

North Country Wellness and Community Resource Guide

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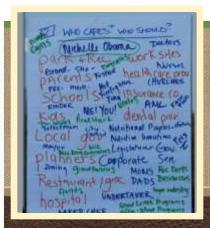


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Introduction

The North Country Health Consortium, University of Wisconsin School of Population Health, and the Robert Wood Johnson foundation have joined forces to improve the health of Northern New Hampshire by organizing a Health Improvement Planning Initiative with three community level health improvement working groups. The working groups each identified **obesity prevention** as the health priority area to focus on in 2012-2013, and they agreed that creating a Wellness and Community Resource Guide would bring a greater awareness to available resources.

The North Country Health Improvement Working Groups and the North Country Health Consortium developed this Wellness and Community Resource Guide as a tool for you to use in your journey to healthy living. Maintaining a healthy lifestyle and healthy weight are essential elements for achieving overall health. People who are overweight or obese have an increased risk for health problems, such as high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, some types of cancer, sleep, respiratory problems, depression and eating disorders.

The information in this guide serves as an introduction to healthy eating, shopping and exercise. This guide contains information on nutrition, the benefits of regular physical activity, and how to get started exercising for all levels of physical ability. This guide also contains a list of community resources spread throughout Northern New Hampshire that are accessible to all members of the community. The contact information and online resources for the community facilities are included in this guide.



Local community members enjoy a yoga class at Littleton Regional Healthcare.

How Do I Start Changing My Eating Habits?

- Set short-term goals and write them down.
- Make one or two changes at a time and start with something easy.
- Tell yourself to eat until you are satisfied, not until you are stuffed.
- Take your time, eat slowly and enjoy your food.
- Keep a food record to help you see where changes can be made.
- Consider some of the following to get started:
 - Eat more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and low fat dairy products. These are good for you and help to fill you up.
 - Drink a glass of water before eating.
 - Drink water, diet sodas, or artificially sweetened drinks instead of sugar-sweetened beverages.
 - Get rid of snack foods high in calories, fat and sugar. If you don't have these foods available, you won't be as tempted to eat them.
 - Have healthy snacks easily available.
 - Broil, bake, steam or grill your food instead of frying it.
 - Choose lean cuts of meat; cut off visible fat.
 - Plan snacks and meals ahead of time.
 - Avoid alcohol.

Making Healthy Food Choices

Please reference the dietary guidelines for Americans at www.dietaryguidelines.gov.

Living a healthier lifestyle does not mean that you have to skip meals, run a marathon, or take away your favorite foods. Being heart healthy means lifestyle changes. You can make permanent changes, and these changes can become habits!

Heart healthy living includes exercising daily, eating more fiber, drinking more water, eating less meat, eating fewer greasy or fried foods, and using less salt.

Eat More Fiber:

- Have 6-11 servings a day of grains. A serving size is equal to one slice of bread, 1/2 cup of cereal, or 1/2 cup of cooked pasta or rice.
- Eat 5 or more servings per day of fruits, vegetables, dried beans and peas.
- It is better to eat the fruit than drink juice when it comes to getting fiber.

Drink More Water:

• Thirst is not always a good indicator of how much water you need, so throughout the day, drink eight 8oz cups of water. A high fiber diet can cause constipation without the addition of water.

Eat Less Fat, Less Saturated Fat And Less Cholesterol:

- Reduce saturated fat and cholesterol intake. Saturated fats are mostly found in animal products.
- Limit total fat, such as margarine, oil, fried foods, gravy and cheese sauces. Canola oil, olive oil and peanut oil are the most beneficial fats for your heart, but these are still fat, so limit how much you use.

• Limit how much meat, cheese, butter and whole milk you use. When eating meats, try to limit the cooked serving to the size of a deck of cards. Choose chicken, turkey and fish more often, but do not to fry them.

Eat Less Salt:

- Too much salt can cause swelling, raise blood pressure or cause problems with your heart.
- Use herbs that do not contain the word "salt" to spice up your food. For example, choose garlic powder instead of garlic salt.
- Try to limit most processed foods. They are high in sodium. Examples include regular frozen dinners, pot pies, macaroni and cheese, canned soups and luncheon meats.
- Avoid adding salt during cooking or at the table.

Be Active:

- Do the activities you enjoy! Try a variety of exercises. Ask your provider how much exercise you need.
- Start gradually and increase slowly. If you can handle 5 minutes at first, that is fine. Keep it up. You will build more energy with time!
- Make exercise a daily routine. If you only exercise 3 times a week, you may put it off. Consistent exercise will help you have more energy.
- Exercise with a friend or family member. It can be a social activity!

Eat More Often With Smaller Meals:

- Do not skip meals!
- Eat three small meals with two or three small snacks in between.
- Try to eat a fruit and vegetables first; the fiber helps you feel full.

Sample Menu

Be sure to read nutrition labels. Note the serving size first. Look for calories, fat, saturated fat, cholesterol and sodium content.

Breakfast

1 cup oatmeal

1 banana

1 cup skim milk

1 slice whole wheat toast

1 tsp. low fat margarine

Snack

1 peach

1 cup sugar free, low fat yogurt

Lunch

2 slices whole grain bread

1 slice turkey

1 cup salad (mix of raw vegetables) with 1 tbsp. fat free/light Italian dressing

10 grapes

Dinner

3 oz roasted chicken (size of a deck of cards)

1/2 cup green beans seasoned with basil

1 baked potato (the skin has fiber!)

1 tbsp. fat free sour cream

1 cup canned light fruit (in its own juice)

1 whole wheat roll

1/2 cup sugar free, low fat ice cream

Night Snack

3 cups light, low salt (low sodium) popcorn

Smart Shopping

Some food choices are better than others. Next time you're buying groceries, remember these smart shopping tips.

