

New England in the Fall; A 2 day road trip through New Hampshire

Day 5

Monday dawned a typical Autumnal day and we were up and dressed fairly early. The car was loaded up (no mean feat seeing as we had a steep flight of stairs to navigate and HUMUNGOUS bags) As the shopkeeper open the country store, we settled our bill and hit the highway, stopping for some lovely Autumnal pictures along the way.

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Our destination for today's activity was the **Mount Washington Cog Railway**, the

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world's first Mountain Climbing Railway. We were very lucky – the weather was PERFECT, not a cloud in the sky! We arrived early in case we got caught in traffic, so had a little shop in the gift shop and a picnic lunch whilst we waiting for our 1pm train to descend from the top.

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Soon it was our turn to board, as we were lucky to be in the first of 3 carriages so we got a great view.

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The Railway track was astoundingly steep in places, and the ascent took around 45 mins. You could get up and wander to the front to look out of the front window and the back window also had amazing views as we got higher.

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We had just over an hour on the top of Mount Washington to explore the summit, which was about all we needed- it can reach up to 100mph winds up there, and even though the views were amazing it was flipping cold!

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The return journey was in places terrifying, it was so steep! And just the brakesman at the front of each individual carriage operating the brakes. Absolutely marvellous engineering, we just loved our visit. **Video highlights here.**



It was about 45 mins drive to North Conway,

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a ski resort within the White Mountains, which would be our next base for 2 nights. We had hired another air b n b, this time we had an entire wooden house to ourselves, complete with hot tub! Happy days.



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We were soon in there with a beer, before getting our glad rags on and heading for dinner. By the way, in New Hampshire they don't measure out spirits - I ended up with a pint, yes a pint! of gin! Whooooah!



Day 6 - My Birthday!

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Today was a non driving day as it was my birthday! Sadly the weather god's hadn't taken a note of this special day and it absolutely hammered down ALL Day. However, it wasn't the end of the world as we had booked onto The North Conway Scenic Railroad for a return journey through the very pretty Crawford Notch. After a pancake breakfast, we crossed the road to the train station ready for our 11am departure.

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Our accommodation on the train was up in the dome - a raised area with glass roof which I'm sure in better weather would have been spectacular.



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Sadly in the rain, it was a bit dismal and we were all a bit rough (ahem) We had waitress service throughout the journey and despite me thinking there would be no alcohol on board, there was, and so we enjoyed a relaxing train journey and a couple of cocktails. Not a bad way to spend my birthday.

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The train turned around at Crawford station, and we headed back to North Conway.

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Although we enjoyed the train ride, I don't think it was anywhere near as spectacular as some of the others we've done in the past. If we had to choose one we would definitely recommend the Cog Railway over the Scenic Railway. [Video highlights here](#)

Unfortunately I was full of a head cold and

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therefore didn't fancy venturing too far out for my birthday meal. However there was nice place a couple of doors down from our accommodation and so we enjoyed a meal and a couple of cocktails there before a relatively early night. Not before trying the most delicious bourbon I've tasted. Jim Bean MA-
PLE bourbon. ☐ am-aaa-zing

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