



Great Bike Tours

New Hampshire 2026

Great Bike Tours is proud to be the “First in the Nation” to run week-long bike vacations in New Hampshire. From the summit of New England’s highest peak, all the way down to the seacoast, we’ve got New Hampshire covered. We plan to spoil you on this bike tour, where the **grandeur of nature** is matched by the **grandeur of our hotels**.

Tour Length

6 Days/5 Nights

2026 Tour Dates

August 16-21

Cost of the Tour

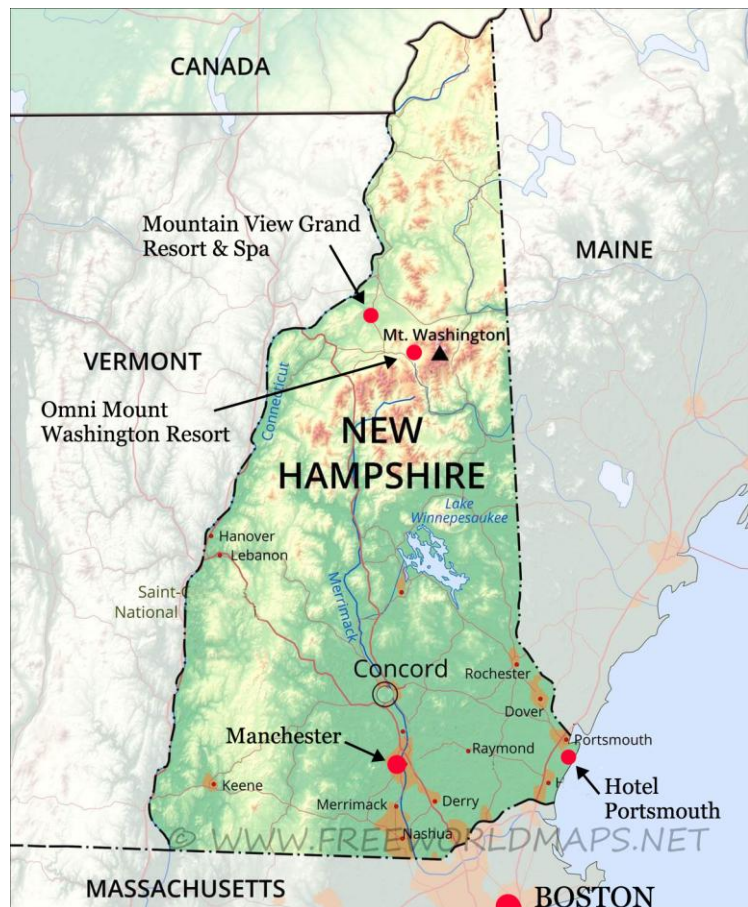
\$3,995 per person
Single Supplement + \$1,000

Tour Start/End

Manchester, NH

Level of Difficulty

Easy to Moderate – 15-35 miles/day, with total mileage of 100-165. Cycle mostly on paved roads through the White Mountain National Forest, along with one paved bike path, and one non-paved rail-trail. Cycle at your own pace. Get a lift in the van whenever you like. E-bikes available (limited supply).



Accommodations

We stay at two of New Hampshire’s famed *Grand Hotels*: one night at the award-winning [Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa](#) and two nights at the majestic [Omni Mount Washington Resort](#). In addition, we will be staying two nights at the [Hotel Portsmouth](#), a boutique hotel located in the heart of Portsmouth.

Highlights

- **Explore two great regions of New Hampshire** – the White Mountains *and* the Seacoast
- **Enjoy New Hampshire's top cycling routes**, including the Kancamagus National Scenic Byway, the Coastal Scenic Byway, and two car-free bicycle trails (Presidential Rail Trail and Franconia Notch Recreational Trail)
- **Feel like a rock star** when you stay at New Hampshire's *Grand Hotels*
- **Stand atop the highest peak** in New England – Mt. Washington!
- **Travel through** seven State Parks and one National Forest
- **Discover the White Mountains**, a spectacular region where nature takes center stage. Enjoy the soaring peaks and lush valleys, the wild rivers and the waterfalls
- **Take a train ride** on the world's first mountain-climbing COG train
- **Cycle the entire length of the New Hampshire coastline** – all 18 miles of it! Enjoy flat cycling around islands and along the ocean, passing summer cottages, lighthouses, secluded beaches, coastal walks, and seafood shacks
- **Set sail** on an historic flat-bottomed sailing barge known as a *gundalow*
- **Relax on the veranda** of the Omni Mt. Washington Hotel, with the mountains seemingly close enough to touch
- **Visit** the famous *Old Man of the Mountain*
- **Learn** how to throw an axe (family-friendly)
- **Explore a working fiber farm** (sheep, llamas, alpacas, Angora rabbit)
- **Enjoy optional activities** including an 18-hole golf course designed by Donald Ross, horseback riding, full-service spas, fly fishing, tennis, yoga, bocce, and more

What's Included?

