

FAVORITE HIKES: WALT GRANDA

Mount Willard, Crawford Notch-- 3.2 miles round-trip, 900-foot elevation gain

Trail runs from the Crawford Depot information center on the west side on US 302 across from Saco Lake to the ledges above the cliff overlooking Crawford Notch. If someone were to hike only one peak in the White Mountains this would be the one to pick. The views are without a doubt one of the best for a hike that is relatively short with easy grades and good footing. This is ideal hike for families, inexperienced hikers or someone who is looking for a short hike with great view. The trail is also close to some great attractions to visit, such as Mt. Washington Resort, Highland Center, Cog Railroad, Willey House and Bretton Woods Resort.

Webster Cliff Trail, Crawford Notch.

This trail, a part of the AT leaves the east side of US 302 opposite the road to Willey House Station. It ascends along the edge of the spectacular cliffs that form the east wall of Crawford Notch, then lead over Mt. Webster, Jackson and Pierce to the Crawford Path. Great trail that offers spectacular views, challenging rock scrambles, a visit to the Mizpah Hut, and a choice of connecting trails. One section of the trail requires a very steep rock scramble and not recommended for inexperienced hikers or wet conditions.

Distances from US 302:

To the first open ledge 1.8 miles- elevation 3100 ft

To summit of Mt Webster 3.3 miles-elevation 3910 ft

To summit of Mt Jackson 4.7 miles-elevation 4052 ft

To Mizpah Spring Hut 6.4 miles-elevation 3800

To Crawford Path 7.3 miles