What’s in a Notch?

Franconia Notch is a spectacular mountain pass traversed by a unique parkway winding between the high peaks of the Kinsman and Franconia mountain ranges. Formed 200 million years ago, the Flume Gorge and Cannon Mountain are at the center of Franconia Notch and are two of New England’s most popular natural geological wonders.

Spend a day or camp for a week discovering the wonders of Franconia Notch State Park, from narrow granite passages and scenic pools to steep waterfalls, covered bridges and the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway.

The Notch offers cafeterias, gift shops, a campground, RV park, educational exhibits, walking and hiking trails, bike paths, spectacular scenery, a glacially-formed lake with boat rentals, a sandy beach and much more!
The Flume Gorge, Gilman Visitor Center and a two-mile self-guided nature walk are located at this exit. The Flume is a natural gorge with spectacular waterfalls, vistas and covered bridges. The visitor center offers restrooms, a cafeteria, gift shop, historical displays and a free introductory movie about the park.

**Pull-Offs Between Exits 34A and 34B**

- **Basin Pull-Off** (north & southbound) The Basin is a large granite pothole that was created by a glacier more than 15,000 years ago. This stop features walking paths to the Basin (ten minute walk), picnic tables and an entrance to Franconia Notch State Park.
- **Boise Rock Pull-Off** (northbound only) This rock was made famous when Thomas Boise used it for shelter during a blizzard in the 1800s. Amazing views of Cannon Cliffs. Picnic tables available.
- **Profile Lake Trailhead Parking Pull-Off** (southbound only) Excellent views of Profile Lake and Franconia Notch. Boat launch available, fly fishing only.
- **Echo Lake Beach and Cannon RV Park** are located at this exit. The beach, open in June, July and August, offers visitors bathrooms, lifeguards, boat rentals and a snack shop. Cannon RV Park is open year-round and the parking area is also a base for hikers. Park at the Governor Gallen Memorial to walk onto Sunset Bridge where you'll be treated to spectacular views of Sunset Hill, Mt. Lafayette and beyond. The Cannon Mountain Ski Area base lodge is located at this exit as well. For RV Park reservations please call 1-877-NHPARKS.
- **Governor Gallen Memorial (Sunset Bridge)** The Governor Gallen Memorial is located at this exit. Park at the Memorial to walk onto Sunset Bridge where you'll be treated to spectacular views of Sunset Hill, Mt. Lafayette and beyond. The Cannon Mountain Ski Area base lodge is located at this exit as well. For RV Park reservations please call 1-877-NHPARKS.

**Lafayette Place Campground Pull-Off** (southbound only; northbound travelers should use exit 34B to reverse direction) Offering 97 wooded campsites, a camp store, showers, a hiker information cabin and parking for hikers and Franconia Notch State Park Recreational Trail users. Campground reservations can be made January-October by calling 1-877-NHPARKS.

**Old Man of the Mountain Historic Site** Park at this exit for the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway and the Old Man of the Mountain Historic Site and Museum. The tramway takes visitors to sweeping panoramic views at the summit of Cannon Mountain where you’ll find a cafeteria, restrooms, walking paths and an observation tower. At the base there are restrooms, a cafeteria and a gift shop. Learn about the famous stone profile featured on the state quarter at the Old Man of the Mountain Historic Site. At this exit you’ll also find the New England Ski Museum, open daily free of charge from noon to 5 p.m.

**Profile Lake Trailhead Parking Pull-Off** (southbound only) Excellent views of Profile Lake and Franconia Notch. Boat launch available, fly fishing only.

The Millenium Trail

Franconia Notch State Park has been recognized with the Centennial Medallion Award and the recreation trail has been designated as New Hampshire's Millennium Trail.