Produce Section

- Fresh vegetables are always a good choice. When you prepare them, you control the added fat and salt.
- Citrus isn't the only good vitamin C choice. Peppers, tomatoes, broccoli, cabbage, potatoes, greens (collard, mustard and turnip), cantaloupe, honeydew melon, kiwifruit, mango, papaya and strawberries are all rich in vitamin C.
- Edible skins of fruits and vegetables and seeds (berries, tomatoes, sunflower seeds) are good sources of fiber.
- Fruits and vegetables that are deep-colored green, yellow or orange throughout are high in vitamin A.

Deli Counter

- Sliced roast beef, turkey and lean ham are good low fat choices.
- Pressed meats, lean ham and Canadian bacon are low fat but high in sodium.
- Turkey and chicken franks do not always have less fat than beef franks; some are merely smaller. Check nutrition label for sodium and fat content.
- To limit fat, try salads made without creamy dressings.
- If processed lunch meats are used, select those marked 95% fat free.

Dairy Case

- Look for part-skim mozzarella and string cheese; part-skim or low fat ricotta; and "light" and reduced-calories cheeses that contain less than 5 grams of fat per ounce.
- Choose milk, buttermilk, cottage cheese and yogurt that are low fat and have less than 200 calories per serving.
- A little sharp cheese has more flavor and less fat than a larger amount of milder cheese.

Bread And Cereal Shelves

- Look for cereal with at least 2 grams of fiber, 8 grams or less of sugar, and 2 grams or less fat per serving.
- Compare portion sizes and calories on cereal labels; servings range from 3/4 to 1 cup.
- Look for the words "whole wheat" or "whole grain" at the beginning of the ingredient listing. "Wheat flour" is nutritionally equal to white flour.

Canned Food Aisles

- Choose 100% pure fruit juices instead of fruit "drinks" or "punches."
- The edible bones of canned salmon and sardines provide calcium. Canned beans, peas, corn and vegetables are quick and easy sources of vitamins, minerals and fiber.
- Check sodium levels of canned foods if your sodium level is restricted.

Packaged Products

- Limit products with palm, palm kernel or coconut oil high on their ingredient lists.
- Thick, unsalted pretzels are lower in fat and sodium than most other packaged snacks.
- Graham crackers, animal crackers, gingersnaps and fig bars have less sugar and fat than most other cookies.
- Most microwave popcorn is high in fat and sodium. Make your own in an air popper or with a limited amount of oil and butter-flavored substitute or cooking spray.
- Rice and pasta mixes are high in sodium; use only one-half the seasoning packet.

Fat, Oil And Dressing Selections

- Soft, tub margarines and spreads are made with unsaturated oils.
- Regular butter and margarine have 100 calories per tablespoon; spreadables have 80 calories per tablespoon; whipped varieties have 70 calories per tablespoon.
- Some "light" oils are light only in color and flavor, not in fat or calories. "Light" mayonnaise has about half the calories of regular mayonnaise.
- To cut fat, use diet dressings with less than 10 calories per tablespoon on salad and as a marinade for meat, poultry or vegetables.

Meat Counter

- Select lean, well-trimmed cuts: flank steak, round steak or roasts, sirloin or tenderloin, pork chops or 85% lean ground beef.
- Meat graded "select" has less fat than "choice" or "prime" grades.
- Lean beef, pork and lamb are not much higher in dietary cholesterol than poultry or fish, but they have more saturated fat.
- Beef liver is very high in iron, zinc and many vitamins but also high in dietary cholesterol.
- Limit high-fat meats: ribs, corned beef, sausage and bacon.

Fresh Fish And Poultry Section

- Half of chicken's calories are in the skin. Buy skinless parts or remove skin of cooked poultry before eating.
- Fish from deep waters have heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids: salmon, tuna, mackerel, sea trout, bluefish, herring, bonito and pompano.
- Most chicken and turkey nuggets, patties and rolls are made with ground skin and have a lot of salt.

Frozen Food Cases

- Purchase frozen fish and poultry without breading to limit fat and sodium.
- Look for frozen dinners with less than 15 grams of fat, 400 calories and 800 milligrams of sodium.
- Frozen concentrates are often the least expensive form of fruit juice.
- Ice milk and low fat frozen yogurt have less fat than ice cream.
- Plain, frozen vegetables have less fat and salt than those in sauces.
- Frozen juice and fruit bars with no added sugar or cream are good choices.

How Can A Registered Dietitian Help?

A Registered Dietitian (RD) is an expert in food and nutrition. Dietitians promote good health through proper eating. Dietitians can offer suggestions for meal planning and smart shopping. Dietitians can also provide nutritional guidance that when followed, results in a healthier nutritional lifestyle. Eating right is a powerful tool that can help prevent health problems, or improve current conditions. Local resources are included below:

Hospital/Organization	Registered Dietitian Name	Physical Address	Phone
		90 Swiftwater Road	
Cottage Hospital	Sue Montague, RD	Woodsville, NH 03785	603-747-9313
Integrated Optimal	101 Boulder Point #3		
Health Consulting	Marie Veselsky, RD, LD	Plymouth, NH 03264	603-770-4856
		600 St. Johnsbury Road	
Littleton Regional Healthcare Deborah Tewksbury, RD Littleton, I		Littleton, NH 03561	603-444-9545
Northeastern Vermont	Northeastern Vermont 1315		
Regional Hospital	1		802-748-7433
Northeastern Vermont		1315 Hospital Drive	
Regional Hospital	Virginia Flanders, CDE, RD, LD	St. Johnsbury, VT 05819	802-748-7433
		16 Hospital Road	
Speare Memorial Hospital Janette Gaumer, RD, LI		Plymouth, NH 03264	603-238-2244
		16 Hospital Road	
Speare Memorial Hospital	Jean Baker, RD, LD	Plymouth, NH 03264	603-238-6472
		170 Middle Street	
Weeks Medical Center	Gwen Gardner Stewart, RD, LD	Lancaster, NH 03584	603-788-2521

