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THE FREE STATE PROJECT

"The Mission: Liberty in Your Lifetime! The Free State Project is a mass migration of more than 20,000 people who have pledged to move to New Hampshire for liberty. By concentrating our numbers in a single state, we are maximizing our impact as activists, entrepreneurs, community builders, and thought leaders.

Free Staters are neighborly, productive folks from all walks of life, of all ages, creeds, and colors, who are on a mission to prove that more liberty leads to more prosperity for everyone. Those in New Hampshire are reaping the movement's benefits, both in our freedoms and in our quality of life, but our ultimate goal is to set an example for the rest of the world."

-Free State Project Mission Statement

The Free State Project is one of the most unique movements in the world. An intentional migration of people based not on religion, race, culture, or any other collectivist demographic standard, but rather based on the shared ethics of individualism and liberty. With a common goal, to see liberty thrive in our lifetimes, the participants of The Free State Project come from diverse backgrounds, not just from all over the United States, but from all over the world. But to understand Free Staters, you must first understand the values of Liberty, and Libertarianism.

Many Americans think of Libertarianism as just a political philosophy. With politicians like Ron Paul, Thomas Massie, Glenn Jacobs, and others being at the forefront of Libertarian Politics in the United States, it has been represented as a philosophy of minimal government and privatization. Slashing budgets, closing departments, and eliminating regulations are the political goals of the movement. While the politicization of libertarian values may reflect in these policies, they alone are not enough to firmly grasp what makes libertarianism unique.

Free staters, by and large, consider libertarianism to be much more than a system of political beliefs, but rather an ethical and moral structure by which to guide their lifestyles and interpersonal interactions. A philosophy grounded in the non-aggression principle, individuality, and the ethics of consent, libertarians and Free Staters respect the rights of each individual to determine the best course of their own life. While some participants choose to get involved politically and run for office, many do not, and instead focus on building community projects to improve the lives and lifestyles of themselves, their families, their neighborhoods, and their community.

Libertarianism is inherently a way of life, not a mere political philosophy. As a lifestyle guided by the morals and ethics of non-aggression and individualism, libertarians tend to find themselves on the political and cultural fringes in the rest of the world. By concentrating their numbers in a single location, Free Staters have the opportunity to live among those who share their values and see a world set free in their lifetimes.

Inspired by the 2001 essay written by Jason Sorens, about the failure of libertarian politics at the national level, a group of individuals took his suggestion of a concentration tactic to heart and founded The Free State Project, with a goal of convincing 20,000 Libertarians to move to a single state in order to impact its culture and politics and create a libertarian homeland. After an extensive process of selecting a state to target for migration, New Hampshire was settled on for a number of reasons. Consistently ranking as the freest state in the country, there are plenty of reasons to move to New Hampshire if you embrace the values of Liberty. Here, we'll only cover 101 of them.

ACCESSIBLE POLITICAL CLIMATE

“All men are born equally free and independent; Therefore, all government of right originates from the people, is founded in consent, and instituted for the general good.”

-Article 1, New Hampshire Constitution (1784)

With a rich history and a cultural appreciation for liberty, New Hampshire was a natural choice for the selection by The Free State Project because of the existing political climate and government structures in place. New Hampshire was the first state to have its people rebel against the British crown with the Pine Tree Riot of April 1772 and the capture of the fort in New Castle in December 1774, both predating the battle of Concord and Lexington in Massachusetts. This spirit of resistance and independence was reflected in the crafting of the 1783 New Hampshire Constitution creating a governing structure that was unique among the states and was designed to preempt the possibility of an oppressive state similar to the British Empire.

With a weak executive, and a widely distributed legislature, the state government in New Hampshire is uniquely accessible to the people and responsive to their needs and demands. The structures and practices of the New Hampshire government provide a number of unique institutions that make New Hampshire a perfect place to thrive for a libertarian movement. For the politically inclined, these are some great reasons to move to New Hampshire.

1. An Independent Electorate

As of 2022, over 400,000 of New Hampshire's roughly 1 million registered voters were unaffiliated with either major political party. With only 30.5% of the state's voters being registered Republicans, and 28.2% being Democrats, the plurality of New Hampshire Voters (41.6%) does not identify with or register to vote as a member of either of these groups. This creates a political system in which neither political party can win without courting independent voters. New Hampshire also has semi-open primaries, where undeclared voters can participate in the primary selection process of the candidates running for office. This distribution has resulted in the selection of political candidates who must campaign to a larger selection of the population, and are thus more responsive to their constituents. Once elected, they are incentivized to craft legislative policies that are more representative of the will of the greater population. As a constituent and voter in New Hampshire, your voice will have a larger impact than voters in other states.

*Source: Independent Voter Project,
independentvoterproject.org/voter-stats/nh*

2. Non-Partisan Municipalities

Local municipal and city elections in New Hampshire are non-partisan. This forces candidates to campaign on relevant local issues, as opposed to party affiliation. Without the establishment leadership of political parties holding sway in the elections, local officials are unbound from party obligations and can be lobbied on issues as opposed to affiliations. Low information voters also can't rely on partisan labels to tell them who to vote for on election day either, this has resulted in a more politically involved local populace in New Hampshire, where people are more likely to be aware of the impact their local governments have on their everyday lives. Citizens are often more involved in the process of governing. Local elections are accessible to anyone wanting to get involved, including you.

3. Small Legislative Districts

New Hampshire's state legislature is elected by district. Districts vary in size and composition but are consistently smaller and more local than in other states while some districts are bundled and elect representatives at large, others have a single representative. In order to adequately distribute representatives by population while respecting municipal boundaries, some single-member districts are bundled with another, or group of others, to elect yet another representative collectively among them.

The administrative nature of this system may seem like a complicated hassle, but it in effect makes New Hampshire's legislators elected by the most local constituency possible. Bordering communities with differing political cultures don't have to worry about each other spoiling the voting block and tainting their representation.

4. Easy to Get Elected

New Hampshire's small legislative districts mean it is easier to get elected when compared to other states. With legislative elections being done at the most local level possible, the people you need to campaign to are essentially just those in your neighborhood.

On the flip side, if you don't want to run for office yourself, you can rest assured that your representation in the state house will likely be someone you know personally, possibly even a neighbor or a friend. Many New Hampshire state representatives have their contact information published publicly online, and will respond to personal inquiries from constituents themselves, rather than delegating it to staff. If you move to New Hampshire with political involvement in mind, you can rest assured the path to winning an election will be easier than where you came from.

5. Inexpensive Campaigning

Another benefit of a small legislative district is the cost of running a political campaign. If you want to run for state representative, you'll have far fewer doors to knock on, mailers to send, and people to reach in order to get elected. Campaigns in other states typically require tens of thousands of dollars, extensive fundraising, and expensive campaign infrastructure to win. In New Hampshire, it's possible to win and get elected state representative for as little as the \$2 filing fee and local name recognition in your community.

Many campaigns are run and won with a handful of volunteers, usually friends and family, and a small financial investment towards campaign literature. In fact, you'll probably spend more on gas commuting to the State House for 2 years than you will campaigning for the job.

6. Outstanding Local Representation

With 400 state representatives in The New Hampshire General Court, each represents roughly 3,300 constituents. This number varies from district to district, with flotal representatives covering multiple districts, and at large districts electing multiple representatives for larger groups of people, but the gist is that the availability of a representative to hear your concerns is almost guaranteed.

With such a small constituent-to-representative ratio, New Hampshire has one of the most representative legislative bodies in the world. It also happens to be the 2nd largest English-speaking parliamentary body in the world, behind only the United States House of Representatives, despite only serving a population of 1.3 million people. So rest assured, when you decide to move to New Hampshire, whether you choose to run for office or not, your representation will be hyper-localized.

7. A People's Legislature

The founding principles of The United States system of a democratic republic were supposed to be a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. And while our federal legislature has long been bought and sold by corporate lobbyists and special interests, New Hampshire has remained true to that representative spirit. With our massive representative legislature, and legislators only being paid a salary of \$100 per year, a career in state politics is a poor one at best. New Hampshire's General Court only meets on a part-time basis for half the year, and most legislators maintain separate full-time jobs. Without money to be made, the thankless job of our state legislators is actually a financial burden to most, and thus there is extensive turnover in their ranks, as each election cycle brings in large crops of fresh faces and new perspectives. It is difficult for institutional corruption to take hold when the people replace those in power often.

Source: Duffin, Erin "Total Lobbying Spending in the US 1998-2021," Statista

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/257337/total-lobbying-spending-in-the-us/>

8. Short Terms of Office

The short terms of office, only 2 years between election cycles, aren't just a plus for our legislature, but they also apply to our executive branch as well. Allowing the people to have a referendum on the leadership of the Governor and Executive council, and by extension, the executive offices of the Attorney General, Secretary of State, and others, every two years, as opposed to the traditional four years in other states. As previously mentioned, turnover roots out corruption and even our professional career politicians are subject to the whims of the people on a more regular basis. Additionally, while many states elect their executives to 4-year terms, in concert with the Presidential election, New Hampshire has a biennial election in between presidential elections in which to hold a referendum on executive leadership without the influence of presidential politics pushing partisan narratives, only local votes, and local issues.

Source: Tsur, Yacov, "Political Tenure, Term Limits and Corruption," sciencedirect.com

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0176268021001348>

9. Weak Executive Governance

Unlike every other state in the nation, New Hampshire's governor is uniquely subject to oversight. The governor's powers are the weakest among the state executives and are curtailed by a five-member executive council elected independently from the executive office. In most states, the governor can actually exercise executive authority, but in New Hampshire, they must consult with the executive council, who can overrule them, and who retains the authority over most executive action. Without the approval of the executive council, the governor cannot sign large contracts, appoint high-level positions, or issue pardons.

On top of that, in the wake of the 2020-2021 Coronavirus pandemic, the New Hampshire state legislature took steps to even further limit the Governor's executive authority by restricting the ability to declare emergencies and reducing the scope of emergency powers the governor can exercise.

The results are severe limits on the length of a state of emergency the governor can order, as well as limits on their ability to make demands of private businesses in the process. A state of Emergency will not be able to be extended without calling the legislature to session to authorize the measures.

10. Fiscally Sound

The New Hampshire legislature is fiscally sound, with the biennial budget bill often being the biggest and most debated bill in the General Court. With no income taxes, and no sales taxes, state revenues are generally constrained, and there is a culture of not overspending the coffers to compensate. Advocacy for cutting the budget, and decreasing spending is a frequent campaign strategy, not just among republicans, but even among some fiscally conservative democrats. When compared to other states based on per capita spending, New Hampshire routinely ranks in the top 5 most fiscally conservative states in the country. In 2020, a notoriously bad year for government spending nationwide, New Hampshire only spent \$5,022 per capita in total expenditures, while the average state expenditure in the country was \$6,906 per capita.

If you move to New Hampshire, you can expect to keep more money in your pocket.

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

kff.org/other/state-indicator/per-capita-state-spending

11. Small State Bureaucracy

Unelected bureaucrats can be the worst part of the government. Nobody likes dealing with the DMV, The City Clerk, tax collectors, and assessors. And people who work in the bureaucratic system often contribute nothing positive to the economy other than the circulation of capital by spending their tax-funded paychecks. Unfortunately, the government has grown so much in the United States, that we judge the size of a bureaucracy by the percentage of people who work for it. As of 2006, roughly 11.3% of all people in the country were employed by their local or state government. While the worst offender was Alaska, with 16.3% of the population finding careers as bureaucrats, New Hampshire was the 4th lowest at only 9.8% of the workforce of the state drawing a taxpayer-funded paycheck.

Source: The Cato Institute

www.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/pubs/pdf/tbb-0601-29.pdf

12. Welcoming State House

Not only is the legislature readily accessible to the people of the state, but so is their business and their hall. The State House in Concord is open to the public, and accessible year-round. Whenever the legislature is in session, citizens are welcome to attend and witness the session. The freedoms of the state are respected in the building, and there are no prohibitions on ordinary citizens from speaking up, lobbying their legislators, or even carrying firearms in the building.

When the house is not in a deliberative session, but the legislative committees are working, each and every bill is required to have a public hearing where any citizen of New Hampshire is not only welcome but invited to provide their opinions and testimony for the legislators to consider when amending and voting on the disposition of legislation. Each and every voter in New Hampshire has the right and ability to act as a lobbyist for their own interests.

When you move to New Hampshire, it is more likely that your voice can be heard and you will have a greater ability to influence the policies that impact your life.

13. Accessible Officials

Small districts, localized representation, and citizen legislature with open hearings combine to make New Hampshire legislators among the most accessible in the world. If you ever have a question or want to make your opinion known on a controversial bill, you'll be able to reach your representative with a simple phone call or email. Legislators don't have professional full-time staff and personally respond to constituent concerns due to their small representative districts making their chief constituency their neighbors. People tend to care about their reputations in their community, and New Hampshire legislators being just normal people in their communities makes this doubly true. If you want your voice to matter, move to New Hampshire where you can have a say.

14. Liberty-Minded Legislators

When you do take the opportunity to reach out to your state representatives with concerns or questions, you may be surprised to find that they themselves are Free Staters or libertarians, sympathetic to your point of view. One of the reasons New Hampshire was chosen by the Free State Project, is that it has a long cultural tradition of libertarianism ingrained in its native population. Historically, New Hampshire is a standout in contrast to its New England neighbors when it comes to opposing progressive policies. Ringing true to the state motto of “*Live Free, or Die,*” New Hampshire residents have preserved the spirit of resistance and independence.

It's no surprise that when early movers participating in the Free State Project began getting involved politically, they won elections based on the policies they proposed to their local communities. With native Libertarian tendencies combined with the enthusiasm and motivation of Free Staters, there is no shortage of movers already elected to the New Hampshire legislature. Beyond that, organizations like the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHCLA) grade legislators based on their voting records, and often score upwards of 100 state representatives as libertarian, or friendly towards the values of liberty.

15. Local Control

While the legislature in New Hampshire is uniquely accessible and responsive to constituent needs and concerns, the real political power in New Hampshire rests with one of the oldest political institutions in the country, the New England Style Town Meeting.