- Five nights of lodging
- 11 meals (5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners) catering to all dietary needs
- Free use of our [bikes](#), plus helmet, rear rack bag, rear safety light + triangle, water bottle, and performance T-shirt. E-bikes available (limited supply)
- Superior level of support throughout your stay (each trip comes with two 15-passenger vans and three professional [bike tour guides](#))
- *Ride with GPS* navigation (using your own phone) or paper route notes & maps
- Exclusive GBT activities, including a COG train to the top of Mt. Washington; an axe throwing clinic; and private sailboat trip aboard a *gundalow* (sailing barge)
- Admission to numerous State Parks and Wildlife Refuges
- Full access to our online photo gallery with photos/videos from your trip
- Small group size of 15-20 people (or organize your own [private trip](#))
- Pick-up and drop-off at the Manchester, NH airport (or nearby hotels)

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 (Sunday) – Island Warmup Ride

Your vacation starts at 12:30 pm (after lunch) when we pick you up from the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport (MHT), or nearby hotels. We will shuttle the group in our cushy 15-passenger vans to our first hotel – Hotel Portsmouth on the New Hampshire coast. This boutique hotel is located just a short walk from all the shopping, restaurants, historic sites, and waterfront attractions that make Portsmouth so special.

This afternoon we have a leisurely 8-mile warmup ride planned for you, taking in New Castle Island, Goat Island, and Shapleigh Island. Feel free to extend your ride by visiting Fort Constitution (a late 1700s fort overlooking the water) or Great Island Common (a 32-acre green space and beach with great views and rocky pools to explore).

In the evening we will gather for our Introductory Meeting at the hotel, followed by our group dinner together at a local restaurant.

Accommodations: Hotel Portsmouth, Portsmouth, NH
Cycling Options: 8 miles
Meals Included: Dinner

Day 2 (Monday) – Cycling the Seacoast

Today we will spend a full day on the Atlantic coast. After a relaxing breakfast, we'll head off to cycle the ENTIRE length of the New Hampshire coastline – all 18 miles of it! In fact, we'll do it twice... there, and back. We'll be riding on Rt. 1A today, also known as the Coastal Scenic Byway. Our route takes us past summer cottages, lighthouses, and five state parks featuring secluded beaches and numerous coastal walks. For lunch we recommend our favorite seafood restaurant featuring fresh, locally-sourced lobsters and clams. If you wish to prolong your beach day, we suggest visits to the Seacoast Science Center or the Fuller Gardens, which features 1,500 carefully-tended rose bushes which thrive in the sea air.

After lunch we will head back to our hotel, where we'll have time to explore the many highlights of Portsmouth, including Market Square, the Strawberry Banke living history museum, and Prescott Park.

In the late afternoon we have chartered a flat-bottomed sailing barge just for our group. During our two-hour sail we'll enjoy happy hour together, while we view the lighthouses and forts that are integral to Portsmouth's rich maritime history. Our sailboat ride brings us back to the heart of Portsmouth, where dinner is on your own tonight.

Accommodations: Hotel Portsmouth, Portsmouth, NH
Cycling Options: 24 or 33 miles
Meals Included: Breakfast

Day 2 (Tuesday) – White Mountains Here We Come

Following our delicious breakfast at a local restaurant, it will be time to head for the hills. We will shuttle the group to the White Mountain National Forest. We'll take a few stops along the way, before arriving at the base of Mount Washington, at the start of the Mount Washington Auto Road – America's oldest manmade attraction. Fortunately for you, bikes are not allowed on this road, so we won't make you cycle up this steep 8-mile road!

Your guides will be providing you with a delicious picnic lunch today, beside a babbling brook, and then will set you free on a gentle downhill ride of 8 miles to start your day. The remaining 17 miles of the ride will be a combination of paved roads and a car-free rail trail. The mostly-level Presidential Rail Trail provides stellar views of the Presidential Range of mountains, with each peak named after a famed President. This rail trail is also a birder's paradise, and moose sightings are not uncommon.

At the end of this rail trail we'll shuttle you to our next accommodations – the majestic Omni Mount Washington Resort – the largest and the grandest of New Hampshire's *Grand Hotels*. Luckily for us, we'll be staying here for two nights. Start your evening on a rocking chair on the hotel's veranda – cold drink in hand, with the mountains seemingly close enough to touch. Tonight, our group will dine together at the Hotel.

Accommodations: Omni Mount Washington Hotel, Bretton Woods, NH
Cycling Options: Up to 25 miles
Meals Included: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Day 4 (Wednesday) – Train to the top of Mt. Washington + Afternoon Bike Ride to the village of North Conway

We can see it from our hotel – the highest peak in New England, Mount Washington (6,288 ft) – so it's only appropriate that we take you to the top (no cycling involved). To get to the summit, we'll treat you to a trip on the world's first mountain-climbing COG train, accompanied by insightful commentary during the one-hour trip to the top. Standing at the top of Mt. Washington gives you that "on top of the world" feeling, and on a clear day you can see as far as 130 miles to Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Maine, and even Quebec. There's a great museum at the top, and of course a gift shop and café. After visiting, we will head back down the mountain on the same COG train. At the bottom we'll enjoy lunch together, and then it's time for another great bike ride.

