail is shady, wide, and with an easy grade, although remnants of old railroad ties can be found along the trail.

The interim Franconia Brook Campground is located at the end of the trail, and offers one limited accessible hardened tent pad, and accessible temporary portable toilets.

“Woods In Winter” programs are offered December through March, four evenings per month, by reservation only. Please contact the District for details.

Pemigewasset Scenic Overlook, 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 the covered viewing pavilion where visitors will see interpretive panels.

Russell Pond Campground, located off the Tripoli Road in Woodstock, has 85 campsites and is partially accessible to visitors due to the rugged terrain and location of some campsites. The campground offers a mix of sites, 15 suitable for RV's, 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 a covered amphitheater on Saturday nights June through Labor Day. Please contact the District for a schedule. There is a small beach and fishing platform, but low water levels can make access difficult.

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, with accessible vault toilets. Hand pumps are available for water.

ANDROSCOGGIN RANGER DISTRICT

300 Glen Road
Gorham NH 03581
(603) 466-2713, TTY (603) 466-2856
Visitor information services and restrooms
fully accessible

EVANS NOTCH INFORMATION CENTER

18 Mayville Road
Bethel ME 04217
(207) 824-2134, TTY (207) 824-3312
Visitor information services and
accessible public restroom

Barnes Field Group, located close to Dolly Copp Campground, is designated for groups and is available by reservation only in the summer. In winter the sites are available on a first-come first-served basis. Most camping sites, and the vault toilets are accessible. There is a hand pump for water.

Dolly Copp Campground has 177 campsites, is the oldest campground on the forest, 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 one restroom is wheelchair accessible.

South Pond Recreation Area, a beautiful recreation area on Rt. 110 in Stark is worth the drive. It has a large picnicking area, beach for swimming, toilet and changing facilities, small boat launch area, and a ¼ mile compacted gravel shoreline trail with great places for fishing. Due to frost heave, the vault toilets are no longer wheelchair accessible. An entrance fee is charged.

Crocker Pond Campground, situated south of Bethel, ME, off Rt. 5, is a secluded campground which sits above

Crocker Pond. Although there are only seven sites, all but one is accessible, and each offers a different level of challenge and setting. Along the gravel roadway 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.

Gilead Picnic Area, located on Highway 2 between Gorham and Bethel, is fully accessible including picnic tables, water, grills for cooking, and an accessible vault toilet.

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.

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

SACO RANGER DISTRICT

33 Kancamagus Highway
Conway NH, 03818
(603) 447-2166 TTY (603) 447-3121
Visitor information services and restrooms
(not fully accessible)

Albany Covered Bridge located on the Kancamagus Highway west of Conway, NH. 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.

Basin Pond Campground, located next to the Basin Pond Fishing and Picnic Area, offers flush toilets and water faucets. A majority of the 21 campsites are accessible, but the toilets, although modified for accessibility, may present some problems to persons who use wheelchairs.

Basin Pond Fishing & Picnic Area located between the Basin Campground and Cold River Campground, north of Fryeburg, ME, on Rt. 113, offers opportunities for picnicking, fishing, boating, and hiking in a beautiful mountain setting. There is an accessible fishing platform with a gravel pathway. The vault toilet has shifted due to a frost heave and may present problems for those who use a wheelchair.

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

Bemis Bridge, located on the Davis Path Trail in Harts Location, NH, is a newly acquired 168' long accessible cable-stay pedestrian bridge, offering beautiful views up and down the Saco River. The bridge is just .10 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 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, as well as interpretive panels, and there is a hand pump for water.

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

Covered Bridge Campground is located near the Albany Covered Bridge on Dugway Road, most of the 49 campsites and all vault toilets are accessible. Water is available from hand pumps.

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

Jigger Johnson Campground, located on the Kancamagus Highway west of Conway, 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. The area where the evening interpretive programs are held has limited accessibility. There are new coin operated showers which are accessible.

Lower Falls Picnic Area, 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 hand pump. Newly constructed bathrooms and changing areas are wheelchair accessible. At this time there is no accessible route to waters edge.

Passaconaway Campground is located on the Kancamagus Highway between Sabbaday Falls Picnic Area and Jigger Johnson Campground, west of Conway. Most all of the 33 campsites offer easy access with paved roadways, accessible toilets, and a hand pump 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 parking lot is free of curbs and includes wide parking stalls as well as parallel parking. The toilet facilities are not wheelchair accessible, and the historic house has two steps at the entrance. Future improvements scheduled for 2003 and 2004 include accessible restrooms and covered evening program area.

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 District for details.

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Rail 'n River Trail, located behind the historic Russell-Colbath house, is a shaded loop trail is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile in length and has a compacted gravel surface and easy grades. The trail has some interpretive panels and passes close to the Swift River.

Sabbaday Falls Picnic Area, located on the Kancamagus Highway, offers places to picnic, toilets, a hand pump for water, and a 0.4 mile trail leading to the falls. The gravel trail is barrier free, but is steep in places (6-25% grade) and frequent level places. Wheelchair access to this site can be gained from either end of the parking area.

Rocky Gorge Scenic Area, located on the Kancamagus Highway, has a paved path that leads from the parking area alongside the rapids and to the rocks of the gorge. There is wheelchair access onto the rocks, however it is extremely difficult for a wheelchair to get close enough for a view inside the gorge itself. Accessible vault toilets are available at this area. Future improvements slated for 2004 will include an accessible pedestrian bridge and access to the Falls Pond area, as well as improved parking.

Sugar Hill Overlook offers breathtaking views of the mountains and valleys looking east from the Kancamagus Highway. This overlook is paved, has concrete sidewalks, and an accessible viewing pavilion.