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Nutritional Counseling Resources

Diabetic Counselors

Teaching basic nutrition and how to make healthy food choices. Local resources are included below:

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Hospital/Organization	Diabetic Counselor Name	Physical Address	Phone
		90 Swiftwater Road	
Cottage Hospital	Bonnie Bromage, RN	Woodsville, NH 03785	603-747-9212
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Cottage Hospital	Sue Montague, RD	Woodsville, NH 03785	603-747-9313
Integrated Optimal		101 Boulder Point #3	
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		600 St. Johnsbury Road	
Littleton Regional Healthcare	Bonnie Bromage, RN	Littleton, NH 03561	603-444-9323
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^{**} Many employers may reimburse for participation in wellness efforts. Check with your insurance provider, wellness committee and/or employer to see if you can get reimbursed for these efforts.

Change Your Thinking About Food, Exercise And Yourself

What you think drives what you do. You can change your thinking. Here are some helpful tips:

- Make a firm decision to get serious.
- Make your weight management program one of your top priorities.
- Realize that you have control over your weight.
- Eating and other lifestyle behaviors have been learned; therefore, they can be replaced or changed.
- Think positively!
- Tell yourself you're worth the effort!
- Think about exercise and physical fitness as increasing your energy, vitality and wellbeing.
- Think of eating and physical activity as needing a balance. You have the power to tip the scales.
- Think about weight management as a life-long effort and a way to be good to yourself.

Benefits Of Regular Physical Activity

- Helps you manage your weight by reducing body fat.
- Reduces your risk of coronary heart disease.
- Reduces your risk of stroke.
- Decreases blood pressure.
- Reduces your risk of colon cancer.
- Helps prevent and control diabetes.
- Gives you more energy.
- Helps you sleep better.
- Improves your heart and lungs.
- May decrease bad (LDL) cholesterol and raise good (HDL) cholesterol.
- Strengthens bones and helps prevent injury.
- Increases muscular strength and endurance.
- Increases flexibility and range of motion.
- Improves your mood.
- Helps with stress and depression.
- Improves self-esteem.
- Makes you feel better.

How Do I Get Started With Increasing My Physical Activity?

General tips on increasing physical activity:

- Start slowly; choose the type and amount of activity that is right for you.
- Increase your everyday activity. Take the stairs. Park farther away and walk. Clean your house. Get up to change the TV channel. Walk to check your mail.
- Walking is a great way to increase your physical activity. It's free and you can do it almost anywhere.
- Use a pedometer to count the number of steps you take everyday.
- You don't have to belong to a gym. Choose any activity that gets you moving.
- For weight loss, exercising longer is better than exercising harder. Mild to moderate exercise will do the job.
- Aim to be physically active for at least 30 minutes on most days of the week. Even longer would be better, but try not to overdo it at first.
- Wear comfortable shoes and clothes that are right for the activity and weather.
- Listen to your body. You are the best judge of how hard and how long you should exercise.
- Recruit an activity buddy; someone who likes the same activity and can keep you motivated.
- Warm-up, cool-down, and stretch before, during and after activity to prevent injury and reduce muscle soreness.
- Whether its summer or winter, drink plenty of water before, during and after activity. Increasing your physical activity levels does not mean you have to join the local gym or athletic club. There are many fun ways to increase activity slowly and safely. The best thing about physical activity is that even a little can make you feel a whole lot better. In no time at all, you will have more energy, sleep better and feel fitter.

Safety First:

- Check with your primary care provider before beginning a program of physical activity.
- Stop exercising immediately if you experience any of the following:
 - Severe pain, tightness, pressure or discomfort in your chest.
 - Severe shortness of breath.
 - Severe nausea or vomiting.
 - Sudden onset weakness or changes in sensation in your arm and/or leg on one side of your body.
 - Difficulty swallowing, talking or seeing.
 - Severe headache or dizziness.

Call 911 immediately if the symptoms do not disappear within a few minutes.

If you have less severe, new or worsening symptoms when beginning or increasing physical activity, please see your primary care provider.

Exercise Can Be Fun!

So you don't like physical activity? There are lots of ways to be physically active without doing what you might consider a workout or exercise.

- Go walking with others.
- Dance.
- Get the whole family involved in some physical activity, like walking in a park.
- Find a beginner's exercise class that you might enjoy.
- Do housework to music.
- Try out a new sport or activity.
- Go bicycling with family or friends.
- Check out your local community center for upcoming events.
- Play golf carry your clubs to burn more calories or use a pull cart.

Activities To Fit Your Lifestyle

Exercise does not have to be planned. Think of all the ways you can be active during your day.

- Walk or ride a bike for transportation.
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Park at the far end of the parking lot and walk.
- Get off the bus one stop early and walk the rest of the way.
- Walk your dog, or borrow someone else's dog.
- Take a brisk walk while you are shopping at the mall.
- Walk to your mailbox.
- Mow the grass. Rake the leaves. Weed the garden.
- Dance whenever you can.
- Wash your car.
- Vacuum or sweep the floor often.
- Get up to change the TV channel—don't use the remote.
- March in place during TV commercials.
- Stretch or do chair exercises while watching TV.
- Stand up and step in place while using the phone.
- Walk down the hall to talk to a coworker instead of using the phone or sending an email.
- On work breaks take a 5-10 minute walk.

