Welcome to the North Country! We’re delighted to have you join our community and value your interest in serving the residences of the Berlin area. An integral part of Live, Learn, Play in Northern New Hampshire is to help foster a meaningful North Country experience for you. We believe that this can be facilitated through excellent clinical sites and the community service project component of this program. Before selecting a site and specific project, you may wish to know a bit about the community in which you’ll live to help improve your understanding of the area and its people. Below is a brief description of the Berlin Area.

About Berlin

Berlin is the only city in Coos County and is north of the White Mountains. The city is bordered to the south by Randolph and Gorham, north by Milan, east by Success and west by Kilkenny. There is a strong Franco-American influence in Berlin and approximately 40% of residents are bilingual, French being their first language.

Known as “The City That Trees Built,” Berlin has long been associated with the wood and paper industry. However, the steady decline of both industries has led to several changes in mill ownership, displacement of some workers and job loss for many others. Recent economic development has focused on the correctional industry, with the 750 bed Northern New Hampshire Correctional Facility being built in 1999 and employing approximately 200 people. The Federal Bureau of Prisons plans to open a 1200 bed medium security facility that will employ approximately 350 people in late 2011/early 2012.

Decline in industry and lack of employment has resulted in a downward trend in the area’s population from 16,615 in 1960 to 10,051 in 2010. 12.4% of the population live below the poverty line. The top employers in the area are Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Wal-Mart, Berlin City Car Dealerships, Berlin School System, the correctional facilities, Isaacson Steel and the City of Berlin.

Berlin’s public school system includes one high school, middle school and two elementary schools. There are two institutions of higher learning – White Mountains Community College and Granite State College. WMOU-1260AM is the local radio station and the Berlin Daily Sun and the Berlin Reporter are the two local newspapers.

For more information go to [www.berlinnh.gov](http://www.berlinnh.gov)

Towns in the Berlin Area include, Errol, Dummer, Cambridge Milan, Berlin, Success, Randolph, Gorham, Shelburne, Low & Burbank’s Grant, Crawford’s Purchase, Thompson & Meserve’s Purchase, Cutt’s Grant, Bean’s Grant, Hadley’s Purchase and Chandler’s Purchase.
What to See in the Berlin Area

**Berlin:** Berlin is home to Northern Forest Heritage Park, a circa 1900 Logging Camp. Here people will learn about the Northern Forest and the lives, labour and legends of the many people who came and made it their home. The Park is dedicated to preserving the rich heritage of the area and to share it with visitors. Throughout the year the park comes to life with concerts and scenic boat rides on the Androscoggin River. St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts is a multi-disciplinary arts center, offering a diverse 21 event performing art series and new art exhibitions showcasing local artists and artisans. Don’t forget to go to Jericho Mountain State Park during your visit, there are miles of trail riding for ATV, UTV, trail bike and snowmobile. You can also enjoy swimming, fishing, canoeing or picnicking at Jericho Lake. If you’re here in October come out with the rest of the town for River Fire!

**Gorham:** Come to Gorham and visit the Great Glen Trails Outdoor Center, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snow tubing and the one-of-a-kind ShowCoach up Mount Washington in winter. Mountain biking and kayaking are available all summer. If you’ve never seen Mount Washington, take the Auto Road up the mountain to see New England’s highest peak. Don’t forget to visit Moose Brook State Park, with unparalleled scenery and a variety of outdoor activities.

**Errol:** Though remote, Errol has some of the most beautiful sights in the North Country. Here you can find Lake Umbagog. There’s swimming, fishing, wildlife viewing, and boating!

**Milan:** Milan Hill State Park is north of Berlin with popular areas for hiking, picnicking, fishing, canoeing and wildlife viewing. Don’t forget to stop at Nansen Ski Club which operates groomed trails for skiing and snowshoeing. Milan is also known for North Woods Rafting, whether you’re young, old, brave or timid you’ll have a wicked good time! Guided white water or flat water tours are available.
WiFi and Cell Phone Coverage in the Berlin Area

**Free WiFi/Computer Access**

**Berlin Public Library:** 270 Main St. Berlin. Computer Access, with an hour time limit.

**McDonalds:** 214 Main St. Gorham. Free WiFi access.

**Town & Country Inn & Resort:** 20 State RT. 2 Gorham/Shelburne. Free Wifi.

**White Mountain Café:** 212 Main St. Gorham. Free WiFi.

**Gorham Public Library:** 35 Railroad St. Gorham. Computer Access.

**Berlin:** There is 3G Coverage

**Gorham:** There is 3G Coverage

**Milan:** Coverage in town

**Errol:** No Cell phone Service

**Randolph:** There's 3G Coverage

**Shelburne:** Coverage in town

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Where to Eat in the Berlin Area

**Breakfast/Lunch**

**The Moonbeam Café**
19 Exchange St. Gorham

**White Mountain Café & Bookstore**
212 Main St. Gorham

**Lunch/Dinner**

**Northland Restaurant and Dairy Bar**
1826 Riverside Dr. Berlin

**Gold House Pizza**
30 Mechanic St. Berlin

**Wang’s Garden**
161 Main St. Berlin

**Valley Creek Eatery**
4 Hillside Ave. Berlin

**Mr. Pizza**
160 Main St. Gorham

**J’s Corner Restaurant and Lounge**
277 Main St. Gorham

**Crabby Jack’s Mexican Sakehouse**
128 Main St. Gorham

**Mary’s Pizza**
9 Cascade Flat Gorham

**Subway**
60 Main St. Gorham

**Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**

**Tea Birds Café**
101 Main St. Berlin

**Dinner**

**Libby’s Bistro**
115 Main St. Gorham

**La Bottega Saladino**
152 Main St. Gorham

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Where to Shop in the Berlin Area

**Grocery Stores**

**Walmart**
561 Main St. Gorham

**Berlin IGA**
19 Pleasant St. Berlin

**Farmer’s Markets**

**WREN Local Works Farmers Market**
52 Main St. Berlin

**Pharmacies**

**Walmart**
561 Main St. Gorham

**Rite Aid**
200 Pleasant St. Berlin
1) Martin’s Location
2) Green’s Grant
3) Pinkham’s Grant
4) Sargent’s Purchase
5) Thompson & Meserve’s Purchase
6) Low & Burnham’s Purchase
7) Chandler’s Purchase
8) Crawford’s Purchase
9) Bean’s Grant
10) Cutt’s Grant
11) Hadley’s Purchase

Androscoggin Valley Hospital
Coos Family Health Services
Northern Human Services
St. Vincent DePaul’s Nursing Home

ServiceLink
NH Catholic Charities
North Country Health Consortium

Coos Family Health Services