While New Hampshire cities do have elected boards of aldermen and councilors to run the day-to-day affairs, the towns and villages in New Hampshire are governed by Town Meetings. A town meeting is a fantastic example of extremely localized direct democracy in action, as the only ones who can participate in its deliberative process are those who show up, and whatever they decide, goes. In 2020, residents in Croydon attended their town meeting and abolished their local police department. Another small town in New Hampshire once had a vote at a town meeting to dissolve the entire town government and become an unincorporated territory, and it only failed by a handful of votes. To this day, Croydon still has no local police department and has seen other radical proposals shift the nature of politics in their town, including a failed 2022 effort to virtually eliminate the last public school in town by slashing the budget by over 50%. If you move to New Hampshire and get involved in local small-town politics, you can have an immediate and outsized impact on promoting liberty in your community.

16. National Voice

While New Hampshire is a small state with a limited impact on federal politics, only having 2 congressional representatives and 4 electoral votes, the first-in-the-nation primary gives New Hampshire voters an edge in setting the tone of presidential elections every 4 years. The winners of the New Hampshire primaries are often immediate front-runners for their party nominations. Candidates will often spend months campaigning in New Hampshire and informing their campaign strategies and policies based on feedback from New Hampshire voters. Great care and consideration are given to New Hampshire by politicians of all stripes with higher ambitions, as the need to perform well in New Hampshire is considered a must for presidential hopefuls. Your voice and your vote in New Hampshire can have a national impact, especially when amplified as part of a growing social and community movement of like-minded libertarians with the Free State Project.

17. Constitutional Conventions

Periodically the Legislature will attempt to amend the New Hampshire constitution, but it is an onerous and difficult task for them to accomplish. Requiring a proposal to pass both the House of Representatives and the State Senate by a super majority, the proposal in question is then not passed but rather placed upon the general election ballot where it must receive support from two thirds or more of the population in order to become law.

However, the people of New Hampshire retain the right to amend, alter or abolish their constitutional provisions without the legislature via a constitutional convention process. And the legislature is obligated to present the question of whether or not to call a general constitutional convention of the state to the people by ballot at least once every 10 years. This process ultimately respects the will of the people by allowing them to choose every decade whether or not the majority consent to the laws under which they live, or whether they would like a hand in redrawing them.

LIVE FREE OR DIE

YOUR PROTECTED RIGHTS IN THE GRANITE STATE

"They were men that had not learned the art of submission, nor had they been trained to the art of war. But our astonishing success taught the enemies of liberty that undisciplined freemen are superior to veteran slaves. Live free or die. Death is not the greatest of evils."

-General John Stark, (31 July 1809)

The state motto of New Hampshire is perhaps the most recognizable of any. It stands alone as a commandment, but one that only commands you to be free. General John Stark is remembered fondly for those words, now etched in the granite of New Hampshire for eternity. He wrote them as a testament to the undying will of soldiers under his command to oppose the tyranny of the British crown and take hold of their own freedom.

That spirit of resistance and commitment to liberty and freedom still thrive in New Hampshire to this day. During his 1978 campaign for governor, Meldrim Thomson Jr. produced a song that celebrated the independent and free spirit of New Hampshire and its opposition to taxation and dedication to personal liberty and freedom. During the song's interlude, Governor Thomson recites a monologue about the traditions of freedom and finishes by stating simply *"Yes it's a proud tradition, an honorable tradition, to live free, or die."*

The personal freedoms each individual is free to exercise in New Hampshire exemplify this ideology, with many carved as firmly into the New Hampshire constitution as an epitaph into the granite. In New Hampshire, you will enjoy your freedom to a greater degree than anywhere else in the world!

18. The Right to Revolution

[Art.] 10. [Right of Revolution.] "Government being instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security, of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family, or class of men; therefore, whenever the ends of government are perverted, and public liberty manifestly endangered, and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the people may, and of right ought to reform the old, or establish a new government. The doctrine of nonresistance against arbitrary power, and oppression, is absurd, slavish, and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind."

-Article 10, New Hampshire Constitution, 1784

The New Hampshire state constitution explicitly and deliberately enshrines the right of the people to abolish and replace their government through the act of revolution. While other former colonies were busy consolidating their power, and establishing their new independent governing structures in the wake of the Revolutionary War, delegates in New Hampshire made sure to enshrine in their governing document a remembrance of why the war for independence was fought. To make sure that the people remembered that they ought to always have the right to cast off the chains of their oppressors and declare themselves free from tyranny. New Hampshire alone has a constitution that protects the right to reform the government outside of the political process should it fail to serve each citizen.

19. The Right to Privacy

[Art.] 2-b. [Right of Privacy.] *“An individual's right to live free from governmental intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential, and inherent.”*

-Article 2-b, New Hampshire Constitution, 2018

In one of the most recent amendments to the New Hampshire Constitution, the 2018 ballot saw the adoption of Article 2-b, amending the Natural Rights clause of the constitution to include explicit protection of privacy in our governing documents. With revelations by whistleblower Edward Snowden regarding mass government surveillance programs, there was ample public support and sentiment to enshrine the right of personal information privacy into the New Hampshire Constitution.

While the Supreme Court's historical application of an implied right to privacy in the 14th amendment to the United States Constitution has been applied controversially at the federal level, Article 2-b of the New Hampshire Constitution was instrumental in stopping the consideration and enforcement of vaccine mandates during the 2021 COVID-19 epidemic.

20. Accountability & Taxpayer Standing

[Art.] 8. [Accountability of Magistrates and Officers; Public's Right to Know.] *"All power residing originally in, and being derived from, the people, all the magistrates and officers of government are their substitutes and agents, and at all times accountable to them. Government, therefore, should be open, accessible, accountable and responsive. To that end, the public's right of access to governmental proceedings and records shall not be unreasonably restricted. The public also has a right to an orderly, lawful, and accountable government. Therefore, any individual taxpayer eligible to vote in the State, shall have standing to petition the Superior Court to declare whether the State or political subdivision in which the taxpayer resides has spent, or has approved spending, public funds in violation of a law, ordinance, or constitutional provision. In such a case, the taxpayer shall not have to demonstrate that his or her personal rights were impaired or prejudiced beyond his or her status as a taxpayer. However, this right shall not apply when the challenged governmental action is the subject of a judicial or administrative decision from which there is a right of appeal by statute or otherwise by the parties to that proceeding."*

-Article 8, New Hampshire Constitution, 1784 (Amended, 1976, 2018)

In 2018, Article 8 of the state Constitution was also amended to explicitly incorporate the right of any New Hampshire taxpayer to claim they have the standing to sue the government in order to seek a redress of grievances. All public officials in the state of New Hampshire have explicit accountability to their community and constituents, and any citizen may take legal action against them in that regard. While many other states have sovereign immunity clauses that grant the state's agents exception from legal recourse except when authorized by law, the New Hampshire constitution explicitly reserves that right to the people.

21. Prohibition of Eminent Domain

[Art.] 12-a. [Power to Take Property Limited.] *“No part of a person’s property shall be taken by eminent domain and transferred, directly or indirectly, to another person if the taking is for the purpose of private development or other private use of the property.”*

-Article 12-a, New Hampshire Constitution, 2006

In the wake of *Kelo v. City of New London*, a Supreme Court Case, the concern of eminent domain rang as a clear threat to property rights across the country. The 2005 decision was a 5-4 tossup, with New Hampshire native, Supreme Court Associate Justice David Souter casting the tie-breaking vote in favor of allowing the City of New London to claim eminent domain on private property for private commercial purposes. In response, Liberty Activists in New Hampshire, including Logan Clements and Travis Corcoran, proposed a claim for eminent domain on Justice Souter’s family farm in Weare, NH, in order to build “*The Lost Liberty Hotel*.”

The proposal for eminent domain of Justice Souter’s property was amended by the Weare town meeting to simply be a resolution for the state legislature to ban the practice of eminent domain, to which it responded by passing a Constitutional Amendment that same year to that effect. When ratified during the November 2006 general election, the practice of eminent domain to favor private economic interests became constitutionally prohibited in the state of New Hampshire.

22. Constitutional Carry

[Art.] 2-a. [The Bearing of Arms.] *“All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property and the state.”*

-Article 2-a, New Hampshire Constitution, 1982

The right to keep and bear arms is under constant assault from the federal government, and its populist establishment. However, in New Hampshire, your rights are more secure and protected than anywhere else. The New Hampshire constitution recognizes and respects your right to keep and bear arms, for the explicit reasoning of defense of oneself and property.

In 2017, New Hampshire enacted constitutional carry legislation, removing all requirements for permitting and licensing related to owning and carrying firearms in public. Furthermore, firearms are not prohibited in state and local government buildings and are allowed to be carried into polling places during elections. New Hampshire also has a castle doctrine allowing for the lawful use of deadly force in self-defense or the defense of property.

Additionally, in 2022, New Hampshire took a further step toward protecting gun rights. When House Bill 1178 was signed into law during the summer of 2022, becoming RSA 159:26, New Hampshire became the first state to take steps toward nullifying the enforcement of federal gun laws. As it stands, the law now prohibits the use of state resources or agencies to assist in the enforcement of any federal gun control endeavors. New Hampshire now has the strongest firearms ownership protections in the country.

23. Knife Ownership

In an early win for liberty legislators sympathetic to the Free State Project and the ideals of liberty, 2010's HB-1665 amended existing law to remove the prohibitions on the possession or sale of certain types of knives, such as stiletos, switchblades, daggers, and dirk knives. And the 2011 HB 544 followed up that legislation to include a prohibition on local ordinances banning the possession or sale of these instruments as well. Knife and gun rights are equally well protected in New Hampshire. New Hampshire is the only state with no existing laws regulating the possession or carrying of certain types of knives by people not convicted of a felony.

24. Jury Nullification

RSA 519:23-a Right of Accused - *"In all criminal proceedings the court shall permit the defense to inform the jury of its right to judge the facts and the application of the law in relation to the facts in controversy"*

Jury nullification is an inherent right of the juror box, to judge not just whether or not the accused violated the law, but whether or not the law itself is just and properly applied. In New Hampshire, it is a matter of law that defense counsel may instruct the jury on this fact. The prosecution of victimless crimes becomes a burden on the state when jurors can empathize with the actions of the accused, and judge the law to be unjust instead of the accused to be guilty.

Jury nullification is an inherent right of any jury, in any trial, in any jurisdiction. However, in 1895 the United States Supreme Court held that trial judges have no obligation to inform juries of this right. That decision's precedent has led to the common practice of judges punishing anyone who attempts to inform a jury of their rights, and declaring a mistrial. Only New Hampshire and South Dakota have passed state-level laws codifying this right.

25. Restoration of Rights for Felons

The purpose of incarceration in our criminal justice system is ostensibly for the purposes of rehabilitation so that upon the completion of an individual sentence, an offender can be reintroduced to society as a functioning and contributing individual who has paid penance for their crimes. However, it is considered normal in most states for felons to continue to have restrictions placed on their civil rights. In fact, such restrictions are so expected, that even in the 18 states where felons have their voting rights restored upon the completion of their sentence and release, most felons aren't made aware of this fact, or are led to believe that their rights are permanently lost.

In New Hampshire, felons have their voting rights restored immediately and automatically upon the completion of their sentence, and can even run for office and be elected. Following a circumstance where a convicted felon on a suspended sentence had run for office and been elected, leading to confusion as to her eligibility, in 2019 the New Hampshire state house passed a bill to clarify the existing law to explicitly state that voting rights were restored fully and immediately upon release. In addition, the bill also clarified that felons need to be informed of their restored rights in writing upon release, not leaving it up to an incompetent bureaucracy to mislead people about their rights. New Hampshire is among the states leading the way in the restoration of civil rights for felons.

Source: Pew Research

<https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2018/04/05/felony-voting-laws-are-confusing--activists-would-ditch-them-all-together>

26. Personal Risk

New Hampshire is the only state in the country that does not legally require adult passengers of vehicles to be wearing a seatbelt. With no primary or secondary laws or restrictions, any adult over 18 years of age has the right to assume the personal risk of whether or not to wear a seatbelt. New Hampshire also doesn't have any restrictions against riding unsecured as a passenger in the bed of a pick-up truck. Similarly to seatbelts, helmets are not required by law for motorcycle riders over the age of 18, or bicyclists over the age of 16.

While every other state attempts to use the force of law and civil fines to police personal safety considerations, New Hampshire alone leaves the discretion of risk to the individual. Yet, New Hampshire remains one of the top 10 safest states on the road, in the top 10 for fewest traffic-related deaths per capita in the country at only 7.5 per 100,000, below the National Average of 11.7 per 100,000.

*Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety
www.iihs.org/topics/fatality-statistics/detail/state-by-state*

27. No Auto Insurance Mandate

New Hampshire and Virginia are the only two states in the Union that do not require drivers to be covered by an auto insurance policy. However, Virginia requires the driver to pay a \$500 Uninsured Motor Vehicle fee at the time of registration in order to waive the insurance coverage, whereas New Hampshire only requires those convicted of DUIs or having caused an at-fault accident in the past 3 years to prove financial means in order to operate uninsured. This is another instance where the choice of liability and risk rests with you, the citizen, as opposed to a mandatory decision made on your behalf by the state.

That doesn't mean it's a good idea to drive around uninsured, however, the lack of any mandate has allowed free market competition to thrive, with lower prices available in New Hampshire than in surrounding states. Even without a mandate, New Hampshire has an incredibly low uninsured driver rate at only 6.1% compared to the national average of 12.6%. This is likely due to the fact that the lack of mandates has driven the average cost of liability insurance down to \$324 per year in New Hampshire, compared to \$545 nationally.

Source: Money Geek

www.moneygeek.com/insurance/auto/resources/uninsured-motorist-facts

Source: Bankrate.com

www.bankrate.com/insurance/car/states

28. No National ID Mandate

The federal government has tried to impose legislation creating a National ID card system with the REAL ID Act. Reminiscent of tyrannical measures akin to travel papers often referenced in dystopian fiction. This is the first step toward policing internal travel and migration but requires the consent of the states to enact it. The act was met with resistance nationally, and several states have refused to implement it.

New Hampshire's opposition to the REAL ID Act was in the spirit of preserving individual choice in the matter. The Department of Motor Vehicles in New Hampshire does issue REAL IDs, but the system is not mandatory, and the selection requires an individual to deliberately opt-in to the program to receive an ID compliant with the act. Without opting in, an individual will also have the ability to opt-out of having their social security number, photograph, and other identifying information stored in the state database. This system gives those wishing to secure a REAL ID the option to do so, without forcing the National ID card upon anyone else in the state. The preservation of individual choice in the face of federal mandates is crucial and in the spirit of New Hampshire's commitment to freedom.