Walking

Walking is a great way to be more physically active. It's free, fun and you can do it almost anywhere.

Here are 6 reasons to get up and walk:

- 1. Regular walking burns calories, which in addition to a healthy diet can help you to manage your weight.
- 2. More than half the body's muscles are designed for walking; it is a natural movement that is almost injury-free.
- 3. Regular brisk walking has many health benefits.
- 4. Brisk walking is an aerobic activity. It makes your heart, lungs and muscles stronger.
- 5. Walking refreshes the mind, reduces fatigue, increases energy and improves sleep.
- 6. Walking can be a great time for sharing and socializing with friends and family.

Getting started:

- A little walking everyday is better than an occasional weekend bout of activity. Start with short walks and build from there.
- Choose routes that are interesting, safe and convenient. Avoid heavy traffic, loose dogs and rough ground. Remember hills are more difficult.
- Walking with others can help motivate you.
- Be safe. Take a friend when it is dark outside. Tell someone where you are going, and bring a cell phone if you can.

- When it is very hot, walk during the coolest hours, choose a shady route and walk a little slower.
- When it is cold, avoid icy surfaces.
- Dress in loose, comfortable clothing. In cold weather, dress in layers and wear mittens and a hat.
- Wear comfortable, appropriate shoes.
- Consider using a pedometer to measure the number of steps you walk.
- Warm-up before and cool-down after activity.

Walking Resources:

Walk New Hampshire www.walknh.org

Franconia State park www.nhstateparks.org

AMC Highland Center www.outdoors.org

Get Up New Hampshire: Activities in Northern New Hampshire www.GetUpNH.com

Rock Estate www.therocks.org

Calories Burned During Physical Activities

Ever wonder how many calories you burn while physically active?

The following is a list of activities along with the number of calories burned during 10 minutes of activity. The figures given are for men ranging in weight from 175-250 lbs and women ranging from 140-200 lbs. If you weigh more than this you will burn more calories per minute.

Physical Activity Calories Burned In 10 Minutes Man / Woman

Light Activities 50cal / 40cal

Cleaning house or office work Playing baseball Playing golf with a motor cart

Moderate Activities 80cal / 60cal

Walking briskly (3.5 mph)
Gardening
Leisurely bicycling (5.5 mph)
Playing basketball
Wheeling self in wheelchair
Shoveling snow or dancing fast

Strenuous Activities 120cal / 100cal

Jogging (9 min/mile) Playing football Swimming

Very Strenuous Activities 150cal / 120cal

Running (7 min/mile) Racquetball Cross-country skiing

The number of calories you burn during physical activity varies depending on a number of factors including weight, age and environmental conditions.

Body Mass Index Extreme Obesity: Source: National Obesity Educational Initiative Obesity: BMI = 30 to 39.9 Overweight: BMI = 25 to 29.9 **NEIGHT (LBS)** 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 4 4 4 1333333333 Normal weight: BMI = 18.5 to 24.9 27 28 29 38 38 32 25 25 90 BMI = less than 18.5 Underweight: Version 2.0 16 MOS 5'10" 5'11" 6, 10" 4'10" 5,2" 2,6,4 ..0.9 6'1" 6' 4" 2,0,, HEIGHT (ft/in)

Daily Food And Physical Activity Log

DATE:

	Record everything you eat and drink, and the time of day.	Physical Activity: Type and Time in minutes	Pedometer steps
SUNDAY			
MONDAY			
TUESDAY			
WEDNESDAY			
THURSDAY			
FRIDAY			
SATURDAY			

Record everything you eat and drink in the boxes provided. Record any physical activity. You can also log your pedometer steps. Review this log at the end of each week to see if you met your weekly goal/s. Use it to help you decide what goal/s to set for the next week.

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Community Resources

All information was current at the time of printing.

Libraries			
Abbie Greenleaf Library	439 Main Street	Franconia	(603) 823-8424
Bath Public Librarty	Route 302	Bath	(603) 747-3372
Bethelhem Public Library	2155 Main Street	Bethlehem	(603) 869-2409
Easton Public Library	1060 Easton Valley Road	Easton	(603) 823-8017
Haverhill Library Associates	67 Court Street	Haverhill	(603) 989-5578
Joseph Patch Library	Main Street	Warren	(603) 764-9072
Lincoln Public Library	Main Street	Lincoln	(603) 745-8159
Lisbon Public Library	18 School Street	Lisbon	(603) 838-6615
Littleton Town Library	109 Main Street	Littleton	(603) 444-5741
Monroe Public Library	19 Plains Road	Monroe	(603) 638-4736
Moosilauke Public Library	165 Lost River Road	North Woodstock	(603) 745-9971
Patten Public Library	Dartmouth College Highway	North Haverhill	(603) 787-2542
Piermont Public Library	Dartmouth College Highway	Piermont	(603) 272-4967
Pike Library	Mount Moosilauke Highway	Pike	(603) 989-9847
Richardson Memorial Library	1411 Route 117	Sugar Hill	(603) 823-7001
Woodsville Free Public Library	14 School Lane	Woodsville	(603) 747-3483
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum	1171 Main Street	St. Johnsbury, VT	(802) 748-8291

Local Programs For Physical Activity And Health Education

Local TV Health Info:

<u>www.latvchannel2.com</u> - Has limited health information videos availble for viewing.

