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# New England

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## ESSENTIAL BOSTON



# EDITORS' CHOICE FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE

## SEACOAST

**M** **Café Mirabelle, 603-430-9301.** 64 Bridge St., Portsmouth. (\$\$\$) This chic blend of classic Euro and country bistro is the perfect place to enjoy updated French cuisine with an emphasis on freshness and flavor. Open for dinner Wed.-Sun. Call for reservations. [www.cafemirabelle.com](http://www.cafemirabelle.com) **Map: I-8**

**M** **Crescent City Bistro + Rum Bar, 603-742-1611.** 83 Washington St., Dover. (\$-\$\$\$) At last, a real New Orleans Cajun Creole restaurant in New Hampshire, and it's great. Order the Cajun chicken jambalaya or the Maine lobster *étouffée*, add a drink from the rum bar, listen to the live music, and wonder why anyone would travel to Louisiana when it's all right here. Open for dinner daily. Call for reservations. [www.crescentcitybistro.com](http://www.crescentcitybistro.com) **Map: H-7**

**M** **Jumpin' Jay's Fish Café, 603-766-3474.** 150 Congress St., Portsmouth. (\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$) With an innovative approach to fish and raw shellfish, Jay's offers treats such as pan-seared mahimahi. The Catch of the Day has a choice of sauces. Open for dinner daily. Call for reservations. [www.jumpinjay.com](http://www.jumpinjay.com) **Map: I-8**

**S** **The Lollipop Tree, 800-842-6691, 603-436-8196.** 319 Vaughn St., Portsmouth. This shop is a veritable honey-pot of grilling and glazing sauces, salad dressings, fruit syrups and jams, mixes for pancakes and scones, and other specialty bread mixes. Everything is made right here—and everything can be sampled. Open Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5:30, Sat. 10-1. [www.lollipoptree.com](http://www.lollipoptree.com) **Map: I-8**

**The Woodman Institute Museum, 603-742-1038.** 182 Central Ave., Dover. Three historic buildings house a gold mine of local history, the largest collection of minerals in northern New England, and artifacts and curiosities from around the world, from samurai armor to Abe Lincoln's saddle. The greatest treasure is the original 1675 Colonial Garrison house, preserved by a protective structure that has been built over and around it. Open Apr.-Nov. Wed.-Sun. 12:30-4:30 P.M., Dec. Sat.-Sun. 12:30-4:30 P.M. \$3, seniors \$2, ages 14-18 \$1. **Map: H-7**

## MERRIMACK VALLEY

**Blake's Creamery, 603-623-7242.** 46 Milford St., Manchester. For more than a century, Blake's has been in the dairy business, which now specializes in ice cream. They created the popular Moose Tracks®, and their maple nut and black raspberry are near perfect. Open mid-May to Sept. daily 7 A.M.-11 P.M., Oct. to mid-May 7 A.M.-10 P.M. **Map: I-6**

**S** **The Elegant Ewe, 603-226-0066.** 71 S. Main St., Concord. Knitting is back and the product is high fashion. Here you can buy the yarns and learn how to knit or spin. There is a problem-solving clinic (\$10; call for reservations) every Tuesday. Open year-round Mon.-Sat. 10-5 (Tues. to 7 P.M.), early Sept.-Mar. also Sun. noon-4. [www.elegantewe.com](http://www.elegantewe.com) **Map: H-6**

**Gould Hill Orchards, 877-746-3811, 603-746-3811.** 656 Gould Hill Rd., Contoocook. More than a pick-your-own orchard, this is an apple lover's

**C** Classic

**M** Dining

**L** Lodging

**S** Shopping

**Map** = Location on map, page 221

\$ = under \$10  
 \$\$ = \$10-\$16  
 \$\$\$ = \$17-\$23  
 \$\$\$\$ = over \$23

The historic architecture of many New England buildings makes it hard to ascertain if handicap accessibility fully meets the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please call ahead for information.

**Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, 603-968-7194.** Rte. 113, Holderness. The center practices what it preaches, using and demonstrating solar energy in its newly constructed Welcome Center. Outside, interpretive trails lead past a variety of habitats with animals (including bears), interactive exhibits, hands-on activities, and learning games for all ages. In July and August, daily wildlife programs feature live birds and animals; cruises highlight lake ecology. Open May-Oct. daily 9:30-4:30. \$11, ages 3-15 \$8. [www.nhnature.org](http://www.nhnature.org) **Map: F-6**