29. Secession

[Art.] 7. [State Sovereignty.] *“The people of this State have the sole and exclusive right of governing themselves as a free, sovereign, and independent State; and do, and forever hereafter shall, exercise and enjoy every power, jurisdiction, and right, pertaining thereto, which is not, or may not hereafter be, by them expressly delegated to the United States of America in Congress assembled.”*

-Article 7, New Hampshire Constitution, 1784

The state of New Hampshire’s Constitution does not specifically prohibit the act of secession, leaving the exercise of such an action an opportunity. With the ability to threaten to secede, the people of New Hampshire will always have a position of leverage and a bargaining chip to bring to bear when negotiating with the federal government. While secession may not be easily accomplished, and its merits are still hotly debated even among Free Staters, the possibility has a growing appeal among Granite Staters.

With several active organizations lobbying for New Hampshire’s Independence, and growing sentiment around the discussion of a National Divorce, several New Hampshire State Representatives submitted a proposal for a constitutional Amendment in 2022 to peaceably declare independence from The United States. And although CACR 32 was rejected by the General Court, the movement around it rallied thousands of supporters and brought hundreds to testify before the state house committee hearing the bill, and hundreds more engaged in email and phone lobbying of their legislators in support of the measure.

Source: NH Legislature

<https://legiscan.com/NH/text/CACR32/id/2462068>

30. An Institution of History

These rights, enshrined in the New Hampshire constitution, are as much a part of our culture, as the granite is part of our mountains. The adoption of the New Hampshire Constitution, including its initial bill of rights in 1784, predates the drafting and ratification of the US Constitution by three and a half years. But the people of New Hampshire were not brash and rushed to adopt a new constitution and form of government, as Proposals presented in 1781 and 1782 were both rejected by the people for granting too much power to the state. The document as proposed in 1783, incorporating its bill of rights as its first section, prioritizing limitations on government, was adopted and came into effect in July of 1784. And while the constitution has been amended many times, both by convention and by legislative proposals, the nature of those amendments has always been in the spirit of protecting liberty from state action.

It was not until after the Civil War, and the ratification of the 14th Amendment to the US constitution, that the states themselves became subject to the restrictions in the Federal Constitution's Bill of Rights. However, each of the rights protected and contained in the first ten amendments to the US Constitution was already incorporated as an article of The New Hampshire constitution and protected as such. Leading the way, New Hampshire has been first in the nation not only in conducting its elections, but in declaring its independence, drafting its own constitution, and in respecting the rights and liberties of its citizens. This history has instilled itself in New Hampshire's live-free-or-die culture, and the libertarian ideals present in its constitution to this day.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

"I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest of dangers to be feared.... To preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt.... We must make our choice between economy and liberty or profusion and servitude.... If we run into such debts, we must be taxed in our meat and drink, in our necessities and our comforts, in our labors and in our amusements.... If we can prevent the Government from wasting the labors of the people, under the pretense of caring for them, they will be happy."

-Thomas Jefferson

Journalist Henry Hazlitt, known for his short book *Economics in One Lesson*, is credited with once remarking *"When your money is taken by a thief, you get nothing in return. When your money is taken through taxes to support needless bureaucrats, precisely the same situation exists."* Merely a more elegant phrasing of the popular libertarian catchphrase *"Taxation is Theft,"* Hazlitt's remarks nonetheless underscore the inherent issues and threats to liberty presented by the government's involvement in the collection of taxes in order to fund social programs and government action.

The very act of taxation is the state's insistence on entitlement to a portion of the fruits of an individual's labor. And yet, taxes remain only one minor component of economic freedom. But every role the government takes in regulating the economy inherently interferes with the natural order of freedom and makes the people less free to conduct themselves and their business how they wish. In yet another brilliant quip from Hazlitt, he remarked that *"Liberty is a whole, and to deny economic liberty is finally to destroy all liberty."*

31. Overall Tax Burden

Everyone knows the pain of taxes. Every year, billions of dollars and millions of hours are wasted preparing and filing federal tax returns just to get back a piece of what the government unjustly took from you in the first place. But the Federal government isn't the only taxing entity hell-bent on making you pay for the privilege of being, as the states themselves also impose taxes on their citizens. While the Federal Government comes for all, the states are a free market competition in the field of taxation, and you are free to shop!

While many people may complain about high property taxes in New Hampshire, the overall tax burden is among the least oppressive in the country. In fact, when factoring in Property tax, excise taxes, and all other taxes, WalletHub ranked New Hampshire as having the 5th lowest overall tax burden in the country in 2019, and The CATO institute Ranked it 2nd in 2021, showing incredible improvement. And with the bulk of that burden being in property taxes, you can even shop for the town and municipality in the state that has the best tax rates for what you're expecting for community value! Be on the lookout for New Hampshire to rise in the rankings as they continue to lower taxes.

Source: WalletHub

wallethub.com/edu/states-with-highest-lowest-tax-burden/2094

Source: Cato's Freedom in The 50 States

<https://www.freedominthe50states.org/economic/new-hampshire>

32. No Income Tax

As one of the few states without a tax on personal income, Granite Staters are able to keep more of their earnings, and thus have more disposable income to invest back into their local economy. The higher standard of living afforded to people who don't have a portion of their paycheck stolen by the state is undeniable. Whether you prioritize saving for retirement, investing in local business, or investing in your own lifestyle through recreation, travel, and enjoyment, the fact is, that choice remains yours.

In New Hampshire, you don't have to glance at your pay stub every week and wonder what the state is spending its cut on. Whether unsustainable teacher pensions, welfare programs, or the salaries of unnecessary bureaucrats that make your life difficult, It's not funded by an automatic withholding from your earnings each pay period. Simple as that: you get to keep what you earn, and spend it how you see fit, not how the state dictates.

Because of these benefits, many wealthy individuals choose to make their residence in states without income taxes, where their savings and investments are safer and have better returns over time. The local population benefits economically from this community investment, including you.

33. No Sales Tax

With no general sales tax in the state, New Hampshire businesses benefit from being able to offer real prices for goods in retail sales. After manufacturer cost and retail markup, consumers generally have enough of a financial burden placed upon them for the cost of living. Not only does the lack of a sales tax allow New Hampshire residents to save money on their cost of living, but it also has significant positive economic impacts on the local communities as well. Locally owned small businesses benefit from the so-called New Hampshire Advantage, where shoppers from surrounding states flock to New Hampshire for big dollar purchases and day-to-day essentials. This infusion of out-of-state capital on a regular basis benefits businesses and investors in New Hampshire and by extension their communities with increased economic activity.

The sales tax is so impactful on people, that many states declare holidays from their sales taxes on a yearly basis in order to encourage large spending and economic activity. In New Hampshire, this holiday is permanent, granting its boons and benefits to our communities on an ongoing basis. Any attempts to institute a sales tax in New Hampshire have been met with broad resistance from the people and their representatives in the legislature.

34. No Capital Gains Tax

New Hampshire has no state or local taxes on capital gains. Savings and investments are critical for participants in a market economy. Capital gains taxes place a heavy bias against savings and investments. However, in New Hampshire, the lack of a tax burden against capital gains facilitates higher levels of investment, a larger capital stock, increased worker productivity and wages, and faster economic growth.

To understand why this matters, you have to understand exactly what capital gains are according to tax law in the United States. Any profit from the sale of a property or investment is considered unearned income and capital gains. Whether that is an investment in property, a local small business, securities, or even cryptocurrency. The Federal Government, and most state governments, tax a percentage of your profits as their own.

The standard of living benefits from the increase in local investment present in a local economy where these investments are not taxed by the state. Early movers and participants of The Free State Project have had great success in establishing business and investing here in New Hampshire, due to this friendly investment climate.

35. No Interest and Dividends Tax

Interests and dividends are earnings from your investments and savings, and are crucial to long-term financial planning and stability, especially for retirement income and building wealth in the face of growing inflation. Anyone with a savings account, regardless of its balance, earns interest on the value of the money the bank uses to back loans. Certain companies also pay quarterly or annual dividends based on profits to their shareholders and investors, including many people who have retirement accounts invested in the market. As of 2022, New Hampshire does still have a tax on interest and dividends, it's only form of taxation on personal income.

However, thanks to the diligent work of libertarian-leaning state legislators who are participants of, and friendly with the Free State Project, language was included in the state's budgetary bills that will gradually phase out and eventually abolish the interest and dividends tax. Currently, at 5% for the year 2022, it will reduce to 4% for 2023, 3% for 2024, and so on until 2027 sees the final repeal of the last vestige of taxes on personal income in New Hampshire.

As a true haven for tax-free income, New Hampshire is primed to thrive as a hotbed of investment and economic growth for the foreseeable future. Take advantage of the economic conditions and incentivization for investment by joining your free state community here in New Hampshire.

36. No Inventory Taxes

Inventory taxes are a type of property tax that is assessed on the value of product and inventory held and stored by a business. This tax is especially harmful to retail businesses, and wholesalers. To manage inventory taxes, businesses must be careful to not amass too much backstock in their supply chain, and be cautious of their inventory to avoid an undue tax burden. New Hampshire has no inventory tax, which allows retailers to deal with economic fluctuations without having to pay fines to the state for failing to move enough stock, and for wholesalers to plan for longer terms by purchasing in larger bulk and taking advantage of economies of scale.

And like all taxes on business, the increased costs of inventory taxes are inevitably just passed on to consumers in the effect of retail markups. The lack of this additional tax burden on businesses leads to lower prices and better market conditions for shoppers and citizens in New Hampshire, and shoppers from other states looking to save money with The New Hampshire Advantage.

37. No Machinery and Equipment Taxes

Another property tax often leveraged on businesses is the Machinery and Equipment taxes. Tangible Business Property taxes like machinery and equipment taxes punish businesses that are engaged in industries that require large and expensive equipment to fulfill their market obligations. Again, these taxes on businesses are absorbed by businesses by passing it along to the end customer in the form of higher retail prices. A hidden cause of price inflation in a free market economy, business property taxes are unjust, and unequally enforced.

Without the burden of business property taxes on machinery and equipment, New Hampshire is a welcoming environment for businesses in the manufacturing sector. While this small state may not yet boast a large and expansive manufacturing economy, those businesses that do choose to base themselves here reap immediate tax benefits and thrive in a friendly environment. Combined with New Hampshire's gun-friendly culture, Firearms Manufacturers like Sig Sauer and Ruger have found great success and built thriving local economic connections, employing thousands of New Hampshire residents, and enriching their communities.

38. Low Sin Taxes

New Hampshire's budget is heavily reliant on sin taxes, with 9.9% of the state's revenue being derived from taxes on cigarettes, gambling, alcohol, and other vices. However, even with this heavy reliance, New Hampshire has the lowest cigarette taxes in the North East at \$1.78 per pack, which leads to heavy cross-border traffic from other states to purchase tobacco products in bulk on an ongoing basis. This price incentive leads to a regular infusion of out-of-state cash into New Hampshire's local economy and makes up a significant portion of the state's total revenue.

The State of New Hampshire also operates a pseudo monopoly on liquor sales, with state-owned and operated Liquor Stores, and a prohibition on retail sales of spirits. While this system is inherently adversarial to the ideals of a free market, the state's ability to operate these establishments for profit, while still offering lower prices than the rest of the region, again incentivizes out-of-state money to fund our state's coffers instead of directly taxing New Hampshire Citizens.

The state also operates a state Lottery, but it is not a monopoly, as there are several private casinos operating within New Hampshire, including the famous Hampton Beach Ballroom Casino, which has regularly hosted concerts from major national acts such as Aerosmith, George Carlin, and others. However, the state Lottery revenues are directed by a constitutional provision to offset local education expenses, offering property tax relief to local municipalities through a voluntary vice. These systems of voluntary participation are superior to compulsory taxation used in other states.

39. Small Business Friendly

New Hampshire routinely ranks as one of the top 5 most friendly states to small businesses. In Thumbtack's 2022 small business survey, New Hampshire was one of only 3 states to earn an A+ rating. The bulk of this survey's weight relied on small business owners' concerns about pandemic-related responses, and how state action hurt their business practices.

Along with a study of how difficult it is to start and manage a small business in each state, only Maine and South Carolina matched New Hampshire's A+ grade for 2022. New Hampshire has consistently improved over the years in the studied metrics and is on track to continue improving the small business climate of the state with future deregulation of licensing and regulatory burdens on the agenda of libertarians in the state legislature.

Source: Thumbtack

<https://www.thumbtack.com/survey#/2021/1/states/nh>

40. High Household Income

With a median household income of \$88,235, New Hampshire ranks third in the country, while also boasting the highest economic security of any state. According to the last US Census, the national median household income was \$67,521, almost 24% lower than that of New Hampshire. These higher wages translate to more disposable income for savings, investment, and recreation, all of which spur economic activity that helps bolster New Hampshire's economy to the benefit of all its citizens. The low taxes and business-friendly climate in New Hampshire have created an environment where higher wages are the norm, and employees are valued and in demand.

Source: Worldpopulationreview.com

<https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/median-household-income-by-state>

41. Low Unemployment

Along with higher-than-normal wages, New Hampshire's business-friendly environment and low tax burdens have led to incredibly low unemployment rates as well. Among the lowest in the country, New Hampshire's 2022 unemployment rates of 2.2% have resulted in an ever-increasing demand for labor, even unskilled labor, which drives up wages and employee benefits as a result of market competition.

Even with a minimum wage only matching the federal standard of \$7.25 an hour, in 2022 fast food and retail businesses are openly advertising starting wages for teenagers and unskilled workers from \$14-\$18 an hour, reflecting the increased demand that rapid economic growth combined with low unemployment can create.

Source: Worldpopulationreview.com

<https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/median-household-income-by-state>

42. Lowest Poverty Rate

A product of New Hampshire's thriving economic conditions, and increasingly friendly business environment, New Hampshire also has the nation's lowest poverty rate at only 5.3%. With such a small percentage of the state's residents living in poverty, there is a significantly lower strain on existing state welfare systems than in other states.

Improving the economic conditions of all, and lifting our neighbors out of poverty has benefited everyone in New Hampshire by reducing the state's financial obligations for social welfare spending. Lower spending, and keeping budgets minimal is a necessity to protect the residents of the state from undue taxes and financial burdens. The key to keeping poverty low is protecting economic freedom. The libertarian ideals present in New Hampshire's culture do exactly that.