 $\underline{http://www.nhptv.org/livefitnh/default.asp} - NH~Public~TV~with~links~to~"LiveFit~NH."$

Locate Breast Cancer Awareness Walks

www.makingstrideswalk.org

Locate Races In NH And Vicinity

http://www.runningintheusa.com

Website allows you to search for races by month or type of race.

Top Notch Triathalon

August in Franconia

http://www.franconianh.org/top-notch-triathlon.html

Thanksgiving Day Gobble Wobble 5K Road Race

November in Franconia

Contact Kim at 603-991-8925 or email recreation@franconianh.org and adaptivesportspartners.org.

Frozen Toes Adventure Race

February 16th in Littleton - Info at Littleton Bike & Fitness

Cabin Fever 5K

Saturday, February 23rd in Franconia - Info at Franconianh.org or adaptivesportspartners.org

Ammonosuc Amble

5mile walk/run, April - http://www.ammonoosuc.org/index.php/amble/details/19th_annual_ammonoosuc_amble

Hospice Walk-A-Thon

May in Littleton - http://www.nchha.com/support.html

White Mountain Cycling Classic

June - Lincoln

Franconia Scramble 10K

July 6th - Franconia - Info at Franconianh.org

Any Which Way You Can Triathlon Challenge

August - October - Info at http://adaptivesportspartners.org

White Mountain Gran Fondo

August 24th - Lincoln - http://www.whitemountaingranfondo.com

Three Notch Century Ride

September - Lincoln - www.threenotchcentury.org

Adaptive Sport and Recreation Organizations:

Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country 461 Main Street, PO Box 304 Franconia, NH 03580 603-823-5232 or info@adaptivesportspartners.org

www.adaptivesportspartners.org

Enriches the quality of life of people with disabilities through year-round opportunities for sport and recreations. Sports include: Hiking, biking, kayaking, golf, tennis & wheelchair tennis, swimming, alpine skiing and riding, nordic skiing, snowshoeing, power wheelchair soccer, indoor boccia and gardening.

Boys & Girls Club:

Boys & Girls Club of the North Country Eric Frydman, Executive Director PO Box 111

Littleton, NH 03561 Tele: 603-838-5954 Email: efrydman@bgcnc.net
Web: www.bgcnc.net

4-H Clubs:

http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4H-Healthy.htm - Clubs available in most areas of Northern Grafton County.

Girls Scouts of the Green & Whites:

262 Cottage St., #255 Littleton, NH 03561 603-444-0038 877-777-3801

Daniel Webster Boy Scouts Council

571 Holt Avenue

Manchester, NH 03109 1-800-21-0009

Great Northern District, Troop 209, Littleton Covers - Littleton/Lyman/Bethlehem/Franconia

"Walking Wednesday" Programs

Daisy Bronson Middle School, Littleton

WREN (Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network)

Dedicated to improving lives and livelihoods, the Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network's mission is to inspire, create, and connect through economic, educational, personal, and community development.

www.wrencommunity.org

869-9736, WREN, PO Box 331, Bethlehem, NH 03574

Common Sense Fitness/Power Gym, Littleton

Location: 9 Eames Way, Littleton, NH Hours: Monday – Friday 5am – 8:30pm Saturday & Sunday 7:30am – 12noon Website: www.CSFitnessLittleton.com

Phone: (603) 444-2772

Full service fitness center offering Life Fitness weight machines, treadmills, ellipticals, stationary bikes, StairMasters, free weights, personal training, saunas, tanning, and massage therapy.

Littleton Community Center

www.littletoncommunitycenter.org

Our Cause:

"Restoring a sense of community in Littleton by ensuring the future and relevance of the Community House and Annex" *Our Mission*

Manage Change: Ensure the Community House remains relevant to current times. Adapt to the needs of the people. Board of Directors set tone and policies

Promote Community: Hold or host events that bring people together. Ensure people are aware of capabilities and services. Instill a sense of ownership by citizens.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Congregate Meals

The Plymouth, Littleton, Horse Meadow, Mascoma and Upper Valley Senior Centers offer lunch every weekday. Congregate lunches are on Tuesdays in Bristol and Orford and on Mondays and Wednesdays in Lincoln.

Most of the senior centers distribute menus for the month in their newsletters or through the local newspaper. Although a contribution is requested to defray the cost of the meal, it is not required and anyone who would like to join us for lunch is welcome. Transportation is available upon request.

Evergreen Sports Center, Lisbon

www.evergreensportscenter.com

Fitness Classes, Gymnastics, Tanning, Tennis, Swimming and Gymnastics, Massage 2572 Route 302 · Lisbon, NH 03585 · Phone 603.838.6511

USA Karate, Littleton

www.sullivansusakarate.com/littleton

111 Saranac Street, Littleton, NH 03561 (603) 991-6122

We offer Sullivan's American Kenpo Karate classes for children, teens, and adults, ages 4 to 94!

Hampton Inn, Pool, Littleton

www.littletonhotel.com

Hampton Inn Littleton Hotel - Littleton, New Hampshire

580 Meadow Street, Littleton, New Hampshire 03561

Reservations: 866-579-0037 Phone: 603-444-0025 Fax: 603-444-0026

Bethlehem Country Club

www.bethlehemccnhgolf.com

Bethlehem Country Club

1901 Main Street

Bethlehem, NH 03574

Call (603) 869-5745

UNH Cooperative Extension – Coos County

Heidi W. Barker, Program Coordinator, Youth & Family/Nutrition Connections & Extension Field Specialist 629A Main Street, Lancaster, NH 03584 Phone: 603-788-4961 Fax: 603-788-3629 www.extension.unh.edu

Maplewood Country Club

Route 302 Bethlehem, NH www.maplewoodgolfresort.com, 877-869-3335. (603) 838-6511, 1014 Profile Road, Bethlehem, NH

