

Which NH Fire Towers have you visited?

New Hampshire Fire Lookout Tower Quest Visitor Register

Fire Tower — Date Visited

Belknap Mtn. _____
 Blue Job _____
 Cardigan Mtn. _____
 Federal Hill _____
 Green Mtn. _____
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 Milan Hill _____
 Pack Monadnock _____
 Oak Hill _____
 Pawtuckaway _____
 Pitcher Mtn. _____
 Prospect Mtn. _____
 Red Hill _____
 Warner Hill _____

NH Forest Facts

- New Hampshire is the second most forested state in the U.S., with 4.8 million acres of forestland.
- Forests cover 83 percent of the state's landscape
- 4.5 million acres of our forests are classified as timberland.
- 80% of our forests are privately owned
- Our forest products industry is New Hampshire's third largest manufacturing industry, contributing \$3.9 billion annually to the state's economy.
- Our forests offer a multitude of tourist and recreational values that contribute \$1.05 billion annually to the state's economy.
- New Hampshire's forests are extremely diverse with 74 tree species. These include 62 species of deciduous (leaf) trees and 12 species of coniferous (needle) trees.

NH Fire Tower Quest Program

A great way to explore our statewide fire tower system



One of the best ways you can experience New Hampshire's forests is by visiting our fire lookout towers. Some are accessible by car and others involve challenging hikes. All offer wonderful views of the surrounding landscapes and will give you a glimpse of what it was like to be a lookout.

New Hampshire's fire towers and their lookouts have been helping protect our forests for more than 100 years. Today, the N.H. Division of Forests & Lands maintains a statewide system of 15 fire lookout towers, which still serve as an important early detection tool to protect our communities and forest resources from the catastrophic effects of wildfires.



The N.H. Division of Forests & Lands is the principal state agency engaged in the protection, stewardship and sustainable use of New Hampshire's forests and is one of five divisions of the N.H. Department of Natural & Cultural Resources. The Division's

Forest Protection Bureau is responsible for protecting more than 4.5 million acres of both public and private forestlands from the threat of wildland fire and crimes against the forest resource.

On average, New Hampshire experiences about 250 wildland fires each year, which burn an average of 250 acres. Another 200-300 illegal fires occur each year that are extinguished before they turn into a wildland fire. Wildland fire control is achieved through prevention, training, early detection, careful pre-planning, hazard mitigation,

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nh.gov/nhdfi

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Show your New Hampshire Fire Tower Quest Pride!

Visit at least five of the sites listed above to get a Tower Quest Patch. You do not have to complete your Tower Quest in one calendar year.

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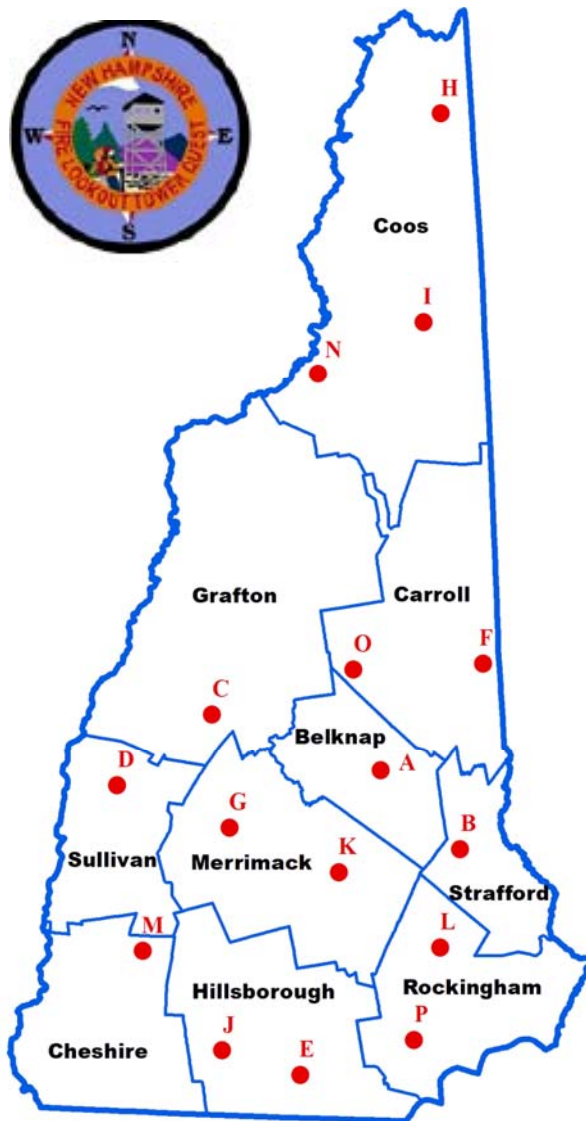
Send your Tower Quest log to:
 Division of Forests & Lands
 NH Dept. of Natural & Cultural Resources
 172 Pembroke Road
 Concord, NH 03301



We invite you to visit our fire towers and experience this special part of our history. Select one of the fire tower locations from the list in this brochure and plan your excursion. Complete the Tower Quest Challenge by visiting five or more towers!

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Plan your NH Fire Tower Quest!



