

Discover and Explore New Hampshire's Natural Wonders: A Field Guide to The Nature Conservancy's Preserves and Conservation Project Areas

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The fall is a wonderful time to get outdoors and enjoy the natural beauty of the New Hampshire landscape. Here is a great opportunity to explore and learn about some unique local habitats. Take a look at The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) new field guide *Discover and Explore New Hampshire's Natural Wonders* (2012). "In this field guide, you'll find those wonderfully rich details on the habitats, wildlife and human history of our preserves." Through this well-written and beautifully illustrated guide, you are invited to discover and explore TNC's 43 nature preserves and conservation areas in New Hampshire.

The guide is neatly divided into six color-coded chapters representing broad geographic regions, including: Great North Woods, White Mountains, Lakes Region, Upper Valley and Monadnock Highlands, Lower Merrimack Valley and the Seacoast. For each preserve or conservation area, you will find lots of great information including public access, location, acreage protected, special natural features, wildlife, trail mileage and ratings (easy, moderate, strenuous) and when to visit, along with maps, photos and narrative descriptions of the biodiversity features, land protection history and scenic areas, and notes on directions and parking.

During the past 50 years, The Nature Conservancy has worked with landowners, communities and public and private partners to permanently protect 280,000 acres of land in New Hampshire. This includes more than 350 known locations of rare plant and animal species, 650 miles of river and stream frontage, more than 10,000 acres of wetlands, and 51 mountain summits. These conserved areas include a variety of habitats - forests, critical wetlands and shorelines, scenic ridges and valleys and diverse riparian ecosystems. "Many of these remarkable places have been established as conservation areas where you can experience firsthand globally rare habitats like the pitch pine and scrub oak woodlands of the Ossipee Pine Barrens Preserve, uncommon wetlands like the inland Atlantic white cedar swamp at Loverens Mills Preserve, and seldom seen wildlife like Black-backed and Northern three-toed wood peckers at Fourth Connecticut Lake Preserve."

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