Source: Worldpopulationreview.com

<https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/median-household-income-by-state>

43. Alternative Currency Adoption

Driven by Free Staters, New Hampshire has a thriving community adoption of cryptocurrency and other alternative currencies such as precious metals. Many in libertarian circles were early adopters of Bitcoin and led the development of other competing cryptocurrency options. New Hampshire boasts a high concentration of bitcoin ATMs in public locations and a substantial concentration of businesses that accept bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies as forms of payment for goods and services. Many small businesses owned by Free Staters operate in critical industries where you might be surprised at how easily you can live your life free of the US dollar if you choose. It's not uncommon that when renting from a Free Stater landlord, they will not only accept cryptocurrency as a form of payment, but some are also known to offer discounts on rent for those paying in digital currencies.

In recent years, there has been an uptick in the popularity of gold and silver again as well. With the advent and availability of Goldbacks, laminated and imprinted sheets of gold in the form of bills, people have the ability to exchange denominations of gold as small as 1/1000th of an ounce at a time. Silver has always been a common medium of exchange at the Porcupine Freedom Festival, but now that gold is available in spendable denominations suitable for microtransactions, the popularity of metals is seeing a resurgence as an alternative currency, alongside cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin.

44. Right to Farm

For the aspiring homesteader, New Hampshire presents a friendly environment for small-scale farming operations. The Right to Farm legislation passed in 1985 helps protect farms and homesteads from both public and private nuisance suits. New Hampshire law takes a lax approach to defining farms. The types of activities that fall within the definition of agriculture and farming are very broad, encompassing practically every dimension of production, ranging from general growing and cultivation of crops to the application of chemicals, the spreading of compost, septage and manure (as permitted by municipal and state rules), as well as the husbandry of livestock and fur-bearing animals, forestry, aquaculture, and transportation related to marketing. The law was amended in 2016 to include agritourism activities, and in 2017 again to include dog breeding.

In 2022, House Bill 314 increased the amount of food that homesteaders could sell before requiring a license from \$20,000 a year to \$35,000. Along with the fact that New Hampshire's Right to Farm laws make no distinction or qualification based on the size of an operation, or how it's organized, makes New Hampshire incredibly welcoming to small family run operations and homesteading. If your libertarian dream is a self-sufficient homestead for you and your family, New Hampshire just might be the perfect place to make it happen.

Source: One Rural, University of Kentucky
<https://onerural.uky.edu/right-to-farm/NH>

45. Nano Brewery Freedom

Once upon a time, alcohol was not only unpopular, it was illegal. Well, the age of prohibition has passed, and the cottage industry of brewing has risen to new heights as people work to perfect the craftsmanship of brewing beer. Whether you prefer lagers, IPAs, or a crisp Czech pilsner on a warm day, the availability of a beer to suit everyone's taste has never been easier. And with the uptick in popularity of craft brewing, has come an uptick in popularity for local brews and microbrews as well. While some people need to be the hipster and brew their own small batch at home in the basement, almost everyone can appreciate a well-brewed local signature beer.

New Hampshire is the only state in the nation to recognize and codify nano-breweries as distinct and separate from larger breweries. Allowing nano-breweries to brew up to 2,000 barrels of their custom beer each year without being classified as a commercial brewery, and thus only having to deal with a small licensing fee instead of all the bureaucratic overhead that comes with brewing, allows for the curation of a small cottage industry of nano-brewers, bars, restaurants and others to bring a unique product to market and thrive in competition.

MEDICAL FREEDOM

"Unless we put medical freedom into the Constitution, the time will come when medicine will organize into an undercover dictatorship ... To restrict the art of healing to one class of men and deny equal privileges to others will constitute the Bastille of medical science. All such laws are un-American and despotic and have no place in a republic. The Constitution of this republic should make the special privilege for medical freedom as well as religious freedom."

-Benjamin Rush, 1800

Among the core philosophies of libertarianism is respect for property rights, and among them, the most important is the recognition of individual sovereignty and ownership of one's self and one's body. The principles of self-ownership are paramount when considering one's relation to the state.

If you own yourself, then the potential for bodily harm from risky behaviors is a risk that you alone can accept or deny, and prohibitions against unhealthy and unsafe acts are unjust. My body, my choice. At its core, that statement is a mantra of liberty, though its political applications are often disputed and wrapped in controversy. In 2020, when the world was shaken by the arrival of the COVID-19 Pandemic, governments rushed to enforce mandates for preventative measures such as masking and social distancing and eventually attempts at forced vaccination. If you aren't free to determine your own medical treatment, then you aren't really free. In a new age of tyranny, medical freedom is more important than ever, but New Hampshire's legislature has acted deliberately to protect liberty in this regard.

46. No Certificates of Need

A certificate of need is a legal document required in many states and some federal jurisdictions before proposed acquisitions, expansions, or creations of healthcare facilities are allowed. Certificates of need are issued by government-appointed boards of bureaucrats. These boards evaluate proposals for new healthcare projects, such as hospitals and urgent care centers, and determine whether or not the community has a need for them, before allowing them to open. This artificial manipulation of markets restricts competition and increases prices through manufactured shortages of supply. Restricting competition acts as a crony interference in natural competition.

Healthcare is one of the most critical services in the market allowing for bureaucratic restrictions to limit market competition, raise prices, and restrict the availability of critical services to communities in need. While initially contrived as government protection against predatory practitioners, certificates of need instead proved to limit the availability, and lead to higher costs for those that needed the services most. In 2016, New Hampshire passed legislation to eliminate its certificate of need programs and dissolve its board. While there still exist some restrictions on the construction and opening of new facilities, there is no arbitrary interference from unelected bureaucrats in the market provision of healthcare services.

Source: Cato Institute Testimony

<https://www.cato.org/testimony/repeal-certificate-need-program>

47. Optional Vaccine Registry

Like every other state, New Hampshire does maintain a vaccine registry, where the state keeps a record of vaccination and immunization status for a number of vaccines. However, unlike most states, the New Hampshire registry is optional, and participation is not required. Furthermore, for those states that do make participation in their vaccine registries optional, the process of opting out is onerous and involves deliberate instruction to the state's bureaucratic system to remove oneself and one's family from the system. However, In New Hampshire, the process is opt-in, which means that by default nobody is included in the vaccine registry, and in order for the state to include you in the system and track your data, you must deliberately opt-in to the process.

To provide even further protection for those who wish to exercise their rights to privacy, the passage of HB1488 also prohibited any discrimination, based on an individual's participation in the registry. So whether for employment, state interactions, or health care provision, in New Hampshire you are protected from being compelled to participate in the state's vaccine registry. Only in New Hampshire, is your medical privacy protected by default.

48. Federal Vaccine Mandates Nullified

In 2022, the New Hampshire General Court passed House Bill 1455, which states that the state of New Hampshire is prohibited from engaging in the enforcement of, or any collaboration with the enforcement of, any federal law, order, or rule that effectively requires any person as a condition of his or her employment, or as a condition of any other activity, to submit proof of vaccination. While the Federal government may routinely try to overstep its bounds and engage in medical tyranny, the state of New Hampshire is explicitly prohibited from cooperating with its efforts. The choice of whether or not to get vaccinated will always be a personal choice in New Hampshire and left to the risk assessment of the individual, not the arbitrary instruction of the state.

49. No Mandates on Employers

New Hampshire not only protects your individual rights to be free from federal vaccine mandates, but New Hampshire law also protects you from more local state action as well. The state is also prohibited by law from implementing or enforcing any state-level mandate on employers to require vaccines of their employees. While employers are free to have such a requirement, the state is prohibited from demanding it, thus leaving the decision of voluntary association and private contracts to employers and employees in the general market. House Bill 220 (2021) and House Bill 1495 (2022) effectively prohibit statewide employer mandates on vaccination or discrimination based on personal medical choices.

50. Vaccinations and Parental Rights

State interference in the parenting decision of private individuals and families is an overstep and violation of freedom. A family is sacred, and the decision on how to raise one's children belongs to individual families alone. There has been a push culturally in the United States in the past few years to incorporate the state as a parent equally involved in the parenting process. The decision on whether or not to vaccinate children rests solely with the child's parents, not bureaucrats and elected politicians. When presented with a legislative proposal to make vaccination decisions grounds for the termination of parental rights by the state, the New Hampshire legislature rejected the measure and ensured that the right to determine medical treatment rested with individuals and families, not the state. Any measure that interferes with the rights of parents to raise their children in a manner that they choose, is inherently tyrannical and the rejection of such a measure by New Hampshire in the face of cultural pressure from the world at large is a net positive.

51. Abortion Access, Not Funding

Access to abortions remains legal in the state of New Hampshire, with some restrictions. Late-term abortions, after 24 weeks, are banned with exceptions for fetal diagnoses and risk to the life of the mother. As of 2022, ultrasounds and counseling are not required prior to the provision of the procedure. And while the service remains legal and accessible, the New Hampshire Executive Council voted three times in 2021 and 2022 to reject funding contracts for facilities that offer abortion services.

Being a controversial procedure, with good faith arguments in favor of liberty made by those in support of, and opposed to the regulation of abortions, there is no easy qualification of what the right approach to the issue is. In a compromise of ethics, the situation in New Hampshire creates an approach that appeals to the broadest appreciation of liberty. In keeping with the values of respecting individual choice, abortions remain legal and accessible at private facilities in new Hampshire, but taxpayers are not obligated to fund the services involuntarily through state contributions with tax funding.

52. Direct Primary Care

Direct Primary Care providers provide medical services and consultation in a manner that escapes the system of insurance and state-regulated institutions. For those who seek to have access to personalized medical care, and not have to deal with the burdens of bureaucratic institutions such as state-regulated insurance companies, Direct Primary Care is often the only option whereby an individual can access a professional level of care should they determine it to be necessary.

Not only does New Hampshire law allow for Direct Primary Care, it specifically authorizes it, and defines it as existing outside the insurance system. While big insurance has become as much an apparatus of the state as possible in recent years, the increase in the availability of Direct Primary Care has given consumers an option to find more personal and more affordable medical care. By eliminating the bureaucratic overhead, and not having to deal with the costs of complying with the system, Direct Primary Care providers are able to maintain their high standards of care, without overburdening costs passed on to their patients.

53. Parent's Consent for School-Based Treatment

Interference with parental rights takes many forms. One of the most explicit instances of state interference happens every day in public schools. When it comes to medical treatment, New Hampshire law prevents schools from interfering with parental rights by providing any medical or dental treatment to children in a school setting without the explicit consent of the parents.

In 2022, the New Hampshire Legislature enacted House Bill 1244, which amended the law to state that any child's participation in any program that provides medical or dental treatment in any school setting shall require the explicit written consent of the child's parent or legal guardian. This prohibition protects the sanctity of your family and your medical freedom from the involvement of the state.

EDUCATION FREEDOM

"The aim of public education is not to spread enlightenment at all; it is simply to reduce as many individuals as possible to the same safe level, to breed a standard citizenry, to put down dissent and originality."

-H.L. Mencken

The duty to educate the next generation is a critical responsibility for people of all cultures and communities. Ensuring that the next generation is instilled with the knowledge of the past allows for progress, advancement, and the long-term survival of culture in the face of time. So it is without surprise that governments, where opportunity presents itself, have assumed the responsibility of educating children. But for all the noblest of intentions, the public school system in the United States has become an ever-present threat to the ideals of liberty and the values of freedom.

More akin to indoctrination centers than halls of learning, Michael Malice has described them by saying *"Schools are literal prisons for children and the only place where many people will experience violence from their peers for their entire lives."* With mandated attendance and access to impressionable children, bureaucrats and teachers have eight uninterrupted hours a day to brainwash, indoctrinate, and teach youth to support their system of tyranny, and embrace their cultural values.

New Hampshire activists have made fighting for school choice and educational freedom a top priority in the state, and have made great strides in returning the rights to education to parents and families.

54. Expanded School Choice

The hard work of liberty activists and legislators in New Hampshire has resulted in continuously expanding school choice options for the families of the more than 267,000 children in New Hampshire. Granite State families have a number of options to choose from aside from traditional public schools. As well as having the ability in many districts to enroll their children in public schools in another district that may be a better fit, New Hampshire has public charter schools, magnet schools, private schools, online and distance learning programs, easy-to-navigate homeschooling regulations, and community-based learning pods and co-ops that all replace traditional public schools.

The choice of what kind of education a child receives is ultimately up to the parent, and not the state. With statutory regulations creating a healthy environment conducive to competition among educational systems within the state, this expanded school choice infrastructure benefits families and students as opposed to bureaucrats and teacher unions. The culture of indoctrination is becoming prevalent throughout the nation, with advocates and activists becoming public school teachers, and bragging about their influence on children on social media. Returning control of the learning environment to parents and families is critical, and New Hampshire liberty activists are leading the way in proving how it can be done.

55. Education Freedom Accounts

Education Freedom Accounts (EFAs) became law in the Granite State through the 2021 state budget. EFAs are grants of a child's state education funds that can be used to pay for a variety of learning experiences. With an EFA, parents direct their child's education funding to courses, materials, and educational programs of their choice.

The EFA program is being administered by the Children's Scholarship Fund NH. Over 1,800 New Hampshire students used Education Freedom Accounts during the 2021-22 school year. Parents can use an Education Freedom Account grant for a variety of options, including Tuition at a school of their choice, Tutoring, Internet connectivity, Special education services, Online learning courses, and college entrance exams, along with other learning experiences.

By allowing the money allocated to education to follow the student, as opposed to the taxing jurisdiction, we not only give parents a greater degree of control over their children's education but open the door for the costs to be managed more efficiently as well. With public education being riddled with administrative overhead costs, the price paid for the education of each student is inflated to cover the salaries of bureaucrats not engaged in the act of teaching. However, by allowing parents to administer their children's educations, and to direct the funding of said education, we fund the students as opposed to the systems.

56. Homeschooling Made Easy

Many parents in the Free Stater community choose to homeschool their children and take full responsibility for the outcome of their education. Homeschooling is a customized learning plan that is determined by the family to meet the unique needs and goals of their children. Learning can happen where, when, and how you choose, and home education is not limited to districts' calendars or schedules. Neither are you limited to when the required subjects are taught or which curricula or materials to use.

You are also not restricted to a particular place where education must occur. Although NH statute requires homeschooling programs to include several subjects at some point in your child's home education program, such as science, math, language, government, history, health, reading, and writing, it does not specify when or how these subjects must be covered.

