

# 50 Classic Symbols of the Granite State: A Comprehensive Exploration of New Hampshire's Enduring Cultural Icons



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Nestled amidst the picturesque landscapes of New England, the Granite State of New Hampshire is a treasure trove of cultural heritage and enduring symbols that have shaped its identity. From towering mountains and pristine lakes to iconic landmarks and cherished traditions, each symbol tells a unique story, capturing the essence of the state's character and spirit.

In this comprehensive article, we embark on a journey to explore 50 classic symbols of New Hampshire, delving into their historical significance, cultural relevance, and the enduring legacy they hold in the hearts of its people. Join us as we uncover the stories and meanings behind these

timeless icons, gaining a deeper appreciation for the rich tapestry of the Granite State.

## Iconic Landmarks

1. **Mount Washington Cog Railway:** Ascend to the summit of the Northeast's highest peak aboard this iconic steam-powered railway, marveling at breathtaking vistas along the way.



2. **Flume Gorge:** Trek through a breathtaking granite gorge adorned with cascading waterfalls, lush vegetation, and towering cliffs, following the path carved by the Flume Brook.



3. **Old Man of the Mountain:** A beloved natural rock formation that resembled a human face until its collapse in 2003, the Old Man remains a symbol of New Hampshire's rugged beauty.



4. **Lake Winnepesaukee:** Spend a tranquil day sailing, swimming, or fishing on the largest lake in New Hampshire, known for its crystal-clear waters and picturesque shoreline.



## Historical Sites

5. **Portsmouth Naval Shipyard:** Once a bustling hub for naval construction and repair, this historic shipyard now serves as a museum, showcasing the region's maritime heritage.



6. **Strawbery Banke Museum:** Step back in time as you explore a collection of preserved historic buildings that recount the lives of Portsmouth's residents from the 17th to the 19th centuries.



7. **Canobie Lake Park:** Relive nostalgic memories at New Hampshire's oldest amusement park, featuring thrilling rides, classic games, and a picturesque lakeside setting.



8. **Mount Washington Auto Road:** Embark on a challenging yet rewarding drive to the summit of Mount Washington, offering panoramic views and a taste of the region's rugged terrain.





## Cultural Icons

9. **New Hampshire State House:** Admire the majestic architecture of the state capitol building in Concord, a symbol of New Hampshire's political and civic heritage.



10. **Currier and Ives Prints:** Collect or admire the nostalgic scenes of New Hampshire captured in the iconic lithographs of Currier and Ives, depicting rural landscapes and historical events.



11. **Granite:** Known as the "Granite State," New Hampshire is renowned for its abundant granite deposits, used in iconic structures worldwide and celebrated in local festivals.



12. **Covered Bridges:** Discover the charm of New Hampshire's covered bridges, historic landmarks that evoke a sense of rural nostalgia and provide shelter from the elements.



## Local Delicacies

13. **New Hampshire Maple Syrup:** Savor the sweet taste of pure New Hampshire maple syrup, a local delicacy produced during the spring season and enjoyed on pancakes, waffles, and other treats.



14. **Apple Cider Donuts:** Indulge in the warm, sugary goodness of apple cider donuts, a quintessential fall treat in New Hampshire, made with fresh apples and local cider.



15. **Fiddleheads:** Forage for fiddleheads, the curled fronds of young ferns, a spring delicacy enjoyed in New Hampshire, sautéed or added to salads.



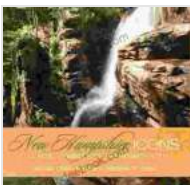
16. **Blueberry Pie:** Celebrate the summer harvest with a slice of blueberry pie, a classic dessert in New Hampshire, featuring fresh blueberries and a flaky crust.





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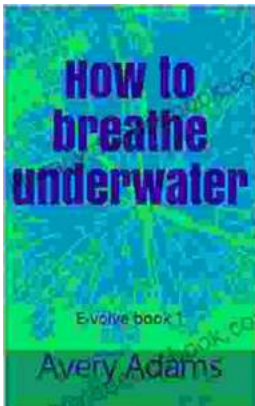
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