

Kancamagus Scenic Byway

The Kancamagus Scenic Byway passes through the heart of the White Mountains while traversing the flank of Mt. Kancamagus, filled with scenic areas and overlooks. Visit the Russell Colbath Historic Site, which offers colonial history, and explore the Forest Discovery Trail, which provides forest ecology experiences in a living classroom.



Length: 26.5 miles / 42.4 km

Time to Allow: Allow one hour to drive this byway.

Local Information

White Mountains Visitor Center
1-800-346-3687 or 603-745-8720

Visitor Services

Fees



There are no fees for driving the byway; however, unattended cars in the National Forest need a recreation pass.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities



There are no dedicated facilities along the byway for pedestrian or bicycle traffic. Anyone traveling the route in such a manner should exercise caution due to the narrow width and winding nature of the Kancamagus Highway. However, numerous hiking trails are located off the byway itself.

Camping



Camping is available in the White Mountain National Forest. Visit [recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov/) to make reservations. The campgrounds along the byway are rustic and don't have hookups.



Information

There is an authoritative information center along this byway.



Restrooms

There are toilet facilities along this byway.

Special Considerations

There are no gas stations along the byway, and the road is very curvy. Moose cross the highway often, so use extreme caution, especially at dusk. A pass is required for any vehicle that is left unattended in the National Forest.

Also, the byway is heavily traveled, especially during the fall foliage season. Visitors should expect delays and crowded parking areas.

The byway's variety of hiking trails vary in difficulty and length. Detailed trail maps may be purchased at the Saco Ranger Station Visitor Center, Conway, or at the Information Center in Lincoln.

Restrictions

The byway is open year-round. Cars left unattended in the White Mountains National Forest require a "recreation pass," which is available on site, at visitor centers, and at outfitters.

Seasons

Best Time to Drive

The byway is a wonderful drive no matter what time of year.

Fall

The byway is heavily traveled, especially during the fall foliage season. Visitors should expect delays and crowded parking areas. For more information on the fall color conditions, visit New Hampshire's tourist website.

High Season

Summer and fall are the busiest seasons on the byway.

Map and Directions



Legend:

Point of Interest	Campground	Featured Byway	Water	State Border
Park	Picnic/Rest Area	America's Byways	Wildlife Refuge	Urban Area
Mountain	Interstate	Other Byway	Wilderness Area	Tribal Nation
City	U.S. Highway	Other Road	Other Federal Lands	Military Base
Capital	State Highway	Trail	Other State Lands	

Driving Directions

- Kancamagus Scenic Byway starts on Main St south of Lost River Rd in North Woodstock, NH.

- Drive southeast on Main St to NH 112.
- Continue northeast to Kancamagus Highway.
- Keep driving northeast to Main St then continue back to Kancamagus Highway.
- Drive northeast to White Mountain Highway where the byway ends.

Getting to the Byway

From Manchester

- Take I-93 North to Exit 32 in Lincoln.
- Turn east onto NH-112 to begin the byway.

From Portland, ME

- Take US-302 West to Center Conway, NH.
- Take NH-113 through Conway Village, then turn east on NH-112 where the byway begins.

Road Trip: Kancamagus Tour

Departure: Lincoln, New Hampshire

Destination: Conway, New Hampshire

Time to allow: 2 days

The Kancamagus Highway stretches along SR-112 from Lincoln in the west to the town of Conway in the east. Beginning at the western end and traveling east, stop and enjoy the following points along the way in addition to the scenery.

Day 1

- **Start: Lincoln**

Attitash Bear Peak, NH's largest ski resort, is two mountains of fantastic snow skiing. There is plenty to do at the resort in the off-season: guided horseback rides, golfing, children's swimming pools, and a host of events and activities.

- **Stop 1: Lincoln Visitor Information Center**

From previous stop: same location

The first point on your itinerary, Lincoln Visitor Information Center contains materials and tips for enjoying your trip on the byway.

- **Stop 2: Clark's Trading Post**



From previous stop: 3 minutes / 1.8 mi (2.9 km)

Directions: From Lincoln, take SR-112 southwest for 0.8 miles. Turn right onto US-3 [Daniel Webster Hwy] and drive for 1.0 mile until you arrive at the post.

Suggested time at this stop: 2 hours

One of the White Mountains' most outstanding attractions: the Clark family has personally entertained their summer visitors for over 70 years. Features include a fire station, steam locomotive, trained North American black bears, and a museum.

- **Stop 3: Loon Mountain Ski Resort**

From previous stop: 6 minutes / 4.4 mi (7.0 km)

Directions: Leaving Clark's Trading Post, take US-3 south for 1 mile. Turn left onto SR-112 and drive for 3.4 miles until you arrive at the resort.

Suggested time at this stop: 5 hours

Spend the bulk of your first day at Loon Mountain, a recreational area and ski resort.

- **End: Lincoln**

From previous stop: same location

Overnight lodging is available in Lincoln.

Totals for Day 1

Total Distance Traveled: 6.2 miles / 9.9 km

Total Travel Time: 9 minutes

Total Stopping Time: 7 hours

Day 2

- **Stop 1: Falls Pond and Rocky Gorge**



From previous stop: 25 minutes / 15 mi (24.0 km)

Directions: Leaving the resort, take the byway east for about 15 miles, then turn left to Rocky Gorge.

Suggested time at this stop: 1 hour

Over time the Swift River wore this narrow gorge through solid rock. This region offers photogenic views of the surrounding area.

- **Stop 2: Lower Falls and Boulder Loop Trail**

From previous stop: 8 minutes / 5 mi (8.0 km)

Directions: From Rocky Gorge, follow the byway east for about 5 miles until you come to Lower Falls.

Suggested time at this stop: 2 hours

Located a mile east of Falls Pond and Rocky Gorge, Lower Falls and Boulder Loop Trail offer a great hike with beautiful views.

- **End: Conway**

From previous stop: 10 minutes / 6 mi (9.6 km)

Directions: Leaving Lower Falls, take the byway east for about 5 miles. When you come to the junction with SR-113 where the byway ends, turn left and drive for about 1 mile to reach Conway.

This is the last point on the itinerary. If you have time, explore the entertainment available here.

Totals for Day 2

Total Distance Traveled: 26 miles / 41.6 km

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Total Travel Time: 43 minutes

Total Stopping Time: 3 hours