New Hampshire homeschoolers are not required to duplicate public education at home in any way, not the pedagogy, standards, scope and sequence, calendar year, daily schedule, attendance minimum, or anything else. The homeschooling requirements are both very simple and straightforward. Parents only need to notify the school district in writing a singular time per child that they wish to homeschool, and advance notice is not required.

If you choose to homeschool your children in New Hampshire and are worried about their socialization, or your support network, you don't need to fret. As a liberty-minded individual, you'll find a warm welcome among other like-minded parents in the Free Stater community, who have embraced homeschooling, and are ready to welcome you into their community!

57. Divisive Concepts Ban

Much to the displeasure of teacher unions, and progressive activist teachers across the state, the New Hampshire legislature passed a bill in 2021 that banned the teaching of divisive concepts in public education. Teachers found to be in violation of the restrictions can be brought before the state board of education for disciplinary proceedings, and can even lose their teaching credentials.

While there was much controversy about what constituted a divisive concept under the law, it is generally accepted that the provisions prohibit public schools from teaching that one's race, sex or other characteristics are "inherently superior" to others, or that people are inherently racist, sexist or oppressive on account of their race, sex or other characteristics. Some advocates for the ban refer to the teaching of this ideology as critical race theory and argue that it is inappropriate to teach young children in the classroom to judge others based on inherently immutable characteristics such as race, gender, and religion.

The very fact that the teaching of these concepts is controversial, is a solid indication that public schools have no business using their monopoly on the indoctrination of children to instill them in impressionable minds. The final responsibility for determining what is and is not appropriate for a child to learn, and at what age they may be mature enough to discuss controversial subjects, would be best left to their parents. By banning the teaching of divisive concepts, New Hampshire protects children from the influence of progressive activists using the classroom as their political pulpit.

DECENTRALIZED ACTIVIST COALITIONS

“As much as people would like to disrupt the world by going their own way entirely, you cannot change an existing system without also becoming a little part of it in order to change it from the inside. Everybody can change something, but nobody can change everything.”

-Rick Falkvinge, Swarmwise

The Free State Project is not a top-down centrally managed activist organization. At best, it is a loose confederation of independent communities and activist organizations with overlapping shared principles. There is no big shadowy figure pulling the strings and giving orders from on high, and as much as our opponents like to spread the lie, the effort isn't being bankrolled by the Kochs to implement their policies. In fact, the majority of Free Staters and movers, don't actually get involved in politics beyond their occasional trip to the ballot box, and even those who do have as many disagreements about strategy and policy as they do agreements on ethics and principles.

Following a pseudo-swarmwise approach to political activism, Free Staters are encouraged to find their niche in one of the many independent groups working to promote freedom in New Hampshire, and if one does not find a group to their liking, to go ahead and start a new one! While we can't all do everything, everyone doing something in concert with each other, working independently towards the same ends, helps move the needle in a positive direction towards freedom.

58. House Freedom Caucus

Arguably the keystone in the archway of New Hampshire's independent activism, all roads lead to legislative success. The House Freedom Caucus is a collection of liberty-minded elected officials, both Free Staters and natives, who serve in the New Hampshire General Court as state representatives. While most activism at the state level is geared towards supporting legislation to influence policy, impact budgetary concerns, and dictate or restrict state action, the final step towards implementation of those ideas is legislative action carried out by members of the House Freedom Caucus.

Over the past decade, the size and influence of the house freedom caucus have grown, as more and more liberty-minded representatives have been elected thanks to the activism and influence of Free Stater affiliated organizations. In recent years, liberty-minded legislators who are members of the caucus have risen to prominent roles in the house and party leadership, wielding even greater influence on the legislative process, and advancing the agenda of freedom. If your mind is set on getting involved politically when you get to New Hampshire, then the members of this group will be your allies and advocates on the floor of the state house, and maybe even your colleagues after you win an election yourself

nhhfc.org

59. NH Liberty Alliance

The New Hampshire Liberty Alliance (NHLA), founded in November 2003, is a non-partisan coalition working to increase individual freedom in New Hampshire. They do this by monitoring bills in the legislative sessions and encouraging private charity, civil society, and citizen involvement. The NHLA is probably most well known for its annual Legislators Scorecard. Each year, after grading every bill voted on in the house of representatives for its impact and weight in the fight for freedom, the organization publishes a report card grading all 400 state representatives and 24 state senators based on their voting records, as well as what bills they sponsored and supported in the session.

With volunteers diligently devoting hundreds of hours to bill review and establishing the true impact of complicated legislation, NHLA ranks bills as either pro or anti-liberty, and issues voting recommendations to members of the General Court ahead of each voting session called The Gold Standard. Many legislators, particularly those in the house freedom caucus, value the input of NHLA and other liberty-friendly organizations and pride themselves on their high scores on the liberty report card at the end of each session. The New Hampshire Liberty Alliance is just one of the many organizations that have a real and tangible impact on the votes that drive the policies of freedom in New Hampshire.

nhliberty.org

60. AFP New Hampshire

Americans for Prosperity (AFP) activists engage friends and neighbors on key issues and encourage them to take an active role in advancing a free and open society, where every person can realize their American dream. AFP recruits activists and candidates to support a good sense and fiscally responsible legislation in New Hampshire. A full-scope organization, Americans for Prosperity actively puts boots on the ground during elections, helping recruit and train candidates, canvassers, phone bankers, and more, to ensure the success of Liberty in New Hampshire.

Outside of direct election involvement, the organization actively lobbies on meaningful legislation and consults with legislators to push agendas in support of increasing overall freedom in New Hampshire. Here in the granite state, Americans for Prosperity is only one part of the large network of organizations working toward improving our standard of living, and overall freedom in New Hampshire.

americansforprosperity.org/state/new-hampshire

61. The 603 Alliance

Another independent grassroots organization here in New Hampshire focused on defending the principles of a constitutionally limited small government, The 603 Alliance was founded in 2015 with the goal of restoring constitutional control at all levels of government and uniting like-minded voters behind candidates promoting liberty, free enterprise, free markets, and personal responsibility. The ultimate goal of The 603 Alliance is to support candidates who support these principles.

With a focus on state and local candidates, The 603 Alliance focuses its efforts on recognizing the importance of local elections in the constitutional process and using their alliance to connect voters with principled candidates that support the shared principles of liberty and small, accountable government. As one of the many groups in the fight for liberty in New Hampshire, The 603 Alliance has an important role to play in broadening the appeal and scope of the liberty movement in New Hampshire.

603alliance.org

62. Make Liberty Win PAC

Make Liberty Win is an independent political action committee (PAC) dedicated to deploying activists to help win state legislative races. Their activists, stakeholders, and candidates are fighting to advance the cause of liberty and defend only one special interest: the United States Constitution.

Make Liberty Win specializes in mobilizing voters to engage in primary and general elections through direct voter contact. Door knocking, phone calls, and texting are the best way to establish an authentic connection in today's political environment. Their activists cut through the noise of the 'he said, she said.' Make Liberty Win has uniquely positioned to outwork any opponent with the most dedicated ground troops in the country.

With a dedicated focus on New Hampshire during the 2022 election, Make Liberty Win has chosen to support a large group of incumbent and first-time candidates here in New Hampshire, in an effort to secure the hold of the liberty voting block in our house of representatives.

makelibertywin.com

63. Liberty Ballot

Getting involved in day-to-day politics isn't for everyone, heck it isn't for most people. Many people, Free Staters included, want to focus on living their lives as best they can, and political involvement comes second if at all. However, when realizing that so many of your liberties are threatened by the political process and the politicians involved, it becomes difficult to focus on living your best life, until you can rest assured that if not you, there is someone worthwhile taking up arms for the case in the state house. Often, the only time many people bother to get involved in politics, is on the rare occasion of election days, when they stumble into the ballot box, check off a few boxes, and return to going about their lives.

Liberty Ballot provides a tool that makes this possible, outsourcing the process of researching and vetting candidates to a group of dedicated volunteers who do the heavy lifting for you. Before heading to the polls on election day, you can simply check Liberty Ballot's website, download the sample ballot for your ward, town, or city, and have a list of voting recommendations that have been vetted for commitment to preserving your freedoms in elected office.

libertyballot.com

64. Coalition of NH Taxpayers

The Coalition of New Hampshire Taxpayers (CNHT) is a statewide, grassroots organization that is focused on promoting fiscally sound budgets, sound government, and low taxes. Its members being 100% local, and heavily involved in lobbying not just at the state legislature, but also at their local town councils, budget committees, and school boards, CNHT is dedicated to preserving the New Hampshire Advantage and keeping the Granite State's tax burden low.

The organization maintains a website where they collect and distribute resources to their members and the public, to assist in advocacy and activism. From letter to the editor campaigns, to coordinated rallies and organized testimony, along with their annual picnic, The CNHT is a long-time staple of New Hampshire political activism. During elections, they circulate a candidate pledge asking those running for office to openly commit to never supporting and always opposing, and measures to implement broad-based sales or income taxes in New Hampshire.

cnht.org

65. Health Freedom New Hampshire

Health Freedom New Hampshire is a local group, challenging their communities to improve health and freedom. Their organizers have a strong desire to share information and facilitate awareness of government overstep and corruption. While opposing and countering government intrusion in the field of healthcare, they work diligently to motivate volunteers to activism, preserving rights and opposing mandates.

As one of the first organizations to organize opposition to government lockdowns and medical mandates in the state of New Hampshire, they have been at the forefront of the new fight for medical freedom and autonomy in the Granite State, helping to lobby for the passage of critical legislation that protects our rights and freedoms. Look for them to continue hosting educational and outreach events across the state to educate people on how to protect our hard-won medical freedom.

hfnh.org

66. Second Amendment Groups

The adoption of constitutional carry, and becoming a sanctuary state for gun rights wasn't an accident in New Hampshire, nor was it a legislative fluke. The culture of firearms freedom rings strong in New Hampshire, and there are dozens of independent groups working to promote firearms policy in line with the values of freedom. Two of the most prominent of these organizations are The Women's Defense League, and The New Hampshire Firearms Coalition (NHFC).

While both these groups and others take interest in legislative policy, and support activists who get involved in protecting their rights, they take slightly different, unique, and complementary approaches. Branding itself as New Hampshire's only no-compromise gun rights group, The NHFC engages explicitly in electoral politics, as lobbyists and activists. Meanwhile, the Women's Defense League also provides an arm focused on education, training, and personal empowerment, in the realm of firearms safety and freedom. Neither organization has a monopoly on the activist space, and there are plenty of other groups with similar missions and slightly different approaches that might serve your needs and interests when considering getting involved.

Nhfc-ontarget.org
wdlnh.org

67. Free State Food Network

The Free State Food Network is a voluntary, membership-based, trade association representing the freedom-loving food industry in New Hampshire. With a goal of building a network of like-minded professionals to share best practices and improve local services, the Free state food network takes the opportunity to leverage their industry experience and expertise to not only further their professional endeavors, but also engage in meaningful activism as well.

As advocates against government intrusion into the local provision of food-based goods and services, the network also serves to link members of the broader community to restaurants and businesses that share their values. Members of the Free State Food Network are responsible for drafting and promoting legislation to decrease the regulations around local sourcing of foodstuffs, and restaurant services. Food freedom being an often underappreciated tenet of liberty, these activists have a crucial role in protecting our local restaurant industry from government overreach.

freestatefood.net

68. Rebuild New Hampshire

Originally founded as ReOpen NH in the wake of nationwide government lockdowns during the COVID-19 Pandemic, this group focused on direct action to demand the lifting of executive orders and a return to normalcy for the benefit of New Hampshire citizens and businesses. Organizing regular protests, and eventually recruiting a full legislative slate to run for public office, ReOpen was successful in not only ending the lockdowns but repealing enough of the Governor's powers to ensure that a similar situation can never happen again in New Hampshire's future. With the initial fight behind them, they rebranded as Rebuild NH.

Rebuild is a 501c4 nonprofit advocacy and community education organization, that focuses on promoting public policy and legislative goals that further protect the interests of New Hampshire's residents and businesses, and insulate them from potential government monopolization of the market. Like other groups, they endorse candidates, and issue scorecards, but with a narrower focus on what legislation is included in their rankings. As an issue-based organization, they are inherently non-partisan and rely exclusively on volunteers to carry the weight of their activism.

rebuildnh.com

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL RESOURCES

"One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals."

-Jean Vanier

Libertarian philosophy fundamentally rests on the assumption that those services people have come to expect from their government, can, should, and will be provided by the community through voluntary action and charity. Nothing is more important to the sustainability of any social movement than the community surrounding it. While the Free State Project itself is merely an idea, and a prompt, the people that take that suggestion to heart and move in search of maximum freedom have themselves become a thriving community. And not just a single community, but a network of independent and overlapping communities, with varying needs, interests, goals, and perspectives. The measure of any community is in how they serve each other, and how they provide for one another when in need.

The communities of the free state have, in short order, established a complex and thriving network of community resources available to welcome, assist, and foster the growth of those who join them. All done in a voluntary manner, with services ranging from charity and financial assistance, to housing and collective gatherings. By joining the free state community, you may find yourself not simply with neighbors, but with a new and welcoming family altogether.

69. Welcome Wagon

When you finally decide to move to your new home in New Hampshire, landing at your destination will be the easiest move of your life. While it might be a pain to pack up your whole life into boxes and load them into a UHaul for a cross-country drive if you let the Free Stater community know when to expect you, you can be prepared to pull up to a group of your new neighbors and friends waiting for you to help you unpack! Watch a moving truck empty its contents into your new home in record time, and make some new friends in the process. And the best part, instead of costing an arm and a leg for professionals, the whole thing might cost you a couple of pizzas from a local shop, and maybe a case of beer. But rest assured, not only will your move be quick, and easy, those same new friends will go out of their way to stay in touch and help you integrate into the new community, with a plethora of events designed specifically to welcome you to the Free State of New Hampshire!

fsp.org/new-hampshire-moving-guide

70. House Hunting Made Easy

One of the hardest parts of moving to a new state, whether it's a hundred miles away, or a thousand, is finding a new home for you and your family. Whether you're looking for an apartment to land in short term, a forever family home, a private homestead to farm, or want to invest in real estate and start off with a multi-family that has someone else paying your mortgage, the free state community has you covered. More than a handful of our early movers have gone on to run and manage successful real estate firms, and they happen to be uniquely suited to understand your difficulties in moving across the country and needing to have a place ready to land. So when you're ready to start shopping for your new home, whatever it is you decide to look for, make sure to reach out and get connected to one of our local porcupine realtors or property managers who can help you find a place to settle in!

