

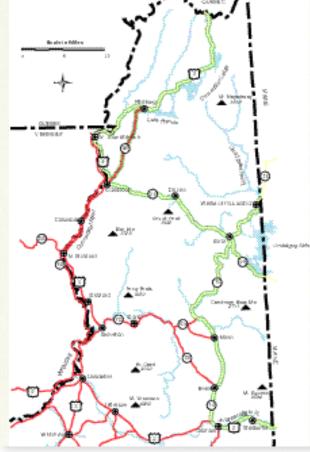
Moose are often seen at roadsides in low-lying swampy areas. Photo: ©Alan Briere

North of the Notches,
New Hampshire's mountainous
topography wanes and
the true wilderness begins.
Moose, deer and other wildlife are
abundant in the Great North Woods
Region, and the area offers
many opportunities for hiking,
camping and wildlife viewing.

GORHAM/BERLIN. The awardwinning Northern Forest Moose Tours begin at the Gorham Information Booth on Route 16 from May to October. Traveling north on NH 16 past Gorham, you'll pass the City of Berlin, known as "the city that trees built," and the Northern Forest Heritage Park. This park, centered in and around the Brown Pulp & Paper Company House Museum and adjacent to the Androscoggin River, highlights the 'Working Forest' with exhibits, lectures, demonstrations, heritage walks, occasional mill tours, and a full-scale replica of a circa 1900 logging camp.

DUMMER/ERROL. Between Berlin and Errol you'll come across the Pontook Reservoir, offering great wildlife viewing opportunities and public access points, as well as restrooms and interpretive signs. The class III rapids below the dam are the most challenging on the Androscoggin, making this area a favorite among canoeists, kayakers, tubers and rafters.

The Pontook Reservoir also marks the beginning of the real moose country in northern New Hampshire. From this point through Dixville Notch State Park on NH 26, you have your best chance of sighting a moose. North of Pontook, you'll enter the 13 Mile Woods Scenic Area, which meanders along sections of the Androscoggin River. An interpretive center near the entrance to 13 Mile Woods (Bayview Lodge) provides information, lodging, and restrooms for visitors. Along this stretch you'll pass the Androscoggin Wayside, Mollidgewock State Campground, and will enjoy beautiful views of the Androscoggin River. The rugged Mahoosuc Range, Goose Eye Mountain in particular, serves as an impressive backdrop throughout this corridor. At the junction of NH 16 and NH 26 in Errol, the byway turns to NH 26 west toward Dixville Notch. Before heading west, consider a side trip to Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge. To reach the headquarters and watchable wildlife site, continue north on NH 16.



Moose Path

Trail

5.5 miles past the junction with NH 26.
DIXVILLE NOTCH. Back on the main Byway, continue on NH 26 through Dixville Notch. Natural and cultural sites of interest along NH 26 include the Route 26 Wildlife Viewing Area, Dixville State Park and the historic Balsams Resort. Dixville State Park showcases a scenic gorge and waterfalls with hiking trails to Table

PITTSBURG. Traveling north on US 3, you'll pass the road to Coleman State Park where there is tent camping, trout fishing and picnicking. In

Rock, nearby peaks and picnic areas.

Pittsburg, you can stop at Lake Francis State Park and Connecticut Lakes State Forest. Both areas offer fishing and tent camping.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS: You are in moose country. Please use caution when driving, especially at night, dusk and dawn.

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