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**AMC's Hearty Mountain Fare Wins 'Best of New Hampshire'
Editor's Pick Award from *New Hampshire Magazine***

PINKHAM NOTCH, N.H. – Delicious food, a dramatic view, and an inexpensive meal to boot – the thought of hearty mountain fare never sounded better! So good, in fact, that the Appalachian Mountain Club's Pinkham Notch Visitor Center was recognized as an Editor's Pick in the 2003 *New Hampshire Magazine* "Best of New Hampshire" awards in the popular category of "Best Cheap Eats in the White Mountains."

The Pinkham Notch Visitor Center is located on N.H. Route 16 between the towns of Jackson and Gorham in the White Mountain National Forest. Serving hearty meals to visitors for more than 83 years, the AMC prides itself on the relaxed, family-friendly dining experience it provides for guests.

The magazine lauded the Pinkham Notch Visitor Center's meals as "plentiful, hearty, and cooked from scratch."

The visitor center serves tasty, nutritious meals three times a day, every day of the year. The buffet-style breakfast is plentiful, with such favorites as piping hot pancakes, fresh fruit, and bacon and eggs to fuel even the most ambitious mountain adventurer. Lunch includes a wide selection of deli choices. The buffet-style lunch also includes soup and homemade bread. Served promptly at 6 p.m., the AMC's family-style dinner includes soup, salad, varied entrees, vegetables, potato or rice, fresh bread, and homemade desserts, followed by free evening programs every night of the summer and every Saturday night, year 'round. Chefs concentrate on quality and the freshness of their food.

Diners are treated to the culinary talents of Executive Chef Harry Cavanaugh, well-known Pinkham Cooks Dave Wilson and Becky Parker, and Kitchen Supervisor Adam Cloutier.

The AMC's famous high-mountain huts serve similar mountain fare. The huts provide respite for the weary hiker, with furnished bunks and hearty meals served by friendly hut crews.

The Highland Center at Crawford Notch, AMC's newest destination for learning, lodging, and adventure in the White Mountains, is set to open in September. Meals at the Highland Center will be planned and prepared under the direction of Executive Chef Matthew P. Houghton, well known for his expertise in some of the state's finest dining rooms, and the recipient of the American Federation of Chefs' 2003 "Chef of the Year" award.

Check out www.outdoors.com/lodging for more information on AMC mountain lodging and cuisine. Reservations are not necessary for meals at Pinkham Notch Visitor Center, but are highly recommended for dinner. To make a reservation, call (603) 466-2727. The AMC's programs and facilities are open to all — AMC members and nonmembers alike.

Founded in 1876, the Appalachian Mountain Club is the oldest conservation and recreation organization in the United States. With more than 91,000 members in the Northeast and beyond, the nonprofit AMC promotes the protection, enjoyment, and wise use of the mountains, rivers, and trails of the Appalachian region.

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