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So, this writer recently found herself in a predicament.

Flashback to this past Saturday. The sun was shining, the birds were singing, and we finally had a day that was comfortably warm compared to the heat wave we'd been previously dealing with.

So, it's understandable that on a day like that, you're gonna want to put your shoes on and get out of the house to do something. Anything.



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But, yours truly had a slight problem. When friends aren't free or live far away, you have no partner, and there's minimal family around, it can sometimes be hard to make last-minute plans with folks. So, sometimes you just gotta ride solo and take a day for yourself.

This writer's go-to place to hang out on such days is downtown Portsmouth, New Hampshire. It's always fun to visit all the cute shops (personal favorites are [Sheafe Street Books](#), [Pickwick's](#), [Deadwick's](#), and [Book and Bar](#)), grab coffee, and sit on a bench by the water at Prescott Park.

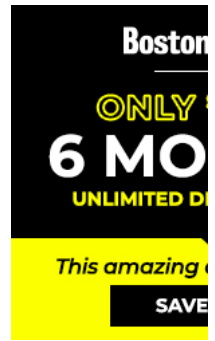
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But still, all this talk of solo adventures got us thinking. What are some optimal New England day trip options that you can enjoy all by yourself? We took to Facebook to ask you, and got all kinds of great suggestions. So, let's take a look at some of them.

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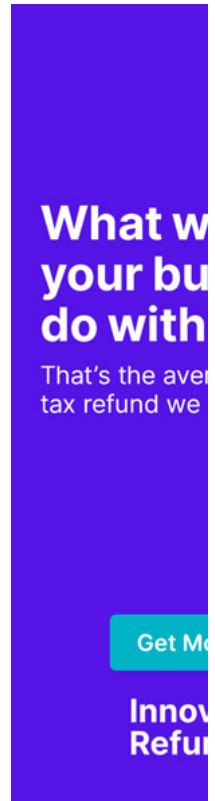
## 16 SOLO DAY TRIP IDEAS IN NEW ENGLAND

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Hammond Castle Museum via Facebook

## Hammond Castle- Gloucester, MA

**Hammond Castle** was constructed by inventor John Hays Hammond, Jr. to house his collection of artifacts from Europe, including ones "from ancient Rome through the Renaissance." You can also get married here as well.

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Isles of Shoals Steamship Company via Facebook

## Star Island Cruise- Portsmouth, NH

The **Isles of Shoals Steamship Company** offers many different types of cruises out to Star Island.

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Chad Elberson

## Kancamangus Highway- NH

This highway is a scenic route like no other, especially during the fall months.

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Castle in the Clouds via Facebook

## Castle in the Clouds- Moultonborough, NH

**Castle in the Clouds** truly has it all. You can tour the historic mountaintop Lucknow Mansion and enjoy gorgeous views as well as great hiking, dining, and other event opportunities.

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New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill via Facebook

## New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill- Boylston, MA

You can never go wrong with a stroll through some gardens, and the [Botanic Garden at Tower Hill](#) is a popular spot.

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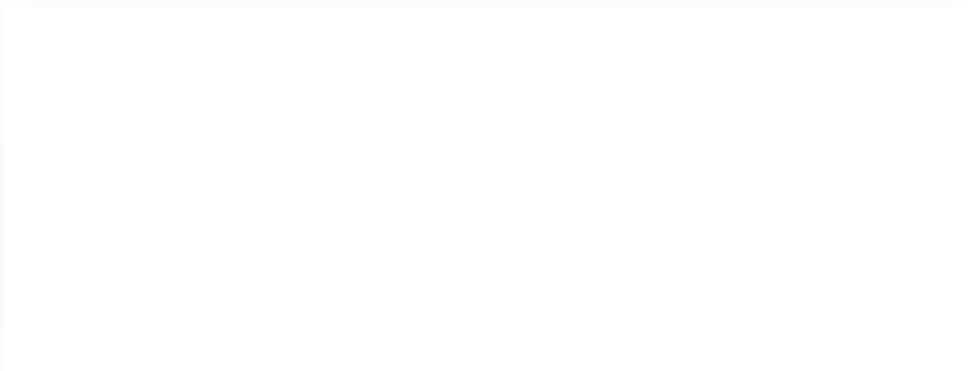


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## Covered Bridge Hunt

There are covered bridges all throughout New England, and perhaps this is your sign to go on a road trip and visit some of them.