Porcupinerealestate.com

ComeToNH.com

71. The FSP Calendar

The free state project's website is home to the New Hampshire Liberty Events Calendar. This is the most expansive and robust calendar of events for any liberty-oriented community in the world, and there isn't a day listed where you won't have to make a decision between conflicting events. Whether you want to join a friendly group for a hike, attend a community movie night, catch a potluck at a local farm, or join your new neighbors in welcoming the next as part of their welcome wagon, all the details for these events, both political and social, are published on the calendar for all to see! And you can rest assured you'll be welcomed by like-minded folks, eager to grow their community and welcome new friends into the fold! Make sure to check it out if you plan to visit, or else you might miss the midweek social dinner at a local bar!

fsp.org/calendar

72. New Mover's Potlucks

After unpacking and getting a good night's sleep, one of the first events you're gonna want to mark off on the calendar is the upcoming New Mover's Potluck! Your new neighbors are so used to welcoming people just like you into the community, that there are standing reservations at local community centers for potluck dinners to welcome you to the community and introduce you to your new neighbors and friends! The first Tuesday of every month is the big one, a potluck community dinner in the heart of West Manchester, boasting a huge crowd, and an energetic atmosphere! But there's also a monthly New Mover's Brunch on the seacoast, and regular potlucks elsewhere across the state to get involved with your local community, make sure to check out the calendar to stay up to date!

73. Community Market Days

Who doesn't love a good old-fashioned farmer's market? Well, what if that market was centered on local agorism, where members of your community came together to offer goods and services for sale, barter, or trade? The free state community has a regularly scheduled, traveling community market day, that stops across the state every weekend, to provide access to farm-to-table meats from a local homestead, and other goods from your local community.

Usually, a wide array of acceptable currencies, including cash, crypto, and precious metals change hands, as people enjoy home-cooked meals, stock up on meat from their CSA, and buy some knick knacks, clothes, or locally roasted coffee from their neighbors. This community market helps the community economy insulate itself from the intrusion of the state, and thrive with commerce and trade.

74. Local Community Centers

Our local community centers are the heart of our local movements. Serving as home bases for activism, and venues for social gatherings, our growing network of liberty-oriented community centers is providing a backbone for the continued growth of our community, often serving as a central hub for people to land, before finding their forever home in New Hampshire.

The thriving and growing community of porcupines and Free Staters in West Manchester has largely centered around social events at The Quill. Serving as the headquarters for The Fraternal Order of Porcupines, a membership-based social club for Free Staters and other liberty-minded individuals, The Quill has served the West Manchester community for over a decade and evolved over that time into the thriving self-sustaining community center that it is today.

With the success of The Quill as a model, and recognizing the need for similar venues and hubs in other regions of the state, there is now a growing movement to grow the network of community centers and to expand the services they offer to better benefit our growing communities. The most well-known of these new hubs, the seacoast's SHELL, has quickly established itself as an indispensable hub of social and political activism in the local community.

75. The Crypto Meetup

It should be no surprise that the world's longest-running cryptocurrency meetup is found right here in the world's hub of cryptocurrency activism and adoption. In 2022 the Free State Cryptocurrency Consortium celebrated its 500th consecutive weekly meetup and has continued to meet every Sunday since at a restaurant in the Manchester area.

New Hampshire also boasts a saturation of Crypto ATMs and a growing list of small local businesses that accept crypto payments for goods and services. Crypto adoption has become so commonplace and accepted by free state communities, that one of our local business directories sorts businesses based on what types of crypto they accept for payment. Many people who get involved in cryptocurrency for the first time worry about the high learning curve and ability to spend their money when they need to. Well, not only is it easy to find a landlord who will accept Ethereum for your monthly rent, but you can attend the weekly meetup to learn more about other coins and their use cases as well! Make sure to check their calendar, website, and groups to find out where the next meetup takes place!

freestatecrypto.com

76. Bardo Farm

Setting an example of sustainable homesteading and community support in the free state, Bardo Farm is an off-the-grid family farm in western New Hampshire that proudly provides sustainably farmed meats for a large number of Free Staters in the community. Taking charge of the touring weekly market days, Bardo Farms uses the events to travel the entire state delivering their CSA shares and piecemeal cuts of premium meats to hungry members of the community every Saturday. During the week, they set the example of what a community homestead can be, hosting potlucks, parties, and farm days, all while striving to ethically raise their diverse stock of animals with love and care.

Founded in 2007, Bardo Farm has since become a beloved and valued part of the free state community, and among our best representatives for putting the ideals of liberty to practice. You haven't had a full taste of how great this community in New Hampshire can be until you've made your way to a Bardo Potluck, Farm Friday, and their legendary zombie apocalypse party each fall.

77. We Heart West

Founded by Free Staters eager to make a difference in their local community, We Heart West is a charitable organization of dedicated homeowners and renters in the West Manchester community that are committed to improving their neighborhood in any way they can. From regular litter pickups and street cleanups to coordinating charitable services for those in need in their communities, the folks at We Heart West have made it their mission to make their neighborhood both beautiful and welcoming to all who live there. An outstanding example of selfless community service, We Heart West steps in to assist in the provision of services most routinely assumed left to the state. Prioritizing community service lifts up the community, and reduces the need for state intervention, thus creating an example of private charity stepping in to fill a gap that the government has left unattended.

weheartwest.org

78. The Garnet School

Located on a private homestead in Candia, The Garnet school offers a wide range of regular classes in the arts of homesteading and all the struggles and intricacies involved in the practice. Do you want to learn the basics of beekeeping, or make your own cider? How about making your own jerky, or how to dress and treat a gunshot wound? The Garnet School has something everyone wants to learn at some point, whether that's raising chickens or basic firearms safety. The classes are offered in a private setting, and provide students with real-life skills to build their self-reliance and self-sustainability. Have you considered ditching your city apartment for an off-the-grid tiny house? If so you might want to consider checking out a class at the Garnet School to prepare yourself so you know what you're committing to.

On top of the classes, The Garnet School boasts hosting Grokfest, where you can spend the whole weekend campaigning with friends on the grounds, and participate in a curated schedule of events and classes to take away new skills with your memories of the experience.

garnetschool.com

79. Firearms Community

While at the Garnet School, you might have taken a basic firearms safety class, and may have returned for a private or group range day on the property. But this is far from the only location, or the only opportunity to have regular outings to the range. New Hampshire boasts the highest number of privately owned machine guns per capita in the United States, and our local community is one that revels in the opportunity to get some time on the range and hone our skills. If a climate-controlled and professional setting is more your speed, then Manchester Firing Line and White Birch Armory boast modern range complexes with indoor facilities and available rentals to try new guns.

If something more complex is up your alley, then Sig Sauer hosts the Sig Academy on their campus in Exeter, where you can get expert-level instruction on their state-of-the-art range facilities, with world-class instructors.

Not to be outdone, many Free Staters have taken the opportunity to build out safe and accessible range complexes on private property throughout the state, and host regular shoots with members of the community. From basic instruction and newbie shoots focused on familiarization to high-end tactical training, whatever you're looking for, the New Hampshire firearms community has made sure it will be available for you.

80. Social Gatherings

What's a community that doesn't get together from time to time? The free state community doesn't let activism or politics, or even lockdowns, get in the way of our regular social gatherings. Any given night, whether on the FSP Liberty Calendar or in one of the many signal group chats or Facebook groups, someone will be trying to organize a social gathering for friends. From regular movie nights at The Quill, to dance parties at The Shell, there's something for everyone all the time.

Whether you're interested in regular board game meetups, a new Dungeons and Dragons game, or just hanging around a knitting circle with some like-minded friends, all you have to do is show up. There are social groups for hiking, video games, coding projects, and for no agenda time just hanging out. Whatever your leisure interests happen to be, there will be others here that share them, and are waiting for you to join the community and start showing up!

81. Parenting Support Groups

Whether you're trying to homeschool for the first time, or are apprehensive about trying novel parenting techniques such as free-ranging or peaceful parenting, there is someone here that's already doing it, and a support network for those trying to give it their best. Nobody is perfect, and the biggest fear any parent has is that they're doing it wrong and not giving their children the best opportunity. Well, the beauty of being a part of a community of like-minded people, is that others here have probably had the same apprehensions as you, but here they were encouraged to put their ethics and principles into practice instead of sacrificing their children to the system. The parents in the free state community have formed an extensive network of support to help each other lighten the burden of raising free children in an unfree world. Rest assured that help is only a phone call or text away and that there exist plenty of other parents who've gone through exactly what you're afraid of, and are willing to provide all the help and advice in the world to assist you in living your life and raising your family as free as possible.

Helping your children find friends their age to play with, whose parents share your values, is incredibly difficult for most freedom-minded individuals when their children's chief exposure to social activities is within the confines of public schools. But here in New Hampshire, you'll fit right in with other parents and families who want to raise their kids the same way, value freedom and respect each other.

82. Business Networking Community

Are you a small business owner? Do you want to be? Liberty-minded folks moving to New Hampshire have been taking advantage of the business-friendly climate since the beginning, starting businesses and thriving in the Granite State. Not only do you have a dedicated community to which you can market your services to begin with, relying on a foundation of trust that comes with knowing you share the same moral and ethical values as someone, but you also have the expertise of those who've come before to use as a resource. If you can bring something to the table, there are those already here who will help you carve out that niche, and help bring that value to the market. Very few businesses succeed alone, so why not take an easier route, and rely on the experiences of your community to avoid mistakes?

Beyond advice and help, networking and promotion is crucial to any small business owner. The free state community has an extensive network of business people who have built solid reputations and have the trust of the greater community. Leverage this to your benefit, by getting them to buy in, and help you promote your business ideas, taking them to the next level, and becoming your own boss. Sometimes, competitors are the best of friends and the closest of allies.

CELEBRATIONS OF FREEDOM

"Without freedom I am a slave in shackles on a ship lost at sea. With freedom I am a captain; I am a pirate; I am an admiral; I am a scout; I am the eagle soaring overhead; I am the north star guiding a crew; I am the ship itself; I am whatever I choose to be."

-Richelle E. Goodrich

Celebrations of freedom and liberty are nothing unique in American culture. The bombastic displays of fireworks and music that grace every town and city in the country on the 4th of July are nothing if not a reminder that the people yearn for the freedom our forefathers won for them. However, the celebrations of the past, and the glory of freedom it held, are somewhat disheartening to those who value liberty and freedom today and have a yearning to make the world a better and more free place in the future. In a time of declining freedom, and growing government, the celebrations most Americans are graced with have become the modern equivalent of bread and circuses, loud noises and flashing lights to convince them they have something worth celebrating.

In New Hampshire, Free Staters and their allies are no longer focused on celebrating and remembering the past, but on celebrating our modern accomplishments, and building excitement towards a future of liberty in our lifetimes. With a focus on celebrating the accomplishments and freedoms of today, and an eye towards using them as a stepping stone towards growing liberty in the future, the culture of celebration in New Hampshire is unique compared to that of the rest of the country, and as such our festivals and celebrations exist on a whole other scale.

83. Porcfest

If you haven't heard of Porcfest, you might want to stop and book yourself a summer vacation right away. The week-long camping festival in New Hampshire's White Mountains holds the legacy of being the longest continuously running liberty festival in the world, by virtue of being the only one that refused to cave to the COVID Regime's insistence on closing. But with a week full of festivities, ranging from dance parties to academic debates, and classes on firearms safety, Porcfest is a family-friendly festival that will leave you desperate to return. What better way is there to spend your summer vacation, than camping with two thousand of your closest friends in the world, in an intentional setting where anarchy and spontaneous order can come to life every moment?

In between attending lectures on libertarian ethics, and legislative activism, you can get lunch from an agorist vendor paid for in goldbacks or cryptocurrency, and finish your night off around a bonfire with plenty of your favorite social lubricants and the company of others living their best lives! If you're looking for a reason to visit before you move, there is no better experience to make your first!

porcfest.com

84. Liberty Forum

For the policy wonks, activists, candidates, and those who care about getting involved in electoral politics, The New Hampshire Liberty Forum is a can't-miss. Sure, there are plenty of libertarian conferences around the country each year, but only one of these conventions can boast having a lineup and schedule filled with those who are responsible for pushing New Hampshire over the edge to be the freest state in the country.

Hosted by The Free State Project with the intent of showing off the vibrant and thriving liberty community in New Hampshire, and their electoral, legislative, and policy wins, Liberty Forum draws attendees from all over the world excited to celebrate liberty finally achieving victory. Since the first annual convention in 2007, Liberty Forum has hosted many exciting speakers, including Ron Paul, Edward Snowden, John Stossel, Peter Schiff, Michael Badnarik, and others. Taking place near the end of winter, the weekend conference is also an opportune time to visit New Hampshire and get a taste of the climate if you're coming from the south. So check it out, book some travel and lodging, and see you all at next year's Liberty Forum!

NHLibertyForum.com

85. Freecoast Festival

While libertarians love to focus on localized policy, and Free Staters make New Hampshire their number one priority, some have taken localism even further. With regional rivalries springing up, trying to outdo one another in making their communities stronger and freer, a little bit of regional pride has sprung up as well. The free state community in New Hampshire's Seacoast region has taken its pride in the community to the level of hosting an annual festival to welcome new movers, and give potential movers the opportunity to visit and immerse themselves in New Hampshire's culture of freedom. The weeklong festival includes dining excursions, dance parties, and regional sports competitions, and culminates with a liberty dinner harbor cruise out of Portsmouth. Come and celebrate liberty on the seacoast with the Freecoast community!

Freecoast.community

NATURE AND RECREATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

"Those who won our independence... valued liberty as an end and as a means. They believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty."

-Louis D. Brandeis

Having the freedom to pursue happiness and enjoyment is an essential part of living a worthwhile life. The Declaration of Independence stated quite simply that all men are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, chiefly *"Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."* And while life and liberty are easily defined, and harder to protect, the pursuit of happiness presents a unique challenge to defend as an inherent right. The beauty of it, is that the pursuit is the right you are entitled to, not the conclusion. Just as no freedom can be guaranteed without defense, happiness can not be guaranteed, even when pursued.

