

# RANGELEY LAKES

AND THE HIGH PEAKS

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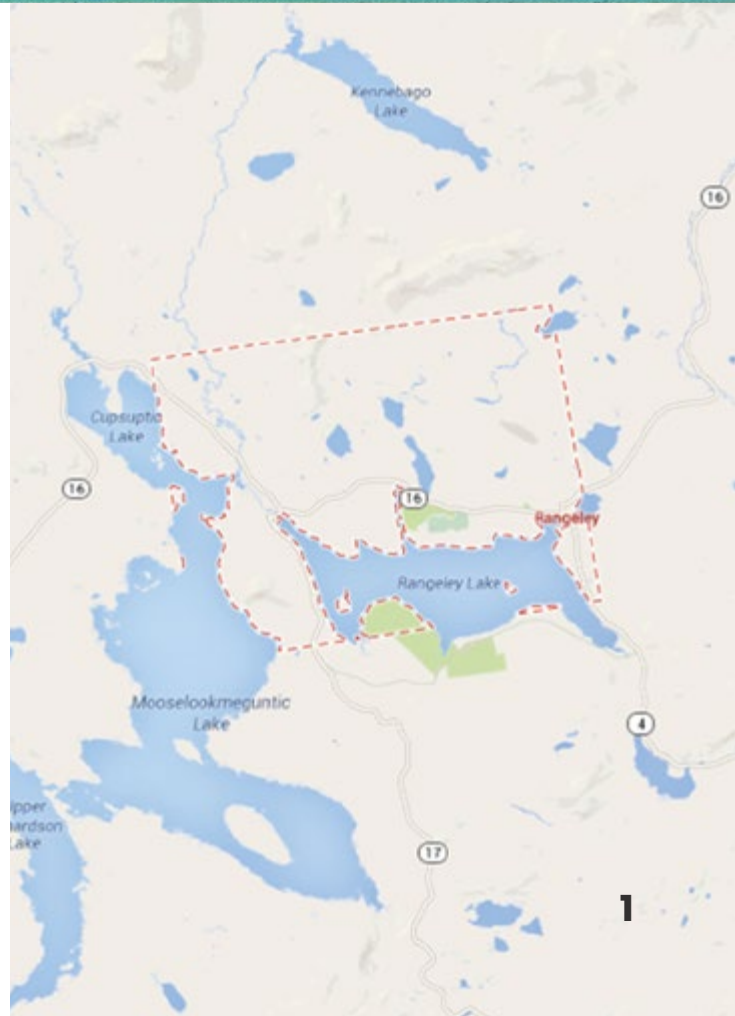


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HOURS



## AN OUTDOOR SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE

Fifty-two miles looping around Rangeley Lake, this route scales the Appalachian Mountain ridgeline before dropping to rolling valleys and hills. The Height of Land on Route 17 (maintained by Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust) is the route's crown jewel, with stunning views of Mooselookmeguntic and Upper Richardson lakes, Toothaker Island and the richly forested mountainsides. Also be sure to stop at the Smalls Falls Rest Area, with its scenic waterfall, colorful gorge and fine swimming holes.



## SOME OF THE “MUST-SEE” SPOTS INCLUDE:

**RUMFORD.** In the foothills of the White Mountains, Rumford features a significant amount of Victorian and Edwardian architecture. Another highlight is Rumford Falls—originally referred to as Pennacook Falls or New Pennacook Falls—a chain of massive drops down the Androscoggin River totaling 176 feet.

**DINING.** Several restaurants and inns offer dining overlooking the lake. Hearty regional specialties such as turkey pot pie, venison, buffalo and quail, including Keep’s Corner Café, White Wolf Inn, Loon Lodge Inn, The Gingerbread House, Forks in the Air Bistro.

**LODGING.** A popular vacation spot for over a century, the area features historic hotels, rustic campgrounds, elegant B&Bs and luxury rental homes. The area has a rich camping and sporting lodge tradition. Check out Rangeley Lake State Park, Bald Mountain Camps, Grant’s Camps, or Coos Canyon Campground.

**GOLF.** Two public golf courses are located in the Rangeley Lakes Region. Several other courses, including the top ranked Sugarloaf Golf Club in Carrabassett Valley, are located within an hour of the region.

**GOLD PANNING.** The Swift River near Byron (off of Route 17 between Rangeley and Rumford) is the most popular area for gold panning.

**FISHING & BOATING.** With over 110 lakes and ponds in the region, the area has been attracting sportsmen since the 1800s in search of trophy-sized brook trout, landlocked salmon, bass and perch.

- **Rangeley Lakes State Park** – Loaded with numerous campsites and gorgeous scenery, the area is also famous for its plentiful brook trout and salmon. In other words, bring your fishing poles.
- **Northern Forest Canoe Trail** – A 740-mile river and lake trail following Native American travel routes from New York, through Vermont, Québec, and New Hampshire, to Fort Kent, Maine. Section 9 goes from Rangeley through Flagstaff Lake, past Bigelow Preserve, Grand Falls and the Appalachian Trail.

### HIKING

- **Appalachian Trail** – The trail goes through Andover and past Saddleback Mountain. For a less strenuous hike, try the easier Saddleback Mountain Trail at Saddleback Mountain Ski Area.
- **Bald Mountain** – A 2-mile hike to the summit, starting just south of Oquossoc. It’s great for families and the new 30’ look-out tower at the summit maintained by Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust offers a spectacular, 360-degree view of the surrounding mountains and lakes.

**RANGELEY OKTOBERFEST.** Celebrate the colors, tastes and sounds of fall at Rangeley Oktoberfest in the beautiful Western Mountains of Maine. A 3-day festival exploring the restaurants, pubs, shops and museums located on the National Scenic Byway from Rangeley to Oquossoc.

**RANGELEY OUTDOOR SPORTING HERITAGE MUSEUM.** Yankee Magazine recently voted it the “Best Sporting Museum in New England.” It features artifacts from Maine legend “Fly Rod” Crosby, the first Registered Maine Guide.

**WILHELM REICH MUSEUM.** Orgonon was the home, laboratory and research center of Wilhelm Reich, M.D., a pioneering psychiatrist, psychoanalyst and scientist.

