

Where Can I Park to Hike in Franconia Notch?

Increasing use of trails and growing numbers of visitors in the White Mountains region can make it a challenge to find a place to park in designated parking areas, particularly within Franconia Notch State Park.

The State of New Hampshire is reminding visitors that parking along the Franconia Notch Parkway/Interstate 93 is prohibited. Here are parking tips to consider when planning your hike within the park. Please note that hiking times are approximated based on ideal summer conditions and times given in the [AMC White Mountain Guide](#). It is always best to allow as much time as possible for a safe and enjoyable hike.

Popular Trailheads & Hiker Parking

Old Bridle Path (I93-N): 133 parking spots. This primary hiker parking lot provides access to **Lonesome Lake and Greenleaf huts** and surrounding trails including Lonesome Lake Trail, Pemi Trail, Old Bridle Path, Falling Waters Trail, and Hi Cannon Trail to Kinsman Ridge Trail.

Lonesome Lake Hut via Lonesome Lake Trail, Cascade Brook Trail and Fishing Jimmy Trail 1.7 mi 1 hour 20 min
Greenleaf Hut via Old Bridle Path 2.9 mi 2 hours 40 min
Greenleaf Hut via Falling Waters Trail, Franconia Ridge Trail, Greenleaf Trail 6.0 mi 5 hours 20 min

Lafayette Place (I93-S): 22 parking spots. This lot has limited hiker parking outside the campground providing access to **Lonesome and Greenleaf huts** and surrounding trails including Lonesome Lake Trail, Pemi Trail, Old Bridle Path, Falling Waters Trail, and Hi Cannon Trail to Kinsman Ridge Trail.

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Lafayette Place (I93-S, Lafayette Place Exit): 41 parking spots. This primary hiker parking lot provides access to **Lonesome Lake Hut** and surrounding trails including Lonesome Lake Trail, Pemi Trail, and Hi Cannon Trail to Kinsman Ridge Trail.

Lonesome Lake Hut via Lonesome Lake Trail, Cascade Brook Trail and Fishing Jimmy Trail 1.7 mi 1 hour 20 min

Other Trailheads & Hiker Parking

AMC's Lonesome Lake and Greenleaf huts can be accessed via additional trails in the vicinity. You may want to consider parking at these trailheads when beginning your hike. Be sure to read trail descriptions for some of these [more challenging routes](#) and allow adequate time to reach your destination.

Liberty Springs (Rte 3, North of Flume): 50 parking spots. This primary hiker parking lot provides access to Cascade Brook, Liberty Springs, Pemi Trail, and Flume Slide Trail.

Lonesome Lake Hut via Cascade Brook Trail, Fishin' Jimmy Trail 2.9 mi 2 hours 10 min

Greenleaf Hut via Liberty Spring Trail, Franconia Ridge Trail, Greenleaf Trail 7.5 mi 6 hours

Cannon Aerial Tramway (I93-S & I93-N): 80+ parking spots. Hiker parking is designated in the gravel lot to the left of the paved lots by the old ski jump and provides access to Greenleaf Trail, Pemi Trail, and Kinsman Ridge Trail.

Lonesome Lake Hut via Kinsman Ridge Trail, Lonesome Lake Trail 4mi 3 hours 35 min

Greenleaf Hut via Greenleaf Trail 2.7mi 2 hours 25 min

Peabody Slope (I93 Exit 34C): 400+ parking spots. Hiker parking is designated in the gravel lot on the right side of Rte 18 at ski area entrance beyond Echo Beach and provides access to Bald Mountain and Artist Bluff in addition to general overflow parking for Franconia Notch State Park.

Lonesome Lake Hut via Pemi Trail, Lonesome Lake Trail, Cascade Brook Trail, Fishin' Jimmy Trail 4.7 mi 3 hours

Greenleaf Hut via Pemi Trail, Greenleaf Trail 4 mi 3 hours 25 min

Greenleaf Hut via Pemi Trail, Old Bridle Path 5.9 mi 4 hours 45 min

Skookumchuck (Rt 3 North, Exit 35): 20+ parking spots. This primary hiker parking lot provides access to Skookumchuck Trail and Franconia Notch Recreation Path.

Greenleaf Hut via Skookumchuck Trail, Garfield Ridge Trail, Greenleaf Trail 6.2 mi 5 hours 25 min

AMC Hiker Shuttle

To help plan your White Mountain adventure the AMC Hiker Shuttle operates daily from early June through mid-September and on weekends and holidays through mid-October. A map of shuttle stops, current schedule, rates, and policies can be found [here](#). When planning your visit, we recommend taking the shuttle at the start of your trip and hiking back to your car.

Detailed trail descriptions can be found in the [AMC White Mountain Guide](#).

Check out [Franconia Notch State Park](#) for more information and updates.