

# GRAND RESORTS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the 1800s and early 1900s, lots of rich people went on vacation for the whole summer at big hotels called grand resorts. Here are some of the most famous ones in New Hampshire.



The **Profile House** in **Franconia Notch** opened in 1853. It was named after the Old Man of the Mountain. The hotel had its own railroad to bring guests straight to the hotel. It burned down in 1923.



The **Pemigewasset House** in **Plymouth** opened in 1841. New Hampshire's only president, Franklin Pierce, stayed here and the writer Nathaniel Hawthorne died here in 1864. The hotel burned down in 1909.



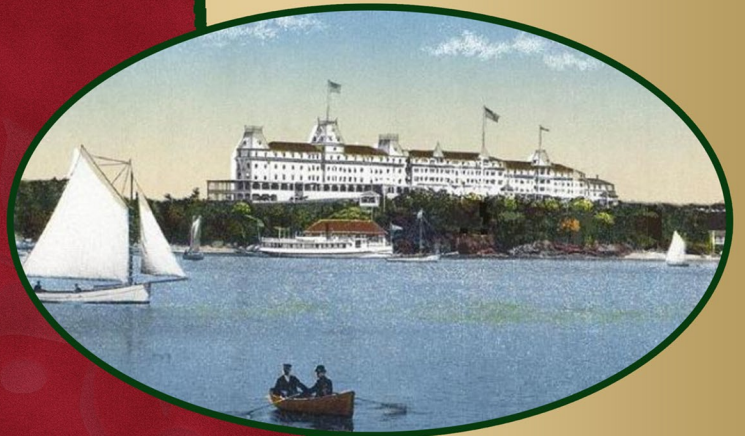
The **Uncanoonuc Hotel** in **Goffstown** opened in 1907. It was on the top of a mountain and guests could ride an incline railway up to it. The hotel was five and a half stories tall! It burned down in 1923.



The **Balsams** in **Dixville Notch** opened soon after the Civil War. It became famous for hosting the first presidential primary in the country every four years. The building is still standing, but it closed in 2011.



The **Mount Washington** in **Bretton Woods** opened in 1902. It has beautiful views of the Presidential Mountains. The veranda lets guests enjoy the scenery even in the rain. The hotel is still open today!



The **Wentworth by the Sea** in **New Castle** opened in 1874. The hotel hosted a very important peace conference in 1905 between Russia and Japan. It closed in 1982 but reopened again in 2003.



1. Look at the pictures of the grand resort hotels. What about them is similar and what about them is different?
2. What are some of the special events or features of grand resort hotels in New Hampshire?
3. Think about the geography of the state of New Hampshire. Do you think a grand hotel has to be near a special geographic feature like mountains or lakes? Where are these hotels?
4. Most of the grand resort hotels are not open today. Why do you think that is? Would you go to one that is?