



Northern Forest Canoe Trail

“Summer = Family Fun”

Grand Adventure Vacation Package



Package Summary

Package Includes

- NFCT's Map 7 and Guidebook
- 1 night at AMC's Carter Notch Hut
- 2 nights at the Balsams Grand Resort Hotel
- 1 day of whitewater rafting with North Woods Rafting
- 3 breakfasts
- 1 trail lunch
- 3 dinners
- Boat and select gear rentals

Suggested Age: 3 and up

Options

- Visit local heritage sites
- Balsams massage and spa
- Shuttle Services

Price Range

\$1,875- \$2,020

Reservations and Availability

1(800) 255-0600

Driving Directions

[Google Maps](#)

Client Deposit Policy

A % 100 deposit is required at booking.

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations are subject to a %50 forfeiture of deposit.

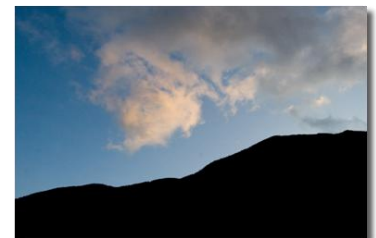
A *Grand Adventure* awaits you and your family on the mountains and rivers of northern New Hampshire. This voyage blends thrill, breathtaking landscapes and superior service with one night in a mountain-top hut, a whitewater rafting romp and two nights at a luxury Grand Hotel.



Before you begin your adventure, stop in at the Appalachian Mountain Club's (AMC) Pinkham Notch Visitor Center to get trail advice, buy last minute necessities and enjoy lunch at their Black Moose Deli. You can then make your way to the trailhead and begin a moderate 3.8 mile hike (approx. 3 hours) to the newly renovated [AMC Carter Notch Hut](#). When you arrive at the hut, you will be greeted by the hearty and friendly hut crew and shown to your bunk in the bunkhouse. A delicious three-course dinner of fresh bread, salad and an entrée (perhaps ginger chicken with cous-cous and roasted corn) will be served as the sun sets on the Carter-Moriah mountain range and the nearby Carter lakes. There will be several activities offered by the on-site naturalist during the course of your stay, including a popular Junior Naturalist program for kids.



In the morning, you will enjoy a delicious breakfast before setting back out on the trail. After your hike, head to the quaint town of Gorham, NH where you can stop in for a gourmet Panini sandwich [Saladino's Restaurant](#) and a free taste of fudge at [Scoggins General Store](#).



As you travel north on Rte. 16 from Gorham (1 hour, 33 miles) to the Balsams Grand Resort Hotel, you will follow the Northern Forest Canoe Trail on the mighty Androscoggin River and see portions of your whitewater rafting trip route (scheduled for the following morning). If you are curious about

the cultural history of this region, stop in at the [Northern Forest Heritage Park](#), a circa-1900 recreated logging camp. 4 miles further north on the left, you will also pass the 170-foot [Nansen Ski Jump](#) which was built in the mid-1930's and once hosted the Olympic Ski jump trials.



When you pull into [The Balsams Grand Resort Hotel](#), you will understand why people have been travelling to this northern outpost for well over a hundred years. Ranked by *Parents Magazine*® "One of the 10 Best Resorts for Families", your kids will be sure to love their stay too. While they play in the game room or participate in some of the [activities](#) designed for them, you can indulge in an optional massage and spa treatment. There is also a premiere golf course and tennis courts. In the evening, you will enjoy an exquisite dinner in the award winning [dining room](#) (jackets are required).

After breakfast the following morning, you can take the Balsams shuttle or drive yourself to the Androscoggin River where you will be met by the seasoned guides of [North Woods Rafting](#), New Hampshire's first whitewater rafting company. Your guide will instruct you in basic paddling skills before you plunge into the Class I-III rapids of the Androscoggin. This river is well known as a prime habitat for moose, osprey and bald eagles. At the end of your paddle you will be treated to a light lunch on the riverbank and a slideshow of your adventure.



After your day on the river, you will return to the Balsams to rest in luxury and retell the stories of an adventure that will remain in your memories for a lifetime!

Reviews

The Balsams Grand Resort Hotel

2008 World's Best Awards by *Travel + Leisure* magazine®

"Top 100" Hotels in North American *Zagat Survey*® of *Top U.S. Hotels, Resorts & Spas 2001* "Best Destination Resort in New England"

Golf Digest® "Best Golf Course in New Hampshire"

Parents Magazine® "One of the 10 Best Resorts for Families"

Guest Reviews:

"I was blown away by the level of service and friendliness of the staff. Truly a world-class experience."

"We have never experienced any place like it. It's a world of its own. The service is fantastic and the food is second to none. We looked forward to every meal to see what surprises the chef had in store for us."

Appalachian Mountain Club's Carter Notch Hut

"...the Carter Notch Hut by Wildcat Mountain is set in mountain splendor." [Boston Sunday Globe](#) April 6, 2008

"...the trails, the peaks, the people; the huts, the woods, the wildlife still stir in me a sense of wonder no matter how often I lace up my boots and set off on a backcountry adventure." [NewHampshire.com](#) Friday, Jul. 4, 2008

Guest Reviews:

"This was our first experience spending a night in the huts. Food was excellent; I never expected the quality and variety especially after a cold windy and wet day. The crew are superb people, an asset to the AMC."

"The crew was impressive; they made everyone feel right at home and went out of their way to provide us with what we needed."

North Woods Rafting

"Lincoln and his wife Heather [owners of NWR] were some of the nicest and most accommodating people I have ever met." (yelp.com)

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