Bethlehem Activities

www.bethlehemwhitemtns.com/fun.html

Omni Mt. Washington

www.omnihotels.com

310 Mt Washington Hotel Road, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire 03575

Phone: 603-278-1000, Fax: 603-278-8838

RSVP & The Volunteer Center (Serving Grafton County in NH)

RSVP Bone Builders Current Sites Updated 12/3/2012
No Impact Weight Training Classes Using Evidence Based Curricula
Designed to Increase Bone Density & Balance and Decrease Risk for Falls & Fractures
No Fees, On-Going Enrollment Opportunities
For More Information Call Toll Free: 1-877-711-7787 or Visit: www.rsvptoday.org

Town	Site/Place Name	Address/Phone
Bethlehem	Durrell United Methodist Church	PO Box 728
		2057 Main Street
		Bethlehem, NH 03574
		603-869-2056
North Haverhill	Horse Meadow Senior Center	91 Horsemeadow Road
		Haverhill, NH 03774
		603-787-2539
Littleton	Littleton Area Senior Center	PO Box 98
		77 Riverglen Lane
		Littleton, NH 03561
		603-444-6050
Littleton	Littleton Regional Healthcare	600 St. Johnsbury Road
		Littleton, NH 03561
		603-444-9000
Monroe	Monroe Town Hall	50 Main Street
		PO Box 63
		Monroe, NH 03771
		603-638-2644

Tamarack Tennis, Easton

www.tamarackcamp.com 111 Easton Valley Road, Easton, NH 03580 603-823-5656

The Creative Edge Dance Studio

www.creativeedgedancestudio.com 1294 Main Street Bethlehem, NH 03574 603-869-5678

Area Sports Shops:

Littleton Bike and Fitness

http://littletonbike.com/articles/local-clubs-pg37.htm

Littleton Bike and Fitness: Join us on one of these fun rides. Whether you are new to cycling or an old pro, there is a ride that's right for you:

Day	Start Time	Description
Every Tuesday	6:00pm	Littleton Landsharks Club Ride
Every Thursday	6:00pm	White Mountain Velo Club Ride
Every Tuesday	5:30pm	St. Johnsbury, VT - Tuesday Night Road Ride

Franconia Sport Shop

Main Street, Franconia, NH http://www.franconiasports.com

		rim	Primary Care Providers - Family Pra	Family Practice, Internal Medicine	ne & Pediatrics	S		
Last Name	ast Name First Name Title	Title	Practice	Practice Address		State	Zip	Phone
Weeks M	Weeks Medical Center	ter						
Adams	Glenn	OQ	Weeks Medical Center	47 Church Street	Groveton	HN		603-636-1101
Avery	Jack	OO	Weeks Medical Center	43 Main Street	N. Stratford	HN	03280	603-992-5039
Ford	John	QW	Weeks Medical Center	8 Clover Lane	Whitefield	HN	03598	603-837-9005
Muello	Wendy	QW	Weeks Medical Center	170 Middle Street	Lancaster	HN	03584	603-788-2521
Nielson	Lars	QW	Weeks Medical Center	170 Middle Street	Lancaster	HZ	03584	603-788-2521
Schmidt	Amber	OO	Weeks Medical Center	170 Middle Street	Lancaster	HN	03584	603-788-2521
Tarkleson	Jayne	OO	Weeks Medical Center	8 Clover Lane	Whitefield	HN	86980	03598 603-837-9005
van der Laa Pancras	Pancras	MD	Weeks Medical Center	170 Middle Street	Lancaster	H	03584	603-788-2521
Cottage Hospital	lospital							
Connolly	Kevin	QW	Little Rivers Health Care	437 South Main Street	Bradford	VT	05033	05033 802-222-9317
DeFrahn	Linda	OO	Grafton County Nursing Home	RR1 Box 71	North Haverhill	HN	03774	603-787-6971
Genereaux	Stephen	MD	Little Rivers Health Care	65 Main Street	Wells River	M	05033	05033 802-757-2325
Homan	Fay	QW	Little Rivers Health Care	65 Main Street	Wells River	ΛL		802-757-2325
Lawrence	Melanie	QW	Newbury Health Clinic		Newbury	L/	05051	802-866-3000
Pratt	Patricia	QW	Patricia Platt, MD	79 Swiftwater Road, Suite 1	Woodsville	HN	03785	603-747-2743
Reynolds	Jessie	MD	Little Rivers Health Care	437 South Main Street	Bradford	М	05033	05033 802-222-9317
Sarkis	Marlene	MD	Cottage Hospital Internal Medicine	79 Swiftwater Road, Suite 2	Woodsville	H	03785	603-747-2900
	Loren	MD	Ammonoosuc Community Health Services	Suite	Woodsville	Ŧ	03785	03785 603-747-3740
Young-Xu	Sarah	MD	Ammonoosuc Community Health Services	79 Swiftwater Road, Suite 3	Woodsville	H	03785	603-747-3740
Littleton Regional		Healthcare	care					
Felgate	Rodney	QW	Linwood Medical Center	PO Box 129, 115 Main Street	Lincoln	HN	03251	03251 603-745-8136
Ferris	Dave	OO	North Country Internal Medicine	580 St. Johnsbury Road	Littleton	HN	03561	603-444-0116
Ford	John	QW	Weeks Medical Center	24 Lancaster Road	Whitefield	HN	03598	603-837-9005
Hallquist	Robin	MD	Robin Hallquist, MD	529 Route 3 South	Twin Mountain	HN		603-846-2250
Jacobs	Jessica	MD		580 St. Johnsbury Road	Littleton	HN		603-444-2803
Jeffryes	Virginia	MD		25 Mt. Eustis Road	Littleton	I		603-444-2464
Kendall	Marvin	QW	White Mountain Family Health Care	580 St. Johnsbury Road	Littleton	I	$\overline{}$	603-444-2010
Lakey	William	MD	North Country Pediatrics		Littleton	I	$\overline{}$	603-444-2803
Lawson	Philip	QW	Ammonoosuc Community Health Services		Littleton	I	03561	603-444-2464
Nelson	David	8	Ammonoosuc Community Health Services	_	Littleton	Į	03561	603-444-2464
Patel	Sunit	MD	North Country Pediatrics	580 St. Johnsbury Road	Littleton	Į	$\overline{}$	603-444-9524
Pearson	Kathleen	8	LRH Primary Care	580 St. Johnsbury Road	Littleton	I	$\overline{}$	603-444-2803
Reeves	Rebekah	MD	Littleton Internal Medicine	580 St. Johnsbury Road	Littleton	Ŧ		603-444-2002
Reisert	Jeffrey	8	LRH Primary Care	580 St. Johnsbury Road	Littleton	I		603-444-7070
Silva	Kevin	MD	_	580 St. Johnsbury Road	Littleton	H		603-444-9296
Spicer	John	QW	White Mountain Family Health Care	580 St. Johnsbury Road	Littleton	Į.	$\overline{}$	603-444-2010
laras	Malgorzata	QW.	LRH Primary Care	580 St. Johnsbury Road	Littleton	Į.	03561	603-444-0116
Wolcott	Charles	MD	Ammonoosuc Community Health Services	155 Main Street, PO Box 8	Franconia	H	03580	603-823-7078

