

Profile Lake Trail



Old Man Legacy Fund

- Established by Governor Benson after the collapse of the Old Man of the Mountain geological feature.
- The Legacy Fund works in partnership with the New Hampshire Division of Parks & Recreation to provide a “lasting legacy of remembrance” for the Old Man of the Mountain.
- The Fund’s primary focus is to create a permanent memorial to the Old Man of the Mountain.



Legacy Fund Revitalization Vision

- Museum/Visitor Center
- Profile Viewing Devices
- Profile Lake Circumferential Path
- Artists pathway
- Old Man Curriculum and Traveling Exhibit

Accomplishments

- Museum is installed in the Profile Visitor Services Building.
- Seven "profilers," which allow visitors to again see the famous Profile on the mountain.
- The Old Man of the Mountain Profiler Plaza was dedicated in June 2011 on the shore of Profile Lake.
- The Plaza includes 1,200 paver stones most engraved with the names and memories of friends of the Old Man and Franconia Notch.



Old Man of the Mountain Memorial Plaza



Site Overview

- Franconia Notch Parkway completed in 1988.
- Public access provided to Profile Lake at the Profile Visitor Center and the Cannon Cliff trailhead.
- Profile Lake is a 13 acre lake stocked with trout by NH Fish and Game Department.
- Lake is restricted to fly fishing only.
- Average depth is 6 feet, maximum depth is 15 feet.
- Canoe & car top boats are allowed at the Cannon Cliff trailhead boat launch.



For fishing regulation information, please refer to the NHFGD Freshwater Fishing Digest.

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PROFILE LAKE Franconia

FISHERY: Coldwater **ACRES:** 13
TROPHIC LEVEL: OLIGO
AVG. DEPTH: 6 **MAX. DEPTH:** 15
SPECIES: EBT

ADDITIONAL INFO: trout pond, fly-fishing only

ACCESS: Franconia Notch SP, cartop

Please contact NH Dept of Safety, Marine Patrol for info. on water body/boat/motor restrictions:
(603) 293-2037 www.nhmarinepatrol.com

