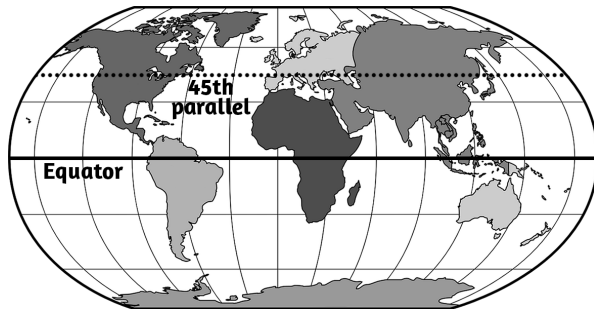


THE 45TH PARALLEL

What is the 45th Parallel?

The 45th Parallel is a circle of latitude that runs around the earth. It is the halfway point between the equator and the North Pole.



What does the 45th Parallel have to do with New Hampshire?

The 45th Parallel runs through the northern tip of New Hampshire. It runs through the towns of Stewartstown and Clarksville.

What other places are on the 45th Parallel?

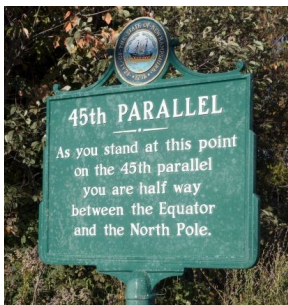
In the United States, the 45th Parallel runs through 11 other states:

- Maine
- Vermont
- New York
- Michigan
- Wisconsin
- Minnesota
- South Dakota
- Montana
- Wyoming
- Idaho
- Oregon

Across the globe, it runs through 16 countries!

Is there only one 45th Parallel in the world?

There are two! The one that runs through NH is the 45th Parallel **north** because it runs through the northern hemisphere of the earth. There is also a 45th Parallel **south**, which runs through the southern hemisphere of the earth. The southern 45th Parallel marks the halfway point between the equator and the South Pole.



NH's Sign

What is there to see at the 45th Parallel?

Nothing (except for the sign). The 45th Parallel is not a real line. You can't see it. But it marks a geographic place on the globe.

If you stand on one side of the 45th Parallel, you are closer to the equator. If you stand on the other side of the 45th Parallel, you are closer to the North Pole!