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### **Train to Old Orchard Beach or Freeport, ME**

Take the train up to Maine and pay a visit to Old Orchard Beach or Freeport.

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Clarks Trading Post via Facebook

### **Clarks Trading Post- Lincoln, NH**

As the [Clarks](#) website says, "Where else can you watch a famous Black Bear Show, be chased by the Infamous Wolfman while on a train, plus enjoy great rides and museums?"

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## York Beach- York, ME

The Short and Long Sands beaches in York, Maine, are favorites of this writer.

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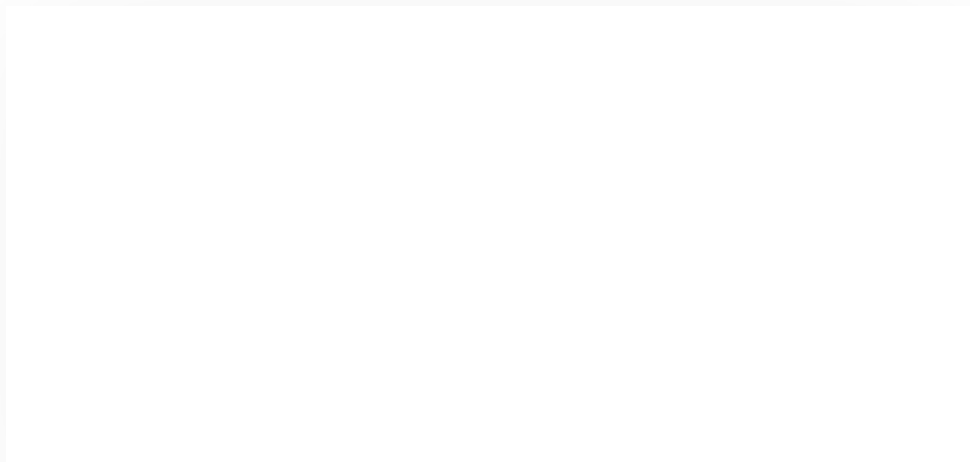


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## Strawbery Banke- Portsmouth, NH

Those who visit [this living history museum](#) can tour homes dating back to the 1600s, interact with tour guides and costumed roleplayers, and more.

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## Flume Gorge- Lincoln, NH

Journey up to Franconia Notch to hike the [Flume Gorge](#) and explore all that the White Mountains has to offer.

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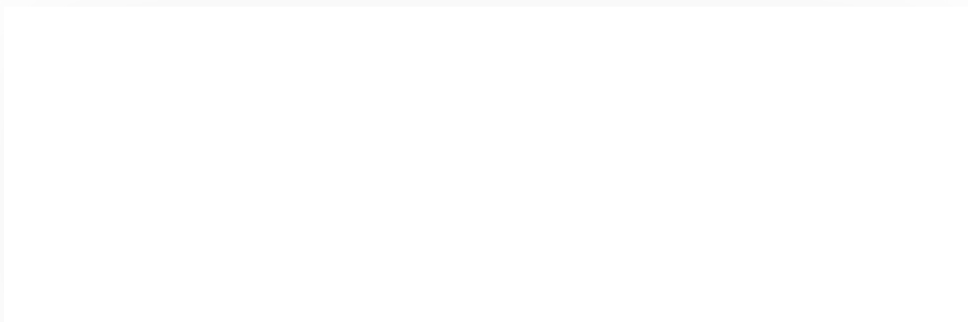


Minute Man National Historical Park via Facebook

## Minute Man National Historical Park- Concord, MA

Those who appreciate history will enjoy visiting [Minute Man National Historical Park](#), and learning more about the [Revolutionary War Battles of Lexington and Concord](#).

