

Welcome to your White Mountain National Forest

The restrictions listed in this brochure are designed to protect overused and fragile areas. Please use care whenever you camp or hike.

In addition to knowing the camping restrictions, know how to keep yourself safe in the mountains. Bring the right clothing and equipment, extra food, water, maps and a flashlight. Weather changes rapidly, especially above treeline. Check the weather forecast and never be afraid to turn back. It could save your life.

Please call or stop by one of our offices for more information, or visit our website at: www.fs.fed.us/r9/white

NOTE: These rules are subject to change. Please check with the Forest Service when planning your trip.

Forest Protection Areas are in effect year round.

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HIKER RESPONSIBILITY CODE

You are responsible for yourself, so be prepared:

1. **With knowledge and gear.** Become self reliant by learning about the terrain, conditions, local weather and your equipment before you start.
2. **To leave your plans.** Tell someone where you are going, the trails you are hiking, when you'll return and your emergency plans.
3. **To stay together.** When you start as a group, hike as a group, end as a group. Pace your hike to the slowest person.
4. **To turn back.** Weather changes quickly in the mountains. Fatigue and unexpected conditions can also affect your hike. Know your limitations and when to postpone your hike. The mountains will be there another day.
5. **For emergencies,** even if you are headed out for just an hour. An injury, severe weather or a wrong turn could become life threatening. Don't assume you will be rescued; know how to rescue yourself.
6. **To share the hiker code with others.**

hikeSafe: It's Your Responsibility.

The Hiker Responsibility Code was developed and is endorsed by the White Mountain National Forest and New Hampshire Fish and Game.



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Leave No Trace!

No amount of regulation will preserve the backcountry unless each of us makes a personal effort to lessen our impact. Always plan your trip well enough in advance to be prepared for whatever you might encounter and learn to be a "no-trace" hiker.

- **PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE**
Find out about the area you will be visiting, including any regulations or restrictions. Be sure to have maps, proper clothing, equipment, food and water. Keep your group size to 10 or less. (This is required in wilderness and recommended everywhere)
- **TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES**
Stay on the trail while hiking. Camp at sites which have already been heavily impacted, (but be sure it's a legal site); or 200' from trails and water sources. Avoid moderately impacted sites where your visit could create more damage.
- **DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY**
Carry out what you carry in; bury human waste in a hole 4–8 inches deep, away from water, trails, and campsites.
- **LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND**
Plants, animals, and cultural sites and artifacts should all be left for the next person to enjoy.
- **MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS**
Use a lightweight backpacking stove. In some places campfires are prohibited but stoves help minimize the impact everywhere.
- **RESPECT WILDLIFE**
Don't feed, chase, or harass wildlife and be sure to hang your food well out of reach of bears!
- **BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS**
Think about how your actions affect other people. Loud noises, out of control pets, cell phones and radios are a few examples of what might bother other hikers.

WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST

PEMIGEWASSET RANGER DISTRICT

Plymouth Office
1171 NH Rt. 175
Holderness, NH 03245
603-536-1315 · TTY 603-536-3281
Rte 93 North to Plymouth State College exit #25.
Bear left uphill, left at fork in road at top of hill onto Rte. 175; building is 1 mile on left.

Bethlehem Office
660 Trudeau Rd.
Bethlehem, NH 03574
603-869-2626 · TTY 603-869-3104
Approximately 1 mile off US Rte. 3 and US Rte. 302 on Trudeau Road.

ANDROSCOGGIN RANGER DISTRICT

Gorham Office
300 Glen Rd.
Gorham, NH 03581-1399
603-466-2713 · TTY 603-466-2856
Approximately 2.5 miles south of US Rte. 2 on NH Rte. 16 (Glen Road).

Evans Notch Visitor Center
18 Mayville Rd.
Bethel, ME 04217-4400
207-824-2134 · TTY 207-824-3312
US Rte. 2, Bridge St., Maine State Highway 26.

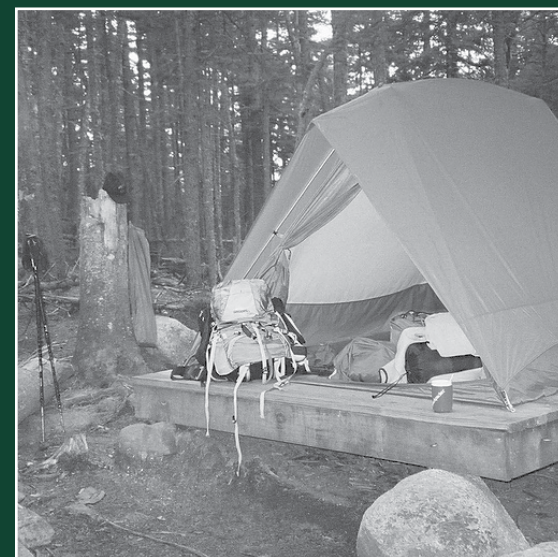
SACO RANGER DISTRICT

33 Kancamagus Highway
Conway, NH 03818
603-447-5448 · TTY 603-447-3121
Approximately 100 yards off US Rte. 16 on the Kancamagus Highway.

