

Commonly known as the Granite State, New Hampshire ([www.visitnh.gov](http://www.visitnh.gov)) is home to an abundance of unique, niche destinations and activities that are anything but ordinary. From holiday-themed attractions, specialty museums and historical sites, 'unexpected' is a common theme reported by visitors to the state.

Below are a sample of attractions and activities uniquely found only in the state of New Hampshire.

- [America's Stonehenge](#) is the oldest "man-made construction" in the US. A maze of man-made chambers and ceremonial meeting spaces that are 4,000+ years old, America's Stonehenge was built by our native predecessors who were very well-versed in astronomy and construction. Historians have determined that the site is an accurate astronomical calendar, and can be used to determine solar and lunar events of the year.
- [Outside the Classroom at Dartmouth College](#) in Hanover is not just home to one of the nation's finest Universities. Dartmouth offers several attractions which are free and open to the public which include the Dr. Seuss Room in Baker-Berry Library which features original artworks by Ted Geisel aka 'Dr. Seuss,' Friday night astronomy sessions at the Dartmouth Observatory and hikes with the Dartmouth Outing Club on the Appalachian Trail.
- The [USS Albacore](#) is referred to by both visitors and locals as the "Submarine in a Ditch." The Albacore was an active submarine decommissioned in October 1972 and was shipped to Portsmouth in 1985. The move turned out to be a difficult one – they had to cut an active rail track and highway in half in order to get the Albacore to its unplanned final resting place, a concrete slab close to the New Hampshire/Maine border that would become known as Albacore Park. The Park's Visitor Center includes a museum which contains many photographs and historic artifacts from Albacore and other submarines. An audio tour of the visitor's center highlights many of Albacore's unique features, provides information about interior features and relates interesting happenings as told by some of her former crew members.
- [Clark's Trading Post](#), in Lincoln, NH, opened in 1928 by Florence and Ed Clark. By 1949, their sons were training bears for show work and this New Hampshire staple soon became popular for its bear shows and other quirky attractions, including performances by Circus Acts and Chinese Acrobats as well as their Americana Museum, 1884 Fire Station, Clark Family History Museum and Avery's Garage. They are currently in the fifth generation and have up to 20 family members still working at the business. More importantly, they treat the bears like family and as a result, the bears often live longer than if they were in the wild.
- According to the experts at the Guinness World's Record office, [Chutters Candy Store](#) is the longest candy counter in the world. The Main Street store – a Littleton presence for over a hundred years – goes back to a dry goods merchant who started out as a

minister, one with maybe more “sweet tooth” than “fire & brimstone.” Today Chutters has a 112-foot long candy counter and boasts a certificate from the folks at the Guinness Book of World Records.

- [Muddy Paw Sled Dog Kennel](#) offers year-round, family-friendly, dog sledding adventures from their kennel in Jefferson, NH and summertime whitewater rafting adventures from two locations in Gorham and Errol, NH. All of Muddy Paw’s dog sledding experiences are designed to be hands on to the comfort level of the guest. Participants ages 2 and up are given the opportunity to meet and greet sled dogs (many of which are rescue and second chance), help harness and hitch their team and even help drive the sled (at musher discretion for guests and dog safety). The proceeds generated from tours help cover the expenses involved in caring for these incredible canine athletes.