

FIRE LOOKOUT TOWER QUEST



NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE LOOKOUT TOWERS



The New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands is the principle agency engaged in the protection, stewardship and sustainable use of New Hampshire's forests. Our fire towers and their lookouts serve to protect and promote the values provided by forests.

The purpose of the Fire Lookout Tower Quest program is to increase the public's recognition of, and appreciation for, the critical roles that our fire towers play in the protection, stewardship and sustainable use of New Hampshire's forests.

Select one of the fire tower locations from the attached list and plan your hike. Make sure that you are properly equipped and prepared physically before attempting your hike. Remember to document the date of your visit on the attached visitor register. Once you have visited five different fire towers simply fill out the attached request form and mail it to "Tower Quest Program" at the address that appears on the front of this brochure. In a few weeks you will receive your complimentary Tower Quest patch, certificate, and a letter in recognition of your accomplishment.

Patches are also offered for sale at \$5.00 each to help support the program. Please make checks payable to the N.H. Federation of Forest Fire Warden's Associations and mail it to the same address in care of the Tower Quest Program.

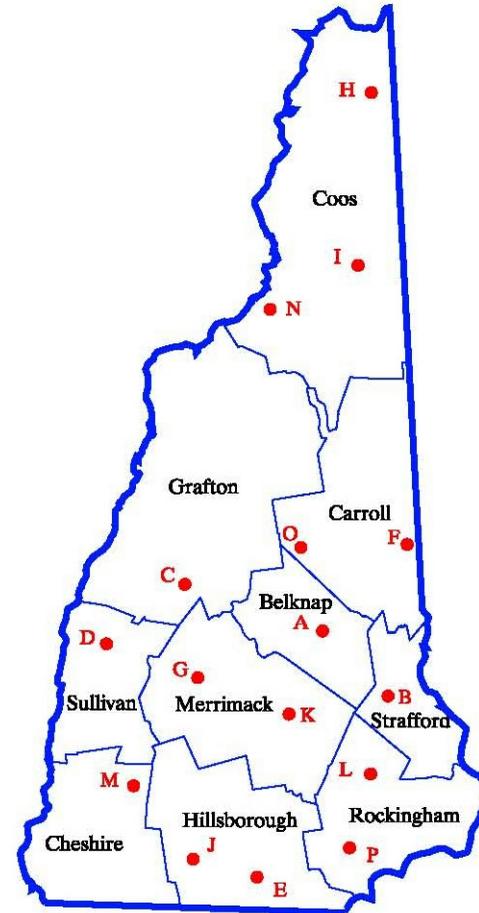


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The NH Division of Forests and Lands operates 15 fire lookout towers from early spring to late fall. The fire towers provide early detection and reporting of fires in order to protect our communities and forest resources from the catastrophic effects of wildfire.



Letters denote approximate fire tower locations. Detailed directions appear on the back of this brochure.



NEW HAMPSHIRE FOREST FACTS

- New Hampshire is the second most forested state in the nation with 4.8 million acres of forestland.
- Forests cover 84% of the state's landscape.
- 4.5 million acres of our forests are classified as timberland.
- 80% of our forestland is privately owned.
- The forest products industry is New Hampshire's third largest manufacturing industry contributing \$3.9 billion annually to the state's economy.
- Our forests provide essential habitat for hundreds of wildlife species.
- Our forests offer a multitude of tourist and recreational values that contribute \$1.05 billion annually to New Hampshire's economy.
- Our forests are extremely diverse with 74 native tree species. These include 62 species of deciduous trees and 12 species of coniferous trees.

Explore our website for additional information on our fire towers, forest protection, stewardship and the sustainable use of our forest resources.