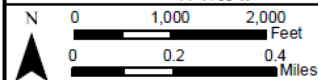
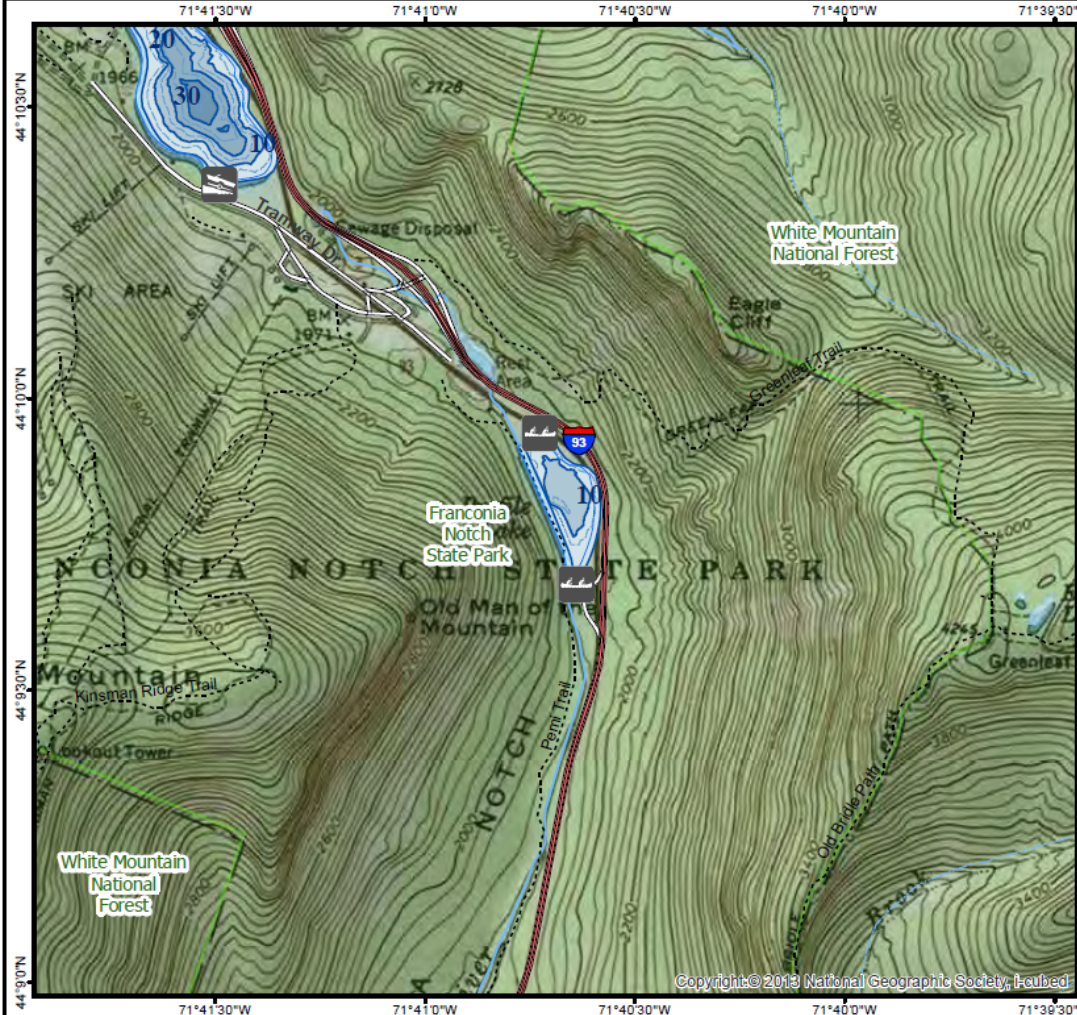
Public Water Access site

- Canoe/cartop
- Shorebank
- Ramp

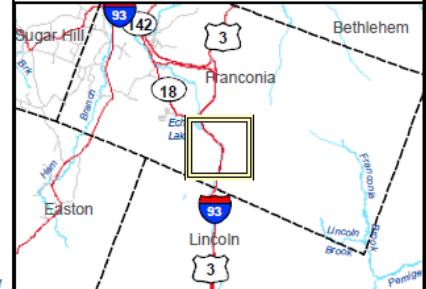
Bathymetric contour (feet)

Bathymetry provided by the NH Department of Environmental Services, Watershed Mgt Bureau

- Town boundary
 - Primary Route
 - Road or Street
 - Trail or other
 - Stream or Shoreline
 - Surface Water
 - Wetland
 - Conservation or Public land
 - Restricted Access Conservation
 - Forest
 - Contour
 - Building
- Source: USGS