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Salem Witch Museum via Facebook

### **Salem Witch Museum- Salem, MA**

Salem, Massachusetts, aka "Witch City", is an absolute hub of fun, history, and tourism. You can pay a visit to the [Witch Museum](#) to learn more about the history behind the infamous Salem Witch Trials.

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### **Bars**

Nothing wrong with stopping to enjoy a drink at the bar and socialize with those around you. Who knows? Maybe you'll meet someone.

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### Old Sturbridge Village- Sturbridge, MA

This [living history museum](#) is the largest of its kind in New England, at over 200 acres.

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Douglas Rissing

### Diana's Bath- Bartlett, NH

Diana's Bath is a beautiful and extremely popular destination spot during the warmer months. It's on this writer's bucket list, for sure.

So, next time you find yourself with a free day off, now you've got some fun ideas for places to explore on your own. We hope you have a blast.

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## THESE ARE 16 OF THE BEST DONUT PLACES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Tori's Homestead Doughnuts via Facebook

### **Tori's Homestead Doughnuts- Colebrook**

There's nothing better than a batch of fresh donuts, and just look at these gorgeous beauties from [Tori's](#).

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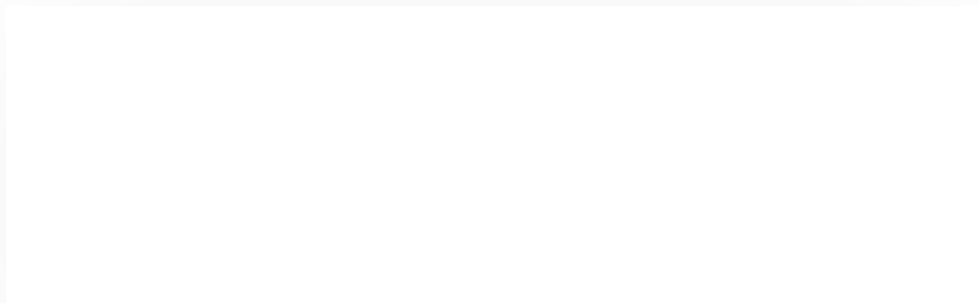


Harvey's Bakery and Coffee Shop via Facebook

### **Harvey's- Dover**

Anyone who grew up in or near Dover has heard of how splendid [Harvey's](#) is, and their bakery has been serving customers for over 80 years.

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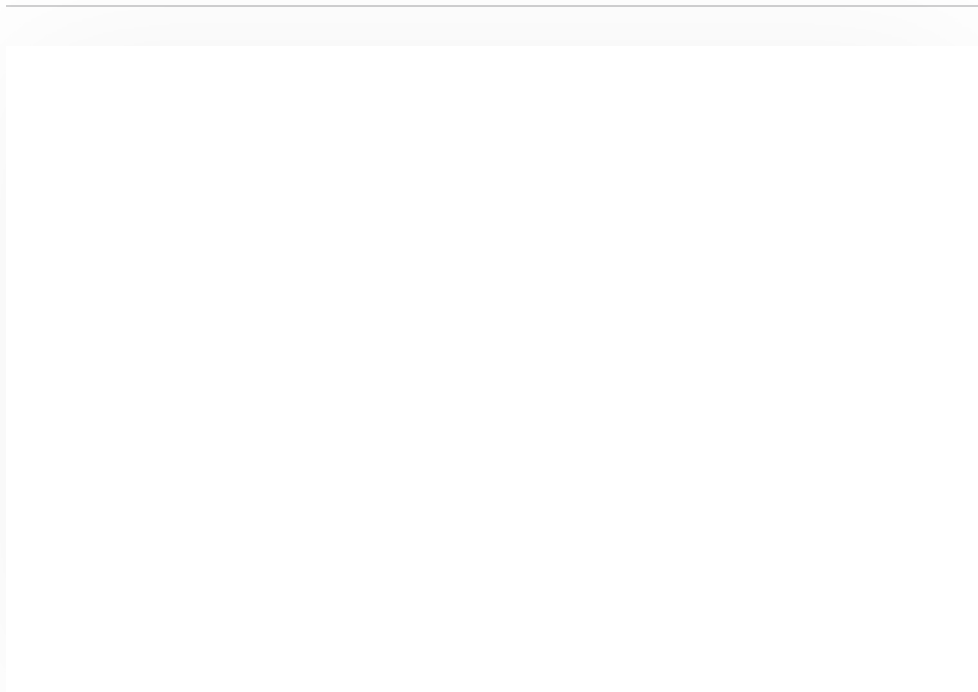


Leavitt's Country Bakery via Facebook

### **Leavitt's Country Bakery- Conway**

Located on White Mountain Highway, [this bakery](#) has been a community staple for over 40 years.