Weight Watchers

Location Name	Location Address	Leader Name	Day	Time(s)
Comfort Inn	703 US Route 5 South Saint Johnsbury, VT 05819	('arol (+		5:00 PM & 6:15 PM
Community House Annex	120 Main Street Littleton, NH 03561	Vicki		6:00 PM
Cottage Hospital- Post Office Location	31 South Court Street Woodsville, NH 03785	Marion M		5:30 PM
Littleton Regional Healthcare	600 St. Johnsbury Rd Littleton, NH 03561	Carrie W.	Thursday	4:30 PM
Nordic Inn of Lincoln	227 Main Street Lincoln, NH 03251	Virginia P.	Tuesday	6:00 PM
Plymouth United Methodist Church	334 Fairgrounds Road Plymouth, NH 03264			9:00 AM & 5:30 PM
United Methodist Church	135 Main Street Lancaster, NH 03584	Louise F.	Thursday	6:30 PM

Please visit www.weightwatchers.com for more information.

TOPS: Take Pounds Off Safely

Location	Address	Town, State	Name	Day	Times	Contact Phone
Concord Public Library	374 E. Main Street	Concord, VT	Judy T. Jones	Tuesdays	4:45 PM/ 5:15 PM	802-888-5404
Horse Meadow Senior Center	91 Horse Meadow Road	North Haverhill, NH	Carolyn J. Yerger	Tuesdays	5:00 PM/ 6:00 PM	603-654-4356
Lancaster Ambulance Bay	19 Mechanic Street	Lancaster, NH	Carolyn J. Yerger	Thursdays	5:00 PM/ 6:15 PM	603-654-4356
Monroe Library	Main Street	Monroe, NH	Carolyn J. Yerger	Thursdays	6:00 PM/ 6:30 PM	603-654-4356
Plymouth Congregational Church	4 Post Office Square	Plymouth, NH	Carolyn J. Yerger	Mondays	5:30 PM/ 6:30 PM	603-654-4356

Community Gardens

Garden Name	Location	Town	Contact Phone/Email
Bethlehem Community Garden	Next to the Gazebo	Bethlehem, NH	603-370-1923
Hanover Community Garden	Reservoir Road	Hanover, NH	603-643-8804
Lancaster Community Garden	30 Elm Street	Lancaster, NH	lancastercommunitygarden @gmail.com
Littleton Regional Healthcare Community Garden	600 St. Johnsbury Rd.	Littleton, NH	603-444-9261
Plymouth Gardens for All	Plymouth	Plymouth, NH	603-536-1376

Farmers Markets						
Name	Street/Location	City	State	Schedule		
Berlin Farmers Market	Pleasant Street/ Route 16S	Berlin	NH	June - September		
Bethlehem Farmers Market	Main Street	Bethlehem	NH	May - October		
Campton Farmers Market	Route 49	Campton	NH	May - September		
Canaan Farmers Market	Routes 4 and 118	Canaan	NH	May - October		
Danville Caledonia Farmers' Market	On the Green	Danville	VT	Unknown		
Lancaster Farmers Market	Centennial Park	Lancaster	NH	May - October		
Lisbon Farmers Market	North Main Street	Lisbon	NH	Unknown		
Littleton Farmers Market	Senior Center	Littleton	NH	June - October		
Plymouth Community Farmers Market	263 Highland Street	Plymouth	NH	May - September		
St. Johnsbury Farmers Market (Indoor)	Welcome Center	St. Johnsbury	VT	November - April		
St. Johnsbury Farmers Market (Outdoor)	Pearl Street	St. Johnsbury	VT	May - October		
Whitefield Farmers Market	On the Commons	Whitefield	NH	June - September		