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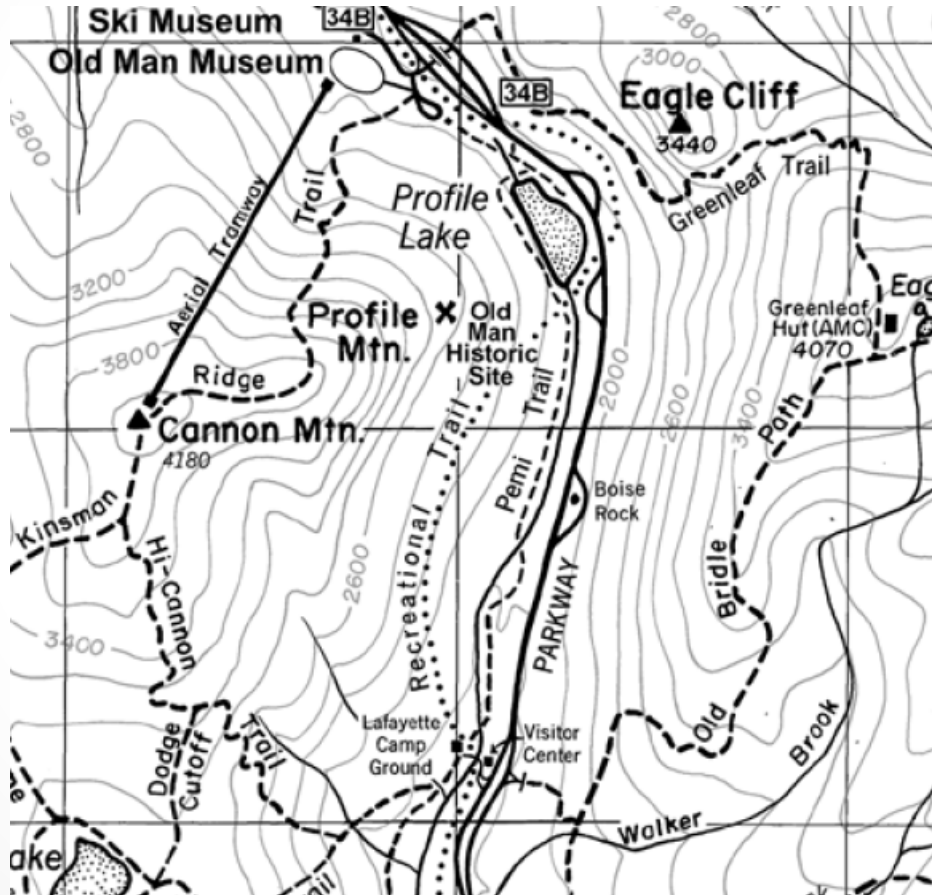


Directions: Franconia Notch State Park

Recreational Amenities

- Profile Visitor Center constructed in 1986.
 - Bathrooms
 - Old Man of the Mountain Museum & gift shop
 - Viewing area for the Old Man of the Mountain geological feature
 - Parking for appx 100 cars with an accessible route to the lake
 - Profile Cottage interpretive display
- Recreational trail connects notch attractions and parking areas.
 - Pedestrian and bicycle route through the notch
 - Trail crosses under Route 93 to the east-side of the notch before the plaza
 - Recreational trail does not meet universal accessibility guidelines along its entire length
- Pemi Trail
 - Primitive hiking trail that connects the Profile Visitor Center to Lafayette Campground
 - Located on the west-side of Profile Lake
 - Connects to major trails in Franconia Notch

Trails



Profile Lake Trail Proposal Goals

- Take advantage of existing recreational infrastructure
- Expand recreational opportunity in the park by creating a universally accessible short hike
- Encourage tourism in the Franconia Notch region
- Provide a unique view of Cannon Cliff and Eagle Cliff that is not available from the Franconia Notch bike path.



Examples of Boardwalks

- Silver Lake Loop Trail, Big Cottonwood Canyon, Wasatch-Cache National Forest.
- Jean Lafitte National Historic Park, Louisiana
- Big Bear Lake, California



Environmental

- Wetland Permit
- Shoreland Permit
- NH DOT Right of Way MOA
- Project presented to the State Lands Team
- Natural Heritage Bureau datacheck

Proposed Design

- 6' wide ledge pack accessible trail from Old Man Plaza (420 linear feet), to the boardwalk,
- Boardwalk design;
 - 44 granite blocks installed along the shore at the base of the slope from Route 93, centered 12' apart (510 linear feet).
 - 8' length between block to be spanned with 6'x12' deck sections resting on shims
- 6' wide ledge pack accessible trail from the boardwalk which will intersect with recreational trail at the Cannon Cliff trailhead (630 linear feet)

Next Steps & Resources

- Anticipated Schedule
 - Granite block installation late May – early June
 - Walkway construction July – August
 - Project completion September
- Project webpage has plans and permit applications.
- Public comment period open until April 21, 2017
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