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The Everyday Cafe NH via Facebook

### **The Everyday Cafe- Contoocook**

You can pay a visit to [The Everyday Cafe](#) to enjoy not just donuts, but great food, "premium local craft beers, funky cocktails, and a fun atmosphere."

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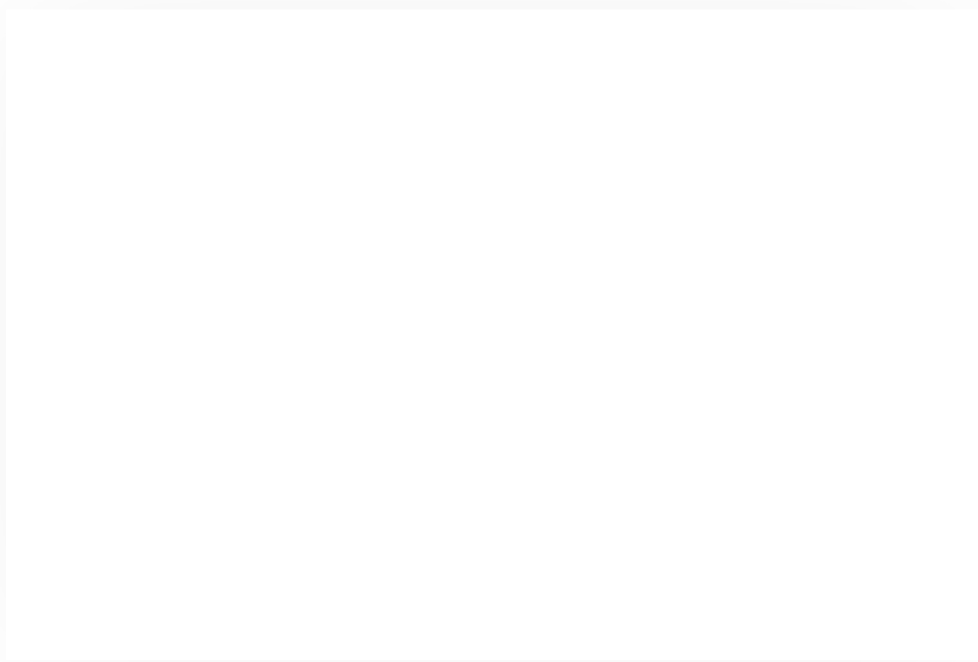


Potter's House Bakery & Cafe via Facebook

### **Potter's House- Rochester**

What makes [Potter's House](#) particularly special is that they provide job opportunities to those with special needs, and partner with Camp CARD NE (Center for Autism and Related Disabilities New England).

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Klemm's Bakery via Facebook

### **Klemm's Bakery- Windham**

This [local, family-owned business](#) makes both creative and traditional baked goods for both New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

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The Copper Lantern via Facebook

### **The Copper Lantern- North Hampton**

**The Copper Lantern** has been in operation since 1979, and offers both delicious home cooking and fresh pastries.

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Crosby Bakery via Facebook

### **Crosby Bakery- Nashua**

**Crosby Bakery** prides themselves on their made-from-scratch baked goods, and also have breakfast and lunch specials.

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Donut Love via Facebook

### **Donut Love- North Hampton**

Home of New Hampshire's original potato donut, **Donut Love** was founded by couple Mike and Steph to honor the legacy of Mike's mother, Kathy, who longed to open a family bakery.

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Dunkin' via Facebook

### **Dunkin'**

Yes, it's not a New Hampshire-specific place, but their donuts rock, so **Dunkin'** deserves a place at the table as far as we're concerned.