A. Belknap Mt. 2,384' (State) GILFORD:

From Route 11A at Gilford Village. Follow Belknap Mtn. Rd. south for 2.4 mi to Belknap Carriage Rd., forks left and leads to a parking area. Green Trail (0.7mi) is short and fairly rough; Red Trail (0.8 mi) is slightly longer and more scenic.

B. Blue Job 1,356' (State) FARMINGTON:

From Rte. 202A 5.4 mi. east of the junction with Rte. 126 in Ctr. Strafford or 2.8 mi. west of the junction with NH Rte. 202 near Rochester, take Crown Point Rd. 5.6 mi. Two trails lead a half mile to the summit.

C. Cardigan Mtn. 3,121 (State) ORANGE:

From Rte. 118 about 0.5 mi. north of Canaan, turn east at the Cardigan sign and drive 4.1 miles to parking area. Westside trail from parking area (1.4mi) to summit.

D. Croydon Mtn. 2,781' (State) CROYDON:

Private property not open to the public.

E. Federal Hill 690' (State) MILFORD:

From Rt. 101A take Ponemah Hill Rd. south at the tower sign. Follow Ponemah Hill Rd for about 1 mi. Tower road is gated on the west side of the road. From Rt. 13 take Emerson Frontage Rd past Hampshire Hills fitness center to the intersection of Emerson and Ponemah Hill for about 1 mile.

F. Green Mtn. 1,907' (State) EFFINGHAM:

For the foot trail, take Rte 25 4.3 mi. east from the junction with Rte. 16 in Ctr. Ossipee, then turn right and go south on Green Mountain Rd. 1.4 mi. Turn left onto Highwatch Rd. and go 1.3 mi. to the trailhead (0.1 mi beyond the Lakeview facility). From here to the summit is 1.4 mi.

G. Kearsarge Mt. 2,937' (State) WILMOT and WARNER:

The tower can be reached from the north (Wilmot) by a trail (1.1mi.) or from the south by the carriage road and trail. The trail side can be reached by following signs to Winslow State Park (I-89, exit 10 to Kearsarge Valley Rd.) or Rte 11 to Kearsarge Valley Rd. for the carriage road, follow signs to Rolins State Park from Rte. 103 in Warner. The toll road goes 3.7 mi. along the ridge to a small parking area. From this point, the trail to the summit is 0.6 mi. *Note: Park entrance fees will apply.*

H. Magalloway Mt. 3,360' (State) PITTSBURG:

From Rte. 3 north of Pittsburg, 4.7 mi. beyond the First Connecticut Lake dam, take a woods road east (tower sign) and follow signs at several junctions. The tower access road leaves the main haul road to the right at 5.3 mi. Follow this road approximately 2.5 miles to the trailhead. Two different trails lead to the tower and are designated by signs. Both trails are approximately 0.7 miles in length and include several steep sections with loose material. #

I. Milan Hill 1,737' (State) MILAN:

From Rte 110 B west of Milan, the Milan Hill State Park road goes south to a parking area very near the base of the tower.

J. Pack Monadnock 2,280' (State) PETERBOROUGH:

Located off Rte.101 on Pack Monadnock in Miller State Park. Auto road access to the tower site. *Note: Park entrance fees will apply.*

K. Oak Hill 920' (State) LOUDON:

From E. Concord (exit 16 on I-93) Across to Shawmut Continue to fork, take left onto Oak Hill Road into the town of Loudon. The Tower road (which has a sign) will be on your left may be gated, and is rough and steep. From Rte. 106 head west onto Rte. 129, take School Street to Oak Hill Rd. Tower Rd. will be at top of hill on right.

L. Pawtuckaway 908' (State) NOTTINGHAM:

Take Rte. 107 from either Deerfield or Raymond to Reservation Rd. Follow the signs on Reservation Rd. which lead to a small parking lot at the base of South Mountain. At the parking lot you should follow the signs for trailhead # 6 and the hike is about 0.4 mi. to the tower.

M. Pitcher Mt. 2,153' (State) STODDARD:

Tower is northeast of Rte. 123 west of the town of Stoddard. A trail and a gated jeep road provide access from a signed parking area just west of the height of land. The trail is part of the Monadnock-Sunapee trail corridor.

N. Mt. Prospect 2,059' (State) LANCASTER:

Tower is in Weeks State Park east of Rte. 3 between Lancaster and Whitefield. The auto road to the summit is gated when the park is closed, but it is an easy 1.5 mile walk.

O. Red Hill 2,029' (Town)

MOULTONBORO:

Take Bean Road from near the junction of Rte. 25 and Rte. 25B in Center Harbor. After 1.4 mi. turn onto Sibley Rd. (fire tower sign) to a parking lot at a gated jeep road. Distance to Red Hill tower 1.7 mi.

P. Warner Hill 605' (State) DERRY:

Off Warner Hill Rd. about 0.5 miles east of the intersection with Floyd Rd. Auto road access to the tower site.



NH Tower Quest is a cooperative program between the NH Division of Forests & Lands; the USDA Forest Service, State & Private Forestry; UNH Cooperative Extension and the NH Federation of Forest Fire Wardens' Association.