



Apple Way



Late summer through fall is prime time for picking apples. Photo: NHD/TTD/Craig Alness

Take an hour or a whole day to discover this special agricultural area of New Hampshire. Stop at one of Londonderry's five orchards, enjoy the area's beautiful scenery, or learn more about its interesting agricultural history.

To get to Londonderry, take I-93 to Exit 4 (NH 102 / Nashua Road). Go west on NH 102 to the second stoplight. Here you will intersect with Gilcreast Road. Go north on Gilcreast Road, and the Apple Way begins by the Londonderry Town Offices. On Gilcreast Road you'll pass Dutton Farm, the first maple syrup producer in town. Sugar maples on the property are still tapped every spring, and if you look behind the barn, you will see the old sugar shack. Turning east onto Pillsbury Road you'll pass sites such as Woodmont Orchards, School House #1, Londonderry Presbyterian Church and Morrison House. Morrison House is now the town museum. You'll also pass Flax Retting Brook, Plummer's Place and Maplehurst. High Range Road provides access to Jackson Hall, originally known as Bell Tavern, and Sunnycrest Farm where you can pick your own apples, strawberries, blueberries, produce and flowers. You'll also pass Lithia Springs near the intersection of High Range Road and NH 102. Elwood Road provides access to Elwood Orchard. Adams Road passes Breezy Hill Farm (now a Bed & Breakfast) and the site of the Wycoff Palm Leaf Hat Factory. Mammoth Road is the last road along the Apple Way. Here you'll pass School House #2, Twin Gate Farm, Moose Hill Orchard (Mack's



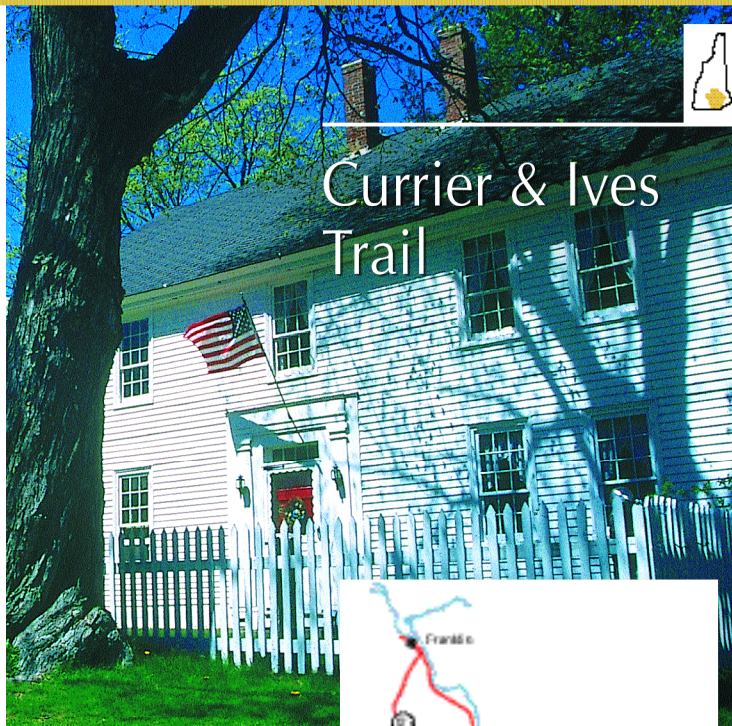
Orchards), and Lions Hall (Reverend William Morrison's Meeting House). Mack's Orchards is a popular spot for apples, cider, pumpkins and produce. Along Mammoth Road you'll also pass the Methodist Church, Londonderry Grange #44 and the Town Common.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Londonderry publishes a brochure and map to serve as a guide for travelers of the Apple Way. Look for the Apple Way brochure at the Londonderry Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society and the Town Office.

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Currier & Ives Trail



A house on Webster's village green. Photo: NHD/TTD/Ken Williams

The Currier & Ives Trail takes the traveler on a tour of quintessential New England. Along this route, you'll take in much of the rural and small-town charm that New Hampshire has to offer.

The historic center of HOPKINTON, with its two covered bridges and agricultural and cultural assets, make it both a wonderful place to live and visit. Hopkinton is home to the Hopkinton State Fair each September. Colonial homes line Main Street, and its Town Hall once served as the state capital. The Contoocook River runs through the heart of the town's business center and offers many recreational opportunities.

HENNIKER is the arts and cultural center of the area. Home to New England College, Henniker retains a rural, small college town look. In WARNER, you can visit Rollins State Park, and take a hike up to the summit of Mt. Kearsarge. Another nearby attraction includes the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum Educational and Cultural Center



which highlights American Indian traditions, philosophy, and art. In the small, rural town of WEBSTER, you'll pass by many old farms and fields, and can visit the Blackwater Dam and River, a popular white water kayaking area.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum is open daily May-October; weekends, November-December.