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Catch the Beauty of Fall Foliage with the AMC

WHITE MOUNTAINS, N.H. — Imagine yourself, hiking stick in hand, fallen leaves crunching beneath your feet, enjoying a cool afternoon amid a sea of vibrantly colored leaves in New Hampshire's White Mountains. Each year, visitors flock to the Northeast to enjoy the changing of the seasons and the spectacular fall foliage. For more than a century, the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) lodges and huts have provided magical venues from which to view the fall colors.

In September, the AMC will open its newest mountain lodge, the Highland Center at Crawford Notch — a destination for adventure, learning and lodging. Nestled in the heart of the White Mountains of New Hampshire, the Highland Center offers world-class views, all-inclusive outdoor adventures for families and individuals, meeting space and lodging for groups, and excellent educational opportunities for children and adults alike. The Highland Center at Crawford Notch offers an all-inclusive outdoor experience, including guided outdoor adventures, gear provided by L.L. Bean, and educational opportunities for all ages.

The AMC huts provide unparalleled, backcountry adventures, and are open to everyone, AMC members and nonmembers alike. The Zealand Falls Hut provides fantastic views of the changing leaves. An easy 2.8-mile hike from the trailhead puts you in the midst of a mixed-hardwood forest, perched on a ridge overlooking a scenic mountain notch. A waterfall blissfully falling just outside the hut door serves as a reminder that civilization is light years away. Inside Zealand Falls Hut, guests are treated to hearty meals, fresh-baked daily, and the camaraderie of other hikers. Informative talks and natural history programs are provided by the hut crew and AMC naturalists to help guests learn more about the surrounding mountain environment.

In addition to Zealand Falls Hut, the AMC operates seven other huts, each accessible by trail, and each providing its own unique experience. Lonesome Lake Hut, Greenleaf Hut, Galehead Hut, Lakes of the Clouds Hut, Mizpah Spring Hut, Madison Spring Hut, and Carter Notch Hut, are located at different elevations, providing a variety of views and hikes geared toward different skill levels. Hearty meals, cozy lodging, learning opportunities, and friendly, knowledgeable staff are part of the scene at all of the huts.

For more information about AMC lodging for fall foliage in Northeast, visit www.outdoors.org/lodging.

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