However, in at least one avenue of pursuing your happiness, connecting with nature, and spending your free time pursuing it, the small state of New Hampshire provides an abundance of unique recreational activities and opportunities, to help you lead that pursuit to its fullest. From our highest mountain tops to our calmest lakes, with the roar of engines echoing off the granite hills, New Hampshire has recreational options abound, and year-round, for the liberty-minded Free Stater intent on finding a place they can love to live.

86. Low Risk for Disasters

Tornados, earthquakes, hurricanes, wildfires, hailstorms, flooding, drought... Nature is a dangerous thing to contend with, almost anywhere. The southwest is constantly in fear of running out of water. The midwest gets hailstorms that destroy property on a regular basis. And Texans freeze when their power grid fails in the cold. All manner of wildlife and nature is primed to kill those who happen across it throughout the United States. But New Hampshire is actually at incredibly low risk for natural disasters.

According to the Insurance Center Associates, natural disasters are becoming more frequent, more severe, and more costly, as we continue to increase development and put down roots in at-risk areas. New Hampshire's geographic location, however, places it at very low risk for the climate and geologically based natural disasters that threaten most of the United States. With a very low risk for earthquakes and a moderate temperate climate, we enjoy mild winters and average summers. New Hampshire is a comfortable and safe place to live, with little risk that nature will be your undoing.

Source: Insurance Center Associates

inscenter.com/info-centerdisaster-planning/risk-profile

87. Breathtaking Scenery

New Hampshire is renowned for its breathtaking scenery and beautiful landscapes. A significant driver of tourism, New Hampshire's beautiful visual appeal is a point of pride for many Granite Staters, and a significant driver of revenue for the state's economy as well. The White Mountains, the picturesque northern segment of the Appalachian Mountain range, call New Hampshire home and dot its northern horizons with a rolling landscape of mountaintops that frame beautiful sunrises while providing endless recreational activities for the outdoorsmen among us. The view from atop Franconia Notch is known to many a through hiker as "*The Crown Jewel of The Appalachians*."

But the mountains, as much as they define New Hampshire's scenic identity, are not the only draw for those seeking to admire the natural beauty of the state. New Hampshire Route 112, also known as The Kancamagus Highway or just "*The Kanc*," is a 56-mile stretch of road from Bath to Conway, winding its way across the state through the White Mountain National Forest. Replete with picturesque downtowns, covered bridges, and a singularly unreproducible experience of the breathtaking foliage that brings thousands of tourists to Northern New Hampshire every autumn, The Kanc is just one of many such scenic routes that granite staters enjoy in their everyday commutes.

88. A Hiker's Paradise

On top of their scenic impact on the horizon, New Hampshire's plentiful mountains provide endless avenues of outdoor recreation available to avid hikers and outdoorsmen. The Appalachian Trail is a world-renowned system and network of trails ranging from its southern tip in Georgia, all the way north to Maine. The 2,190-mile hike is challenging and lengthy, taking most challengers between 5 and 7 months to complete. But the northern section of the trail that brings its hikers through New Hampshire is accessible locally, even to those who just want to experience short trips or day hikes.

There are 48 mountains in New Hampshire that offer a hiking ascent of over 4,000 feet in elevation to their summit. Granite Stater hiking enthusiasts take pride in their mountain count, and having completed all 48 mountains is a badge of honor that many will brag about, as well as encourage you to try. The most well-known of the 48 are known as The Presidents. The Presidential Mountain Range is a distinct range containing the highest peaks in the White Mountains, with its most notable mountains named for past US presidents. Many New Hampshire hiking enthusiasts frequent the range and are intimately familiar with Mt. Adams, Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Monroe, and the largest and most famous of them all, Mt. Washington.

89. Mt. Washington and The Cog

The highest mountain in New Hampshire, Mount Washington, is also known as the windiest place in North America, and home to some of the most extreme winter weather imaginable. The Mount Washington Observatory sits atop the mountain as a home to a scientific outpost conducting meteorological research and attracting thousands of tourists to visit it throughout the year. The 6,288-foot mountain has several paths to reach the top, including multiple maintained trails for hikers and climbers that vary in difficulty, and an auto road that is known for being a difficult challenge for most drivers and vehicles, sometimes resulting in unreasonable wear on brakes and transmissions, but always resulting in the proud display of a bumper sticker bragging that *"This Car Climbed Mt. Washington!"*

But if hiking isn't your thing, and you aren't willing to risk the wear and tear on your vehicle, there is still a path to the top for you. The Cog Railways is as much an icon of New Hampshire as the Mountain itself. Operating both a diesel-electric train, and a traditional coal-powered train, The Cog Railway provides a novel experience with onboard entertainment and tour guides, and the chance to take in the breathtaking scenery as the train makes the steep climb up the mountainside to deliver you to the summit and the observatory. The experience is not only fun, but family-friendly, and something worth doing at least once, if not annually. So grab the kids and head up north, and get yourself some tickets for a Cog Ride up the mountain!

90. Hunting and Fishing Paradise

Does the idea of putting food on the table yourself, instead of buying it at the local grocery store, appeal to you? Well, whether it's deer, elk, moose, a variety of fowl, or even the rare bear, New Hampshire offers extensive hunting opportunities with a diversity of game animals thriving in our mountains and forests. And with New Hampshire's lax firearm laws, the availability of hunting areas is greatly expanded, including both public and private property throughout the state.

If you'd rather reel in dinner from the bountiful waters of the state, you're just as much in luck. With an abundance of streams, rivers, and lakes, inland freshwater fishing is accessible to all, whether you live in the city or the mountains, it's not hard to find a place to drop a line and snag yourself a trout or bass for dinner. With our seacoast, we also have access to the Atlantic for deep sea fishing and sport fishing that rivals anywhere in the world. Each year when striped bass migrates north, fishermen head out in droves, and also fill out their catch with tons of other game fish and sport fish, including bluefish, tuna, haddock, and an occasional swordfish.

Source: NH Fish and Game

<https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/index.html>

91. Camping and RVing

There's nothing quite like getting off the grid for a weekend and going camping for a nice relaxing break from the stressors of work and real life. And while some people prefer the glamorous style of RV camping, with full amenities and maybe even some air conditioning, others prefer it rugged, minimalist, and as low-tech and off-grid as possible. Whatever kind of camping you best enjoy, New Hampshire has you covered. Aside from the wide availability of shelters and ghost campsites along the Appalachian Trail, the National Parks Service allows campaigns at both maintained and unmaintained campgrounds on a first come first serve basis with no reservations in the White Mountains National Forest.

The New Hampshire State Parks Service also maintains 23 developed campgrounds with service facilities in the state, and a number of others that are maintained without amenities. Supplementing this, there are over 100 privately owned and independent campgrounds and RV parks scattered throughout the state that can accommodate whatever flavor of camping you want to engage in.

92. Winter Sports

While New Hampshire's winters may be mild, they provide a fantastic environment for winter sports activities. With plenty of local hills for sledding and tubing, some of the state's ski resorts ratchet it up a few levels and provide professionally maintained hills and courses for tubing activities like you've never done before.

Along with the traditional fare of skiing, snowboarding, winter mountain biking, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and even hiking and ice climbing, the options for winter recreation are in no short supply in the Granite State. If you're looking for a particularly frigid way to relax and kill time, the state's numerous lakes and freshwater ponds provide an excellent environment to try your hand at ice fishing with some friends!

93. Atlantic Ocean Access

Everyone likes their frequent trips to the beach in the summer. And New Hampshire is in fact, not one of the unfortunate states to find itself landlocked. The small seacoast region of the state is of major importance, for a great number of reasons. The New Hampshire seacoast and Atlantic ocean access don't simply give us beautiful beaches to frequent and enjoy here in the state, but they also give us a deep water port that can facilitate international trade, and ferry service that can help you make an excursion by sea to Boston, Maine, or even Canada. And if you're one of the avid fishermen making their way to the granite state, don't worry, you can always find a chartered deep-sea fishing trip out of Portsmouth to take you out to the great banks to catch some tuna or other game fish!

94. Funspot Arcade

Are you an avid vintage gamer? Or maybe you just like knowing there's a reliable place you can always have a good time with the kids. Funspot, the world's largest arcade, is located in the heart of Laconia, New Hampshire. Founded in 1952, Funspot offers over 600 games, including 300 classic cabinets. It also features 10-pin and candlepin bowling lanes, indoor mini golf, a restaurant, and an onsite bar. Open 7 days a week from 10 am to 10 pm, Funspot is for sure a family destination for some old-school classic arcade fun! But what it's probably most well known for, at least locally, is the message flashing on the LED sign out front every day, all day for passing drivers and patrons to read. In big neon golden LED letters, the sign flashes a simple sentence to everyone who reads it. ***"Who is John Galt?"***

95. Laconia Bike Week

Nothing screams freedom more than the roar of a motorcycle engine embracing the culture of rebellion flying down an open road. Except perhaps a few thousand motorcycle enthusiasts descending on Laconia to celebrate freedom and the history of outlaw culture symbolized by the motorcycle freedom movement. The annual rally has taken place every June for over 100 years. With a full schedule of events for the entire week, Bike Week brings thousands of tourists for the spectacle and a huge economic influx to the New Hampshire Lakes region every summer.

Typically ending on Father's day each year, the event not only celebrates modern motorcycle and riding culture, but also its history. And bikers have long been seen as the outlaws of American culture, their history celebrates a long and storied struggle against government regulation and law enforcement trying to put a stop to their activities. If you've never been, it's quite an experience, and worth a visit next summer. It typically takes place the week before Porcfest, so it's a great addition to our trip.

96. New Hampshire Motor Speedway

In the midst of bike week, if you venture down to Loudon, you can watch one of the oldest and most prestigious motorcycle races in the world, The Loudon Classic. Hosted at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway, the Loudon Classic is just one of the many racing events you can catch throughout the year. With a one-mile oval track, a road course configuration, and a quarter-mile dirt flat track, The New Hampshire Motor Speedway is the biggest hub for motorsports racing in the Northeast. The main event held each year is the NASCAR Cup Series race, which regularly sells out the 76,000-seat capacity of the venue.

While watching NASCAR races might not be everyone's cup of tea, the sport is one with its roots tied firmly in a culture of rebellion and fighting against the government. During the era of prohibition, bootleggers had to hire the best drivers they could find to outrun police officers and agents of the state, and this exercise in deliberate crime eventually evolved into the spectator sport of stock car racing that brings tens of thousands of cheering spectators out to watch the races every year! The New Hampshire Motor Speedway also hosts a number of minor racing series and other events throughout the year. And it is always a fun experience to bring the kids to the track for a day to see some people go fast!

CULTURE AND QUALITY OF LIFE

"I started my life with a single absolute: that the world was mine to shape in the image of my highest values and never to be given up to a lesser standard, no matter how long or hard the struggle... I swear by my life, and my love of it, that I will never live for the sake of another man, nor ask another man to live for mine."

-Ayn Rand, Atlas Shrugged

Politics is downstream from culture, and any political struggle will always be a fight that begins and ends with a check on the cultural willingness to either embrace or reject the proposal of change. But the success of culture at maintaining itself is reflected in how prosperous its community can become through harmonious living. Consistently ranked in the top 5 amongst the states in comparative quality of life, New Hampshire boasts having the least economic hardship and the lowest levels of poverty and food insecurity in the country. The Granite State also has the country's lowest rates of crime and incarceration. And on a more naturalistic note, mountainous New Hampshire also has some of the cleanest and best air quality in the country.

But with a culture that prioritizes pride in community, self-reliance, and perseverance, New Hampshire lives true to its state motto "*Live Free or Die*," as its residents fight for prosperity and independence as a facet of their daily lives. Even the most dangerous cities in New Hampshire rank among the safest places to live in the country, and neighbors being on a first-name basis, parks being clean and welcoming, and politicians being actively involved in their community are all unique facets of New Hampshire's tight-knit culture that aren't as common in the rest of the country. So rest assured, when you finally make your move, you'll land among friends.

97. Liveability

NH offers a quality of life that is unsurpassed in the nation. This sounds like opinion, but it is backed up by fact. In all seriousness, New Hampshire is a healthy, low-crime, low-tax state that provides residents and visitors with a true four-season experience, with mountains, beaches, beautiful lakes, great hikes, and fall foliage that attracts visitors from thousands of miles away.

When surveyed, college students and recent graduates cited quality of life as a reason they planned to stay and live in New Hampshire 94% of the time. It is also what attracts so many from elsewhere to the state later in life. Currently, more than 50% of New Hampshire residents were born outside of the state. While this statistic may get under the skin of some natives, it is a testament to the value proposition we offer.

Source: Most Livable State, CQ Press, 2008

98. Diverse Lifestyle Choices

No matter what kind of environment or lifestyle you want to live in, or raise your family in, New Hampshire has what you're looking for. If you want to live on a working farm or homestead, you might find yourself at home in the upper valley. If you value privacy and small mountain town aesthetics, the north country will welcome you. If a chic historic and walkable downtown and a vibrant restaurant and social atmosphere are what you desire, try Portsmouth and the seacoast. Are you a young professional who values concentration and urban living with affordable rents? Well, the Merrimack Valley will find you both a job and an apartment. For such a small state, the diversity in lifestyle accommodations in New Hampshire rivals that even of its metropolitan neighbor in Boston, Massachusetts, and you're sure to find what you're looking for without much worry at all. So make your visit to plan your move, we'll help you figure out exactly where you fit in!

99. Local Pride

The people of New Hampshire take an immense amount of pride in their local cultures and traditions and celebrate them regularly through action and practice. Across the state, we have our old home days festivals celebrating local town traditions and customs, and our county fairs that encourage bringing the larger community together to celebrate what makes us unique. There are holiday craft fairs held throughout the state to showcase local artisans and craftsmen who proudly display and sell their wares. With each festival, fair, block party, and community clean-up project, the community reminds itself why New Hampshire is so special, and why the traditions of this old New England state still matter to this day. So next time you're looking for something to do on a brisk fall weekend, check out a pumpkin festival or take a trip with a family to a hay patch and apple picking fair.

