

RAILROADS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

The first railroad in New Hampshire opened in 1838, just as tourists began to come to the state. By 1890, when this map was made, railroads had been built all over the state, in part because tourists needed the railroads to get to places. Railroads were the fastest and easiest way to travel in 1890.



Notice & Wonder

- Look at this map and see if you can identify some of the more popular areas that tourists visited. Where is the ocean? Can you figure out where the White Mountains are on this map? What about Lake Winnepesaukee and the Lakes Region? Do railroads go to all these places?
- Are there areas where the railroad doesn't go? How do you think people traveled to these areas without railroads in 1890?
- In addition to bringing tourists to New Hampshire, what other types of people or products traveled by the railroad?
- Why would having so many railroads in New Hampshire make Granite Staters feel more connected to one another?