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BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING RULES

2008/2009



White Mountain National Forest

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Forest Service



No Camping, Wood or Charcoal Fires within 1/4 mile of the following except at designated sites:

- Any hut, shelter, developed tent site, cabin, picnic area, developed day use site, or campground
- Any trailhead

The following special areas:

- The former site of the Beaver Brook Shelter on the AT (Rt. 112)
- Camp 13
- Former Franconia Brook Campsite
- Jackman Overlook
- Zeta Pass

The following bodies of water:

- Ammonoosuc River at Woodsville Water Supply Dam
- Champney Falls
- Diana’s Bath
- East Branch of the Pemigewasset River from the Kancamagus Highway (Rt. 112) to Franconia Brook, including islands
- East Pond
- Glen Ellis Falls
- Kiah Pond
- Long Pond, including islands
- Sabbaday Falls
- Sawyer Ponds - Big and Little (except at shelter and tent platforms)
- Thoreau Falls
- Unknown Pond

The following trails:

- Greely Ponds Trail between Kancamagus Highway and first stream crossing

The following roads:

- Clay Brook Road (FR 188)
- Base Station Rd. (FR 173)
- Bear Notch Road (FR 26)
- Beebe River Road (FR 400)
- Breezy Point Road (FR 186)
- Buffalo Road (local)
- Dugway Road (FR 60) from the picnic area to the Kancamagus Highway
- Haystack Road (FR 304) from Rt. 3 to North Twin Trailhead
- Jefferson Notch Road (FR 220) from the Base Station to Caps Ridge trailhead
- Kancamagus Highway (Rt. 112) from Junction Rt. 302, Bath, NH to Junction Rt. 16, Conway, NH
- Kiah Pond Road (FR 418)
- Lower Hall Pond Road (FR 417)
- Mad River Road (Rt. 49) from Campton to Waterville Valley, NH
- Noxon Road (FR 62)
- Old Cherry Mountain Road (FR 14)
- Petty Brook Road (FR 353) from Forest boundary 1/2 mile East to end of the road
- Pinkham B. Road (FR 207)
- Rocky Branch Road (FR 27) where it passes through the National Forest
- Rt. 16 from Junction Rt. 2 Gorham, NH to Junction Rt. 16 Glen, NH
- Rt. 113 1/2 mile above and below Hastings Campground

- Rt. 302 from Junction Rt. 16 Glen, NH to Junction Rt. 3 Twin Mtn. NH
- Sawyer River Road (FR 34)
- South Gale River Loop Rd, (FR 92) from the junction with Rt. 3 to Garfield trailhead
- Stillings Road (FR 506) where it passes through the National Forest
- Stinson Lake Road (FR 113) where it crosses Brown Brook
- Tunnel Brook Road (FR 700)
- Upper Hall Pond Road (FR 422)
- White Ledge Road (FR 369) where it passes through National Forest
- Wild River Road (FR 12)
- Zealand Road (FR 16)

No Camping, Wood or Charcoal Fires within 200 feet of:

The following bodies of water:

- Black Pond
- Black Mountain Pond
- East Branch of the Pemigewasset River from the Wilderness boundary to its crossing with Thoreau Falls Trail, including islands
- Franconia Brook from its junction with the East Branch of the Pemigewasset River to the second island above Franconia Brook Falls
- The stream along the Smart’s Brook trail from Rt. 49 to the beaver pond

The following trails:

- Ammonoosuc Ravine Trail
- Appalachian Trail from the summit of Mt. Moosilauke to the Connecticut River (except at shelters)
- Intersection of Cedar Brook and Hancock Notch Trails to junction with Hancock Loop Trail
- Champney Falls Trail from a point 1/4 mile from the Kancamagus Highway to Champney Falls
- Falling Waters Trail
- Liberty Springs Trail
- Lower Falls Trail
- Old Bridle Path
- Valley Way from its intersection with the Scar Trail to Madison Hut
- Wild River Trail from Wild River Campground to 1 mile south

The following roads:

- Tripoli Rd. (FR 30) where it crosses any trail
- Tripoli Road (FR 30) from where it crosses the West Branch of the Mad River, BM 1949, to a point 1/2 mile east

No Camping, Wood or Charcoal Fires within:

- Bartlett Experimental Forest (campfires allowed)
- Research Natural Areas (camping allowed)
- Candidate Research Natural Areas (camping allowed)
- Greeley Ponds Scenic Area
- Mt. Chocorua Forest Protection Area (Exceptions: Camp Penacook camping and fires allowed. Jim Liberty Cabin - camping inside cabin only is allowed - no fires)
- Rocky Gorge Scenic Area

The following restrictions apply to all Congressionally Designated Wildernesses:

- Caribou-Speckled Mtn.
- Great Gulf
- Presidential/Dry River
- Sandwich Range
- Pemigewasset
- Wild River

- No motorized equipment or mechanical transport (wheelchairs are an exception)
- No storing of equipment, personal property or supplies including geocaching and letter boxing
- Hiking and camping group size must be limited to no more than 10

Additional regulations for Presidential/Dry River and Pemigewasset:

- No camping, wood or charcoal fires within 200 feet of any trail except at designated campsites

Additional regulations for the Great Gulf Wilderness:

- No wood or charcoal fires at any location
- No camping within 1/4 mile of the Great Gulf Trail between its junctions with the Sphinx and Gulfside Trails.
- No camping within 200 feet of any trail except at designated sites

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Special Restrictions for the Cutler River Drainage (Including Tuckerman and Huntington Ravines)

- No camping except at the Harvard Mountain Club Cabin (December 1-March 31 only) and Hermit Lake Shelters - Fee charged
- No wood or charcoal fires

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Camping in the Alpine Zone (where trees are 8 feet tall or less)

- No camping except on 2 or more feet of snow
- No camping on frozen bodies of water
- No wood or charcoal fires

Please note that the above treeline areas of Cutler River Drainage (Tuckerman and Huntington Ravines and the areas around them including the Alpine Garden and East Snowfields) are closed to camping regardless of snow cover.

NOTE: Violating these restrictions is punishable by a fine pursuant to: 16USC551