This afternoon we have a lovely bike ride planned for you, and the best part – it's mostly downhill! We will offer three different lengths of ride today – 7, 14, or 35 miles. Today's ride will follow the National Scenic Byway known as the White Mountains Trail, which is a paved road that winds through parts of the 800,000-acre White Mountains National Forest. We will cycle half of this route today, and the remaining half on Thursday. One of the highlights is the Crawford Notch State Park, an area of rugged natural beauty with waterfalls, scenic pull-offs, and spectacular mountain views. During this ride there are many opportunities for a break, including two Visitor Centers.

Our bike ride today ends in North Conway, which is a bustling one-street town lined with restaurants, camping supply stores, and other outfits designed with the traveler in mind. With no sales tax, we encourage you to go power shopping! In the late afternoon, after you've finished buying up the town, we'll load up the vans for our shuttle back to the wonderful Omni Mount Washington Resort. Dinner is on your own tonight at the hotel, but don't forget to enjoy one last happy hour on the hotel's 800-ft veranda. After dinner, feel free to relax beside the outside fire pits.

Please Note: Although we have a fun train ride planned for you today this morning, and several options of bike rides planned for this afternoon, don't forget this is *your* vacation – so if you'd prefer to take part in one of the alternative activities offered by our resort (the Omni Mount Washington Resort), then today is the day. Optional activities include an 18-hole golf course designed by Donald Ross, a full-service spa, horseback riding, disc golf, fly fishing, tennis on red-clay courts, Guided Historic Hotel Tour, and a variety of lift-serviced downhill mountain-biking trails. [Please note: If you wish to play golf or sign up for a spa treatment, please reserve your activity prior to your arrival in NH].

Accommodations: Omni Mount Washington Hotel, Bretton Woods, NH
Cycling Options: 7, 14, or 35 miles
Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 5 (Thursday) — Cycling through Franconia Notch State Park and the Kancamagus Scenic Byway, ending with a Van Shuttle to Mt. View Grand Hotel

Today's bike ride will continue following the same National Scenic Byway that we first explored on Wednesday. After breakfast we'll head off on a car-free paved bike path known as the Franconia Notch Recreational Trail. This 9-mile roller-coaster trail takes us through some magnificent glacial landscapes. There are plenty of things to see along the ride, including the Basin (a deep glacial pothole) and the famous Old Man of the Mountain – a natural granite formation with the profile of an old man's head (although his head fell off in 2003).

After lunch at a local café, we shuttle to the next highlight of the day – the Kancamagus National Scenic Byway. Considered one of the most scenic cycle routes in America, this winding road takes you through the White Mountain National Forest as no other roadway can. Nature takes center stage here, with lots of wild rivers, waterfalls, short hikes, and scenic vistas. There are no billboards, gas stations, or hotels to interrupt your view. Since the first third of the Kanc is uphill, we plan to shuttle everyone to the top to begin their ride (though you may of course cycle up this 12-mile hill if you wish). From the top, it's a glorious 16 miles of (mostly) downhill to the Covered Bridge in Albany.

Following the conclusion of our bike ride, we will shuttle to our final hotel – the #1 Resort in New Hampshire – the Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa. This resort features 1,700 private acres with spectacular panoramic views of the Presidential Mountain Range. It is the oldest surviving *Grand Hotel* in New Hampshire, and holds AAA Four Diamond status in both Lodging and Dining, making it the first establishment in New Hampshire to ever do so.

Tonight we will all dine together at the hotel, celebrating a wonderful week together. After dinner, feel free to head outside for the nightly campfire, complete with all the fixins' for s'mores.

Accommodations: Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa, Whitefield, NH
Cycling Options: 14, 30, or 43 miles
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Day 6 (Friday) – Departure Day

After a delicious breakfast buffet at our resort, we have arranged for a relaxed departure from the hotel (at 11:30 am) so we can take advantage of all the amenities the hotel has to offer, including a full-service spa, golf, disc golf, bocce, tennis, and a visit to the resort's working fiber farm (sheep, llamas, alpacas, and Angora rabbits). At 10:00 am we encourage you to join the hotel's Axe Throwing Clinic, where we learn to skillfully hurl a double-bladed axe at a wooden target and try to hit the bullseye (and yes, this is supposed to be a family-friendly activity!)

If you would prefer to get in one last bike ride (instead of joining the above activities), then we will also offer a 17-mile loop bike ride to the Pondicherry Wildlife Refuge. This ride will end back at the hotel, with enough time for showers before we depart.

At 11:30 am we will load up the vans and head for the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport (MHT), or nearby hotels. We will stop for lunch along the way, and plan to arrive at Manchester Airport at 2:15 pm. Please let us know if you need to make alternative arrangements.

Accommodations: On your own
Cycling Options: Optional 17 miles
Meals Included: Breakfast

If you require further information regarding travel logistics, please request our “New Hampshire Travel Information” document.

We hope you enjoy your 2026 New Hampshire Bike Tour. If you have any questions, or would like to confirm some spaces on this trip, please contact us soon.