100. Local Produce

While there is no shortage of grocery stores and chains to do your shopping at, shopping for locally sourced foods will never be easier. One of our biggest retail grocery chains in the state, Market Basket, is actually a local family-owned store that grew to the point of competing with the likes of Whole Foods and others, but they still maintain their local roots and commitment to community service. As best they can, they source their products as locally as possible, and sustainably as possible as well, while maintaining a commitment to low prices, high wages, and community service. But when you still want to break away from the chains, all you have to do is glance to the side of the road. There is no shortage of regular farmer's markets scheduled across the state in town commons and city centers on a regular basis. Along with roadside farm stands, sugar shacks, maple syrup stands, and fruit stands, farmers and homesteaders throughout New Hampshire make their money by allowing you to bring their ingredients from the farm to your table, with no middleman in between. Reinforcing the culture of self-reliance, the locally grown foods and produce in New Hampshire tend to always be the best taste, and best value, you can find in New England.

101: BE A PART OF HISTORY

“Take a stand for what’s right. Raise a ruckus and make a change. You may not always be popular, but you’ll be part of something larger and bigger and greater than yourself. Besides, making history is extremely cool.”

-Samuel L. Jackson

There is no more important reason to move yourself to New Hampshire than the one you see each morning in the mirror.

That’s right, You.

You are the most important reason to do anything in your life, and anything you choose to do must be because it brings value to your life. What we’ve outlined here is 100 reasons why moving to New Hampshire could be the right thing to do for you, and if you value liberty, freedom, and the principles of self-ownership, then the most important thing you can do for yourself is to live those values.

So the 101st reason that liberty lives in New Hampshire, is all those who’ve come before you. All those who’ve picked up, packed up, and moved, to be part of something more important than themselves, but prioritizing themselves at the same time. To join a community of like-minded people, who share your values and share a determination of seeing a world set free in their lifetimes.

Join us, to become a part of history, as those here are set on making it happen, and we want you to join the fight by our side. You owe it to yourself to exert your fullest practical effort to live life in as free a manner as possible, and we want to help you realize that reality. So plan a visit, to plan your move, and get to New Hampshire as soon as possible to meet your future neighbors and friends!

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL...

"The communitarians may say you've been enjoying too much individual freedom, and that you must give up some of that for the benefit of the community. But they really mean that they want more power over your life - to force you to subsidize, obey and conform to their choices."

-Harry Browne

What an abundance of freedom there must be, that consolidating a list of reasons to move to the freest state in New Hampshire is difficult to contain in a single list of 101 reasons. But the aesthetics of the listicle aside, there were plenty of honorable mentions considered for this list, that didn't quite squeeze into the top 101 reasons why Liberty Lives in New Hampshire, but that doesn't mean we won't include some of them. Here are some more reasons, in no particular order, that New Hampshire is one of the freest states, and why you should consider relocating here to join a community of like-minded people who embrace your values of freedom, liberty, self-reliance, and individual sovereignty.

Many of these reasons would fit nicely into the sections of the list previously mentioned, But the other reasons included just overshadowed them. Some of them just don't fit nicely into a subsection, hence why they got left out. Some may be incomplete, or works in progress, and might make the list in a future edition, but as of now we're still working on making it the best, that's something you could help with! We won't go as far in depth on these ones, but that doesn't mean they aren't real reasons you should consider making your move. If one of these reasons is something you'd like to help take to the next level, come here and make a difference!

Liberty Media Hub

The Free State Project and its early movers have made New Hampshire a hub and a nexus of liberty media and libertarian media outlets. From podcasters and radio shows to author groups and event planners, The Liberty Community in New Hampshire has established a growing network of media that you can enjoy anywhere in the world. Some of your favorite locally produced shows might include Free Talk Live and other programs from LRN, Free State Live on the web, Podcasts like The Naturalist Capitalist, Subversive, and Jackman Radio, Local broadcast shows like The Carla Gericke Show, and many more.

No Pay-to-Stay Laws

In many states, the criminal justice system is so regressive, that individuals incarcerated by the state, regardless of the severity of their crimes, are presented with a financial obligation to repay the state for the cost of their incarceration upon release, incurring a lifetime of debt and no ability to meaningfully reintegrate into society. New Hampshire has no such provisions, and along with the restoration of rights in the state, prioritizes reformation and reintegration, rather than punitive incarceration.

Other Organizations

While we included a number of great activist organizations in the list, there are plenty of other organizations, coalitions, and think tanks doing phenomenal work in the state. The Josiah Bartlett Center, The Libertarian Policy Institute, Rise Up NH, and Granite State Taxpayers to name a few.

International Border

The fact that New Hampshire has an international border facilitates easy international trade, tourism, and cross-border cultural exchanges. All things vital to a free and prosperous state, yet underappreciated. It also lends itself to support arguments in favor of secession, since New Hampshire would not be a landlocked country also surrounded entirely by a single foreign nation in that event.

Nonprofit Aid Community

There are over 600 nonprofit community organizations in New Hampshire, ranging from private food banks to youth mentoring, and health services. This culture of community caring shows that it is possible for a state with minimal welfare spending to still take care of its most vulnerable through the actions of private charity.

Cannabis and Drug Freedom

The exclusion of cannabis freedom from the list is due to an ongoing fight for it. While many other states have taken the steps to legalize Cannabis, New Hampshire has only decriminalized possession for personal use. But it's not for lack of effort. Every legislative session there is a bill submitted and an effort made to pass the legalization of Cannabis in New Hampshire in the state house. Why it has failed is actually an interesting anecdote of libertarianism. Unlike most states, the efforts to legalize Cannabis and end the drug war has been led by Republicans in New Hampshire, particularly by liberty-minded republicans sympathetic to the cause of the free state project. So sympathetic to the ideals of liberty, that they refuse to

compromise and allow for any taxes or regulations on cannabis to be included in the legalization bills. Their steadfast commitment to a truly free method of legalization has actually pushed off potential compromise, on the philosophy that current decriminalization laws are better than state regulation and taxation. They would rather a black market thrive illegally than allow the state to interfere. If you didn't believe that libertarians could be stubborn and bullheaded when it came to their principles before, you should never doubt it again.

Other Recreational Activities

We covered an extensive amount of great recreational activities that make New Hampshire a fantastic place to pursue your happiness, but we really barely scratched the surface. You could also hike the Flume Gorge, and spend time admiring the beautiful waterfalls and canyons. You could visit the Ice Castles in the winter, and marvel at the beauty of the structures carved from solid ice. If you want to catch a concert, Blue Hills Bank Pavilion hosts major bands and tours all throughout their season. If you want to nerd out and play trading card games, there is an abundance of local game stores all over the state. If it's a night on the town you want, we have plenty of high-end bars and restaurants that strive to provide an active nightlife for the community.

Free Trade Zones

New Hampshire offers multiple free trade zones, including the duty-free areas of the Manchester Airport, and the Portsmouth Seaport. Free trade zones, free of government interference and regulation are critical pieces of liberty infrastructure to expand.

MEET YOUR FUTURE NEIGHBORS

"The true test of liberty is the right to test it, the right to question it, the right to speak to my neighbors, to grab them by the shoulders and look into their eyes and ask, "Are we free?" I have thought that if we are free, the answer cannot hurt us. And if we are not free, must we not hear the answer?"

-Gerry Spence

Freedom and liberty cannot be enjoyed in a vacuum, and they cannot be sustained without a concerted and dedicated effort to fight against those who would see them as a threat to their control. The strongest defense against the tyranny of the few is a community of like-minded individuals keen on banding together to protect their collective freedoms. When it's the tyranny of the many you must defend against, community becomes not your best, but your only recourse to preserve liberty. Community is the backbone of all economic activity and the venue for the exercise of freedom in the company of others. Our community, our neighbors, and our friends are the most important allies in the fight for freedom, and our support network in times of crisis.

Aside from the knowledge that by moving to New Hampshire you won't be alone in your beliefs and your fight, there are others who've been in your position and made the decision to pick up their lives and move to New Hampshire in an effort to better their lives, and better the world they live in. And those that have come before you are having a tremendous impact, in creating a utopia of liberty, with one act of defiance at a time. Here, you'll hear directly from some of your future neighbors, about why they moved, and what their experience has been since arriving in the Granite State.

Meet Sarah

My husband and I started out in Philadelphia. Marcus had a dull desk job an hour's commute away in Jersey. I did a lot of ghostwriting (nothing terribly exciting, but I enjoyed the work well enough). Marcus had always dreamed of owning land and farming. I latched on to that dream after growing tired of the city. It's cramped, ugly. The socio-cultural environment is insufferable, and the noise pollution is oppressive. Once I got pregnant with our first child, I was desperate to get out. I knew I didn't want to raise a family there.

We discussed Missouri and took a trip to see some farmland there. We strongly considered North Carolina, spending a few days touring real estate there. Kentucky was a place of interest. Tennessee had been on the table for a time. Each state had some pros and cons. We were concerned with climate (no place too cold for an adequate growing season, no place too hot because hot weather makes me miserable, and no place too dry), and also with social environment (no place so evangelical that our neighbors would judge us for being heathens who don't attend Sunday mass, and no place so progressive that we'd be taken to task for homeschooling our children). Mostly, we hoped for usable land and privacy.

Marcus had been very interested in New Hampshire for quite a while. Once I began looking into it, I encountered the Free State Project, which prompted me to read New Hampshire's State Constitution, follow up with some research into statewide current events, then begin looking into NH real estate. I was sold on New Hampshire pretty quickly, and we both fell in love with it upon our first visit. We moved to Manchester, New Hampshire in 2014.

Manchester was the perfect place for meeting a lot of other Free Staters and getting involved in the liberty community. We moved to our farm in Salisbury, New Hampshire a year later.

One of the main attractions of NH was how accessible the legislative process is, and how much easier it is to make a difference, to actually affect or change policy. I can (and often do) text my State Reps, knowing that I can expect a prompt response. I commonly run into them around town. I have been invited to their homes. They are friends and neighbors and are always interested in hearing my opinions and feedback.

However, most of the activism I participate in intends to center on family. Homeschooling our four children, raising a significant portion of our food, and keeping myself prepared for various types of emergency situations are all essential components of maintaining a desirable lifestyle for our family, and are also essential components of being a good neighbor. I do make it a point to show up at the State House or Legislative Office Building (children in tow) when there are proposals of the legislature that might impact homeschooling or gun rights, and I always make myself available to sign wave for candidates who will assist in protecting those rights. Otherwise, I help man tables at the annual Women's Defense League Gun Rally (which is always a good time), and make occasional donations to a small handful of the many worthy local activist causes. When our children get older, Marcus and I both plan to become more politically active outside of the home.

Meet Reed

Having been born in New Hampshire, I had the unique perspective of not being romanticized into migrating to a place that was advertised as flowing with milk and honey, and where all your dreams would come true. In fact, I spent most of my adult life grueling away working on power lines under the scrutiny of the regulatory state, learning from a young age to hate the government.

When I was 20 years old, I decided that I wanted to see the country, so I left behind my steady job and took two years of exploring and backpacking, having the time of my life. I eventually returned to New Hampshire and worked for three more years, yearning again for the open road.

In 2020, I left the Granite State again, heading for a life on the road driving oversize loads around the western United States. Then the Covid hysteria ensued.

The country which I had once loved to travel suddenly viewed me as a second-class citizen because I wouldn't inject a pharmaceutical product into my body. I was deemed a terrorist by the former director of the CIA. Some of my own family members around the country wouldn't be in the same room as me without wearing masks.

It was at this time that I realized the lie we told ourselves about "everyone being libertarian already they just don't know it yet" was just that: a lie. The country was made up of petty tyrants who either loved bossing others around or waited to be told what to do.

I realized that I needed to live somewhere where people shared my basic values, and as imperfect as New Hampshire is, it's the place for me. I was living in Utah, and

while Utah was drafting legislation to ban pornography from mobile devices, New Hampshire was forwarding legislation to secede from the Union.

New Hampshire has a heavily rural population, built on trust and honors systems. It is not uncommon for many to leave their doors unlocked, to leave cash drop boxes for products displayed on an unmanned farm stand, and for everyone to know that there is probably an AR-15 or a shotgun in any house they'd try to steal from.

So I came back to New Hampshire. Here I run my podcast, the Naturalist Capitalist, I help manage social media for the Libertarian Party and for Jeremy Kauffman's Senate campaign, and I intend to continue my blue-collar career around trucking, construction, and manual labor.

Ancapistan is an illusion that will never exist on a broad scale in my lifetime, but New Hampshire is a community where many people desire the same thing as I do - to be left alone. And it is where I see myself for the foreseeable future.

Meet Elliot

Dear future neighbor,

If you are living in an authoritarian state, I feel your pain. I was there too, and it sucked. Over the course of my 10 years of living in NYC, I felt the crushing weight of the sociopathic gang known as the 'government' choking me to death. It seemed like each day, Dictator Deblasio and Emperor Cuomo set out to violate as many liberties as they could.

The politicians tightened gun control, increased taxes, and expanded the surveillance state at every opportunity. And the 50,000 NYPD cops and the other law enforcement agents enthusiastically enforced these laws, even the recycling regulations. After some research, I found New Hampshire and the Free State Project. I learned that it was the freest state in nearly every single way, and it was #1 or very close in the most important liberties for me. More importantly, New Hampshire was and still is trending in the direction of liberty - something that could not be said about any other state. Additionally, our liberty community here is like none other in the known universe. This small state has thousands of hardcore liberty activists, many of which literally spend upwards of 40 hours per week fighting for freedom.

With only around 7,000 movers, we have stopped the state from moving in the same direction as its neighbors on issues such as gun control, taxes, education control, surveillance, and many other areas. We have also cast the deciding votes on important bills that expanded liberty in New Hampshire. Free Staters can claim credit for abolishing the death penalty, decriminalizing cannabis, eliminating the permit requirement to carry a firearm (we're

now #1 in the union on guns), passing education freedom accounts, and many more amazing things. Free Staters were instrumental in the crafting and proposing of CACR32, legislation which sought to place the question of seceding from the union on the ballot to be voted on by the people of New Hampshire. The bill had nine sponsors and its public hearing featured dozens of speakers from the public who supported it very eloquently and only one person who opposed it. The bill failed in the House, but its vote was the first ever in a legislative chamber in the united states in at least 150 years, and possibly ever. With a few more free staters, we can pass something like CACR32. No other state has come within 30 trillion miles of having a secession bill voted on in their legislature. We would love to see it happen in every state, but New Hampshire is the furthest along in the independence movement. We also helped pass HB1178 and pressured Sununu enough to sign it into law. While it isn't the best firearms nullification bill in the union, it does prohibit any cops in the state from assisting the feds in their enforcement of future gun control laws. Once you move, you can help us make that law even stronger.

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