

# CANNON MOUNTAIN AERIAL TRAMWAY

at Franconia Notch State Park

## TRAM TIMELINE

Conceived by Alexander Bright, US Ski Team Member.



1933



Gov. Winant committee surveys the White Mt. region & Cannon Mountain location unanimously chosen.

Legislation passes \$250k financing for Tram construction.

1934

1937

200 Civilian Conservation Corps workers begin constructing Franconia Notch State Park.

In June, the first Tramway opens in N. America and greatly impacts the ski & tourism in NH.

1938



1980

Tram II opens and replaces Tram I with support of NH Legislature.

Tram II has been in operation for 43 years.

2023



over **8** million transported to summit since 1980.

## How much does it cost to ride round-trip?

Adults 13+ : \$28 | Children 6-12: \$23

Children under 5: Free with adult

## WHY THE TRAM IS UNIQUE:

- It's the only Tram in NH, and only one of two in all of New England.
- The Tram is a key element of the recreational offerings within Franconia Notch State Park, our Flagship Park.
- The height of the Tram is taller than a ski lift or gondola, affording sweeping views of the White Mountains at an exalting height.
- It provides accessibility to a summit experience for families, guests young & old, as well as disabled individuals.
- Franconia Notch State Park is continually rated a top 10 state park nationally. (Fodors)
- Tram capacity - currently 75 people.
- Thousands of NH school groups have visited, building a life-long appreciation of NH's natural resources.

The Tram is the second highest revenue generating attraction within the NH State Park system.

FY 22 Revenues – Tramway Admission & Retail: \$2,055,112.



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## WHY NOW?

- **Current Tram is fast approaching end of life on several key components.**
- **After 43 years in service, many parts and components getting harder to find and replace.**
- **Continued operation is critical to the sustainability of Franconia Notch State Park and Cannon Mountain.**

## CURRENT STATUS:

- Tram safety is tested daily and is currently safe to ride.
- We solicited feedback from the Cannon Mountain Advisory Committee and the State Park Advisory Commission.
- We hosted a Public Information and Comment Session on the future of the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway. It included a presentation of background information, current status and possible options for the state to consider moving forward, followed by Q & As.



- We have reviewed various tram sizes, speeds and other variables for consideration.
- We are currently working with the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Public Works, to establish a Phase 1 of Engineering because the manufacturer of our current Tramway has notified us that key replacement parts will no longer be available for a system this old. Ideally, NH State Parks would want to secure replacement of the Tram II before a component failure forces an unplanned shut-down.
- Phase 1 Engineering will allow us to be prepared so that if/when funding is appropriated, we will be ready to issue a Request for Proposal immediately.
- \$25 million is the current working estimate provided by DAS, Public Works.



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