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Duston's Bakery & Deli via Facebook

### **Duston's Bakery & Deli- Dover**

We love to see all these local family businesses succeeding at what they do. [Dustin's Bakery & Deli](#) is a family-owned market, bakery, and deli serving fresh goods daily.

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Brothers Donuts via Facebook

### **Brothers Donuts- Franklin**

So many of you guys recommended [Brothers Donuts](#) up in Franklin, New Hampshire, and we can see why. Just look at all these gorgeous baked creations.

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Comfort Baking Company via Facebook

### **Comfort Baking Company- Exeter**

**Comfort Baking Company** offers everything from cinnamon rolls to "donuts, bagels, baked goods, acai bowls, smoothies, gluten free bread, and lunch items like soup and sandwiches and other specials!" Talk about our favorite things.



Goody Good Donuts via Facebook

### **Goody Good Donuts- Laconia**

**Goody Good Donuts** is open six days a week (except Monday). Be sure to get there on the earlier side, cause these donuts sell out.



Stonehouse Bakery & Café via Facebook

### **Stonehouse Bakery & Café- Barrington**

**This Barrington bakery** offers both curbside delivery and takeout, so you can easily bring home a delicious box of donuts to enjoy from the comfort of your couch.

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Heav'nly Donuts-Windham via Facebook

## Heav'nly Donuts- Windham

And of course, we can't forget the crème de la crème, [Heav'nly Donuts](#). So many people are absolutely in love with this place, and with good reason.

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## THE SEVEN MODERN WONDERS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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### The Isles of Shoals

According to [NewEngland.com](#), the Isles of Shoals is about seven miles out to sea on the border of New Hampshire and Maine. It has a fascinating history dating back to the 1600's, and ties to historic figures like John Smith the infamous pirate Blackbeard. Guests can access Star Island aboard the [Thomas Leighton](#), spend the day exploring, or even stay overnight at the [Oceanic Hotel](#).



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## Franconia Notch State Park

'Hey Alexa, play Paradise by Coldplay.'

Seriously, though. Just look at this place. Franconia Notch State Park is right in the White Mountains National Forest according to [nhstateparks.org](https://www.nhstateparks.org). In addition to gorgeous hiking views, visitors can also explore the lakes and Flume Gorge, ride Cannon Mountain's aerial tramway, and more.

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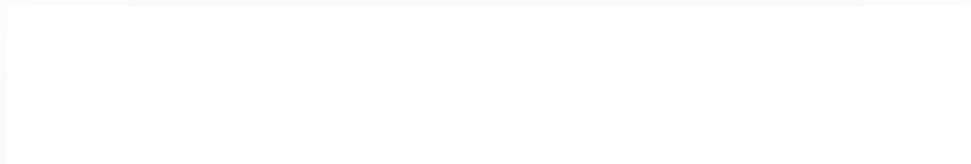
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## The Beaches

Ok yes, this one should probably be a tad less generic. But the key players that make up New Hampshire's beaches all have different appeals.

Want to enjoy a nice beach walk with your family? Wallis Sands is where it's at. Thinking about catching some waves on a surfboard? You're going to want to hit up Jenness. As for Hampton? Well, if arcades, bars, and live entertainment are your thing, that's where you'll want to go.

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### **Kancamagus Scenic Byway**

Always a popular spot during the fall months especially, the **Kancamagus Scenic Byway** goes for 34.5 miles along Route 112. The aesthetic beauty you'll see while driving this highway is nothing short of majestic, and it's the perfect place to appreciate New Hampshire's fall foliage.

