



## Regional Spotlight on New Hampshire's Lakes Region

On the map [New Hampshire](#) may seem like a small state, but in fact, it features seven distinct tourism regions. From historic river valleys to the soaring peaks of the highest mountains in the Northeast, each of the regions which offers a wide variety of things to enjoy throughout the year.

This month, we're spotlighting New Hampshire's Lakes Region, one of New England's most popular destinations for tourists year-round. Named for the numerous lakes that comprise the region, the Lakes Region makes up the east-central part of the state and borders two small mountain ranges, the Belknap Mountains to the southwest and the Ossipee Mountains to the northeast.

The Lakes Region truly comes to life during the summertime with activity often peaking during [Motorcycle Week](#) and during races at the [New Hampshire Motor Speedway](#) in Loudon. The jewel of the region is the majestic [Lake Winnepesaukee](#), a scenic, 72-square mile lake featuring every water sport imaginable during the summer and access to ice fishing, cross-country skiing and pond hockey during the winter months. During the summer, the lake is popular with boaters and there are many resorts and campgrounds surrounding it. Other lakes in the region include some of the most pristine bodies of water in New England such as [Newfound Lake](#) and [Squam Lake](#).

The Lakes Region also contains some of New Hampshire's most popular tourist sites including [Castle in the Clouds](#), a 5,000-acre Victorian estate in Moultonborough and [Funspot](#), a legendary arcade in Weirs Beach. Home to many vacation homes and a variety of hotels and resorts, the Lakes Region is a nostalgic retreat for generations of New Englanders.

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