

**MOUNTAINS**

# 10 Prettiest Mountain Towns in New England

Don't plan your winter travels without this list of the prettiest mountain towns in New England.

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The mountains and valleys of New England's northern states, beautiful in every season, are especially charming and picturesque when blanketed with a dusting of pure white snow. Here's a list of the 10 prettiest mountain towns in northern New England.



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Mark Fleming

## STOWE, VERMONT

With its clusters of brick and clapboard homes, a white-spired church and a covered bridge, Stowe is a quintessential Vermont town, and without a doubt one of the prettiest mountain towns in New England. Sitting in a broad valley adjacent to the 4,395-foot Mount Mansfield, home to skiers' paradise at Stowe Mountain Resort, the town welcomes visitors to shop, dine and play. To the east, two trailheads for the Pinnacle Trail take you to the summit of the Stowe Pinnacle, offering stunning views of the rugged wilderness in the C.C. Putnam State Forest. [gostowe.com](http://gostowe.com)

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## JAMAICA, VERMONT

In the rolling hills of Southern Vermont, tiny Jamaica harkens back to a simpler era. Sitting serenely off Route 30 along the eastern edge of Green Mountains, the village—chartered in 1780—boasts hot glass works, ski and sport shop, historic inn and fine art gallery. Home to the 770-acre Jamaica State Park, noted for its many waterfalls, it's a short drive to the Stratton ski area. [jamaicavermont.org](http://jamaicavermont.org)

## BRIDGTON, MAINE

Bridgton's diverse historic architectural styles—from Greek Revival and Carpenters Gothic to Italianate, Craftsman, Gothic Revival and more—make this one-of-a-kind town a scenic winter destination. Skiers arrive for Shawnee Peak Ski Area on the northern end of nearby Pleasant Mountain. Shoppers enjoy strolling Main Street's arts, crafts and antique galleries, indie bookstore, and restaurants including a retro diner and hip gastropub with brew cellar. [mainelakeschamber.com](http://mainelakeschamber.com)

## NORTH CONWAY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Nestled in the heart of Mt. Washington Valley, near the White Mountain National Forest, you'll find another of the prettiest mountain towns in New England, the picture-perfect village of North Conway. Main Street's storefront shops—offering everything from sporting goods to candles, children's clothing to cigars—exude an old-time charm, as does the restored 1874 Boston & Maine railroad station, home to the Conway Scenic Railway. [northconwayvillage.net](http://northconwayvillage.net)

## SUGAR HILL, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Incorporated in 1962, Sugar Hill is as sweet as its name that was inspired by sugar maples in the surrounding hills. With a population of just over 500 people, and conveniently located near many ski centers, the town boasts a historical museum and meetinghouse, country store and inn, pancake parlor, and sweeping views from atop Sunset Hill Ridge of both the White and Green Mountain ranges. [franconianotch.org](http://franconianotch.org)

## BETHEL, MAINE

The charming village of Bethel sits along Route 2, near where the White Mountain National Forest's Mahoosuc Range spills across New Hampshire into Maine. Small boutique shops, bakery, cafes, B&Bs and a gem museum dot Main Street. Head to the surrounding hills for groomed cross-country skiing, alpine skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing. [bethelmaine.com](http://bethelmaine.com)

## GUILDHALL, VERMONT

There's only one road in and out of this picturesque village in northeastern Vermont. Set in a valley surrounded by Burnside Mountain on the west, and New Hampshire's Cape Horn on the east, Guildhall's town common is bordered by eleven mid-nineteenth century residential and public buildings. Most notable are the Greek Revival style Essex County Court House, the Guildhall United Church, and the former Essex County Jail and Queen Anne style Jailer's House. [guildhallvt.org](http://guildhallvt.org)

## WATERFORD, VERMONT

Framed by forests and perched along the Connecticut River, the small town of Waterford's lower district is affectionately known as the "White Village" due to its white-painted buildings with green shutters—a tradition started in 1919. Visitors arrive for photo-ops and to stay in a former 18th-century tavern, now the Rabbit Hill Inn. [waterfordvt.org](http://waterfordvt.org)

## KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The town of Keene in the Monadnock Region is a must-stop in winter for a picture-perfect glimpse of historic New England. Don't miss the garland-strung gazebo, historic white-spired United Church of Christ, nearby covered bridges, Horatio Colony House Museum and Nature Preserve, and bustling downtown with boutique shops, galleries and restaurants. [keenechamber.com](http://keenechamber.com)

## WOODSTOCK, VERMONT

The heart of this village is The Green, a central square bordered by historic churches and restored late Georgian, Greek Revival and Federal Style houses. Located on the banks of the Ottauquechee River, Woodstock also boasts three covered bridges, farmland silhouetted by rolling hills, and a historic shopping district with charming restaurants and boutique shops. [townofwoodstock.org](http://townofwoodstock.org)

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What would you add to our list of the prettiest mountain towns in New England? Let us know in the comments!



## Comments

Judith January 11, 2017

I think Dublin, N.H. Is a pretty town with DublinLake with a view of Mt Monadnock.

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Deborah January 8, 2017

So very thankful to live and work in Bethel, Maine. A special community – beautiful inside and out! And great places to eat btw. #bluebird

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Kathleen January 8, 2017

Let's not forget Wiscasset, Maine. Maine's prettiest Village, or Camden, Maine where the mountains meet the sea. (Also the headquarters on Downeast Magazine). How about Weston, VT?

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John January 7, 2017

The Mohawk trail in western Massachusetts, Shelburne Falls ,Buckland, Charlemont. New England at its best

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Thomas January 7, 2017

What about Norfolk, Connecticut?

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Liz January 7, 2017

Camden Maine is so lovely with Mt Battie and Camden Snow Bowl. And don't forget Bar Harbor with the beautiful mountains of Acadia.

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Lorraine January 7, 2017

There are not many places where you can see a ski mountain appear to dive into a lake and see it from a causeway, while a pair an eagle is perched high in a tall pine in the same scene.....How lucky are we to call Bridgton, ME home!

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Cam January 6, 2017

Princeton, MA is one of the most quaint and beautiful towns in NE. There are many beautiful towns in Central and Western Mass. We think Princeton takes First Prize because it has been kept uniquely natural.

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Sandra January 6, 2017

I think that Newfane and Grafton are also among the prettiest towns in Vermont. Two beautiful towns in Maine are Ogunquit and Kennebunkport.

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Fred January 5, 2017

Keene is also a "ski town" with Granite Gorge just five miles from downtown. Keene has all the amenities required for winter guests and great views of Mount Monadnock!

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W. January 5, 2017

Oh my, you forgot Jackson, NH. So beautiful with its rushing water falls.

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Ann. January 5, 2017

What about Yankee's very own hometown village of DUBLIN, NH ? It should have been among those mentioned. You know all the reasons why.

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Mike January 4, 2017

All excellent choices. But my heart belongs to Jackson nh

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Rick January 4, 2017

Plymouth, NH..it's on the picturesque Pemi and lazy Baker Rivers. But also abuts the beautiful Lakes Region (Newfound and Big Squam very near) and White Mountains. I have fond memories as a student at "PSC" hiking Rattlesnake at Squam or nearby Stinson, sunning or swimming at Livermore Falls, tubing down the Baker or skiing at then Tenny or Waterville between classes! Great cultural center and college town feel too.

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Sandy January 4, 2017

Bridgton, Maine is truly a picturesque New England town. Interesting antique shops, beautiful art gallery (Gallery 302), the Rufus Porter Museum, and cute boutiques and good restaurants. Several lovely B & Bs in the area. A lovely park and the Magic Lantern Movie Theatre plus several lakes for ice fishing and skating.

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Lisa January 4, 2017

I agree, Keene, New Hampshire is a beautiful town. We spent a great deal of time there when my daughter was a student at Franklin Pierce University. She graduated this past May and I miss traveling to the area.

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John January 4, 2017

I grew up near Okemo Mountain graduating Black River High School, 1953 and feel great area especially with it's one of finest ski areas in NE. My mother was and original promoter back in early 1950's.

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