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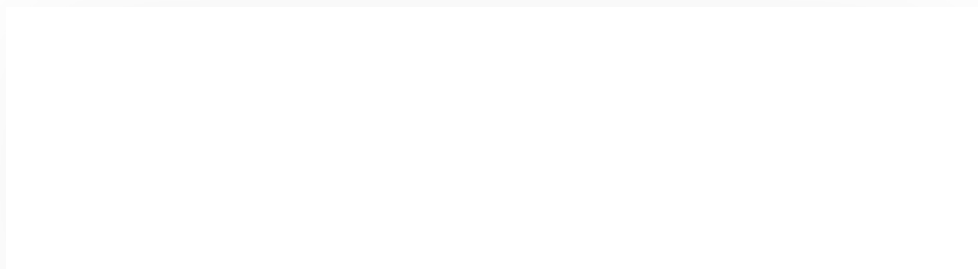


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### **Omni Mount Washington Hotel and Resort**

Many would agree that you should spend some time at this exquisite resort at least once in your life. Not only is this historic **hotel and resort** beautiful, but guests can enjoy skiing, golfing, a spa, numerous restaurants and places to shop, a canopy tour, and so much more.

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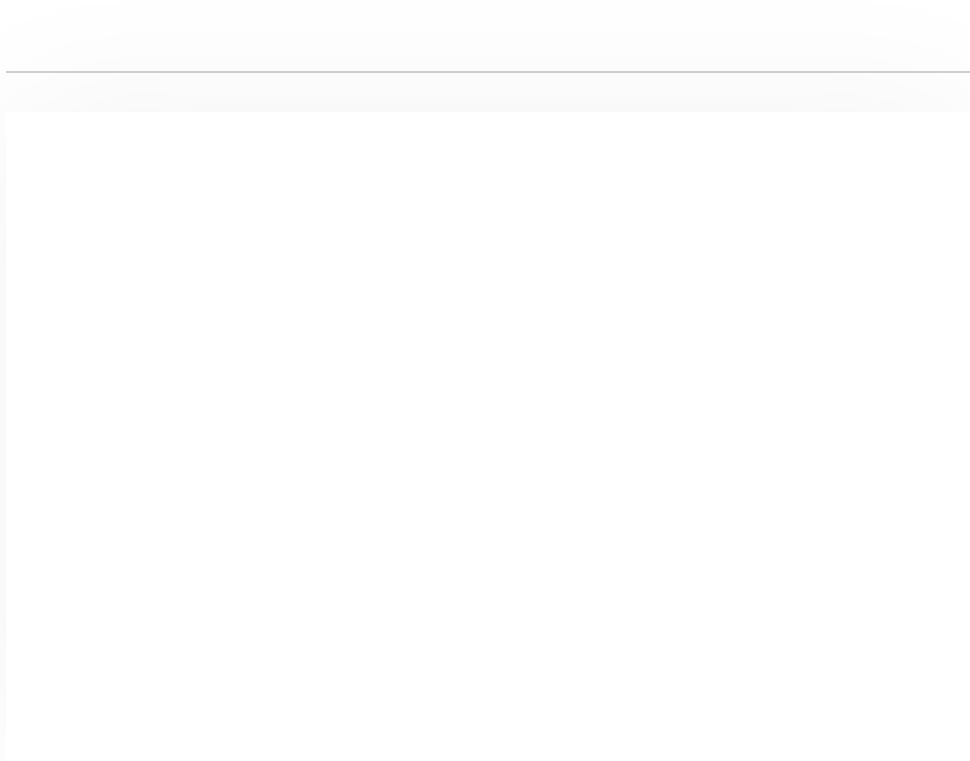


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## Strawbery Banke

History lovers will really appreciate this place. [Strawbery Banke Museum](#) describes itself on its website as "a 10-acre campus dedicated to bringing 300+ years of history to life." Those who visit the living history museum can tour homes dating back to the 1600s, interact with tour guides and costumed roleplayers, and more.

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## Diana's Baths

New Hampshire is home to lots of watering holes, but one of the most popular is [Diana's Baths](#). Not only is this a fun place to explore, but people of all ages can enjoy spending time in the many pools and waterfalls during the warmer months. It's definitely a bucket list destination, for sure.

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White Mountains TV via YouTube

### Honorable Mention: The Old Man of the Mountain

Unfortunately, since the famed [Old Man of the Mountain](#) is no longer standing, it tragically didn't make the official 'Modern Wonders' list. But, we couldn't forget to mention the iconic landmark, which was over 12,000 years old when it fell in May of 2003 according to [Mental Floss](#).



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