Littleton Parks and Recreation

www.golittleton.com

Curves For Women, Littleton

www.curves.com/locations

Senior Softball, Profile Field

869-CLUB

YMCA-North Country, Bath

www.northcountryymca.org

AMC Highland Center

www.outdoors.org

Rock Estate

www.therocks.org

Coös County Resource Guide Information

Southern Coös and the Mount Washington Valley

White Mountain Milers Race Club http://www.whitemountainmilers.com/

Multiple races and activities throughout the year

NH Outdoors North Woods Region

http://www.nhoutdoors.com/great_north_woods.htm

Resources from biking to skiing

Coös County Recreation Departments

Recreation Departments have low cost or free activities for all ages Town of Colebrook

http://www.colebrook-nh.com/Public Documents/ColebrookNH Recreation/index

Information on activities including Dixville ½ Marathon, Relay and Fun Walk

Town of Lancaster

http://www.lancasternh.org/local-events.html or http://www.coloneltown.com/info/activities/

City of Berlin

http://www.berlinnh.gov/Pages/BerlinNH_Recreation/index

Town of Gorham

http://www.gorhamnh.org/Pages/GorhamNH Recreation/Index

Town of Pittsburg

http://www.pittsburg-nh.com/

"Walking Wednesday" Programs

Brown School, Berlin Daisy Bronson Middle School, Littleton Edward Fenn Elementary School, Gorham

Canoe or Kyak

Northern Forest Canoe Trail

Trail links the waterways of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Quebec, Canada, and New York. NH trail goes from the Connecticut River to Umbagog Lake

http://www.northernforestcanoetrail.org/tripplanner/itineraries.cfm?sectionID=7

Run, Walk, Bike, or Golf for a good cause

Annual Cystic Fibrosis Walk—May 18, 2013

Annual Cystic Fibrosis Soft Ball Tournament—May 25, 26, 27

http://www.cff.org/great_strides/find_a_walk_site/index.cfm

Wildman Biathlon

Event to benefit Retired Seniors Volunteer Program

August--Gorham – www.tccap.org/wildman.html

Walk MS

Event to benefit Multiple Sclerosis Society

September—Gorham -

http://walkmam.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Walk/MAMWalkEvents?fr id=20986&pg=entry

New Hampshire State Parks

www.nhstateparks.org

Great Glen Trails

www.greatglentrails.com

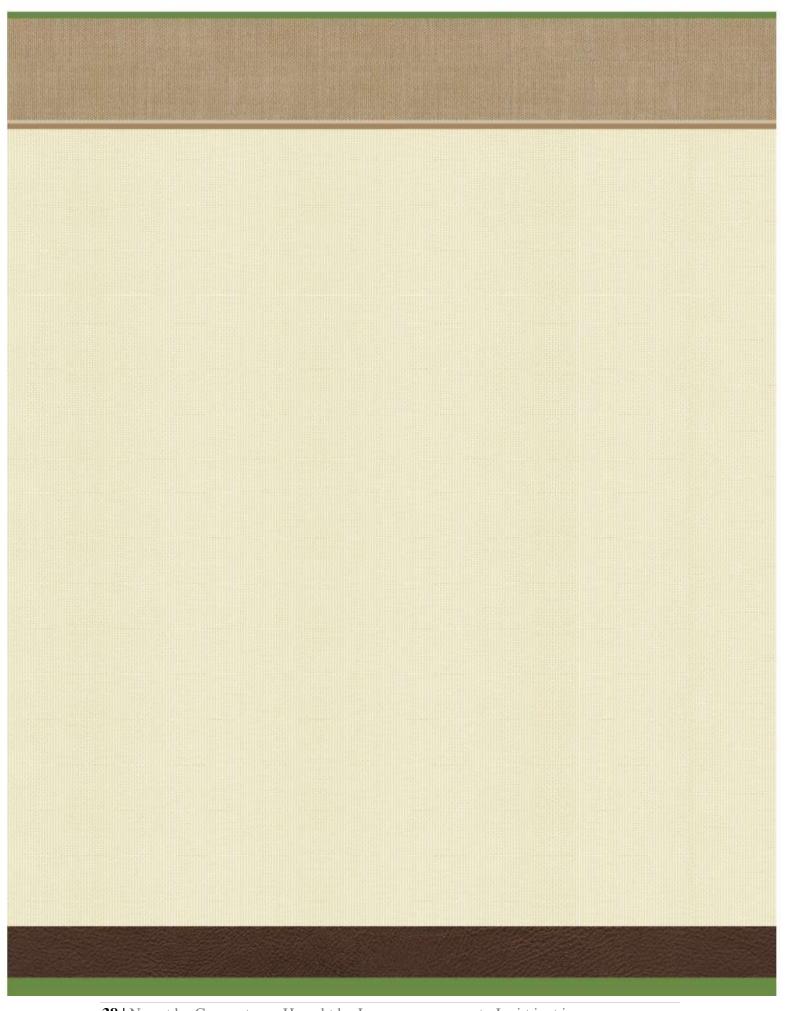
Local Works Berlin Farmers' Marketplace

http://www.localharvest.org/local-works-berlin-farmers-marketplace-M41078

Thursdays 3-7pm Pleasant Street June to September

Curves for women, Littleton & Berlin

www.curves.com/locations/



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Online Resources

American Diabetes Association:

www.diabetes.org

American Cancer Society

www.cancer.org

Arthritis Foundation:

www.arthritis.org

DASH Diet:

http://dashdiet.org

National Center For Health Promotion And Disease Prevention:

www.prevention.va.gov

Swimming Pools Within Your Area:

www.clubswim.com

Dietary Guidelines Of America

www.dietaryguidelines.gov

www.MeatlessMonday.com

www.smallstep.gov

www.diabetes.org

www.americanheart.org

www.cdc.gov

www.myplate.gov (research)



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