

MOT '05 -- The Kancamagus - Bear Notch Drive

Ride Itinerary This is the ride itinerary for the Kancamagus Scenic Byway and Bear Notch Road portion of MINIs On Top 2005.

Schedule The pre-ride gathering will commence at the Loon Mountain Parking lot at 9:00 am on June 18th. Based on last year, the expectation is that there will be ample time at Loon for meet and greet, and for late arrivals to trickle in. The drive from Loon will start around 11:00. The Photo Hunt MINIs will depart the Loon Lot at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Pre Ride Lincoln, NH is at Exit 32 on I93. At the end of the exit ramp is the White Mountains Information Center. This is a great place to stop for local information, maps, and to see a topographic model of the White Mountains.



Parking Note Some of our stops during the day will be at WMNF Parking areas where a parking pass is required. Although it may not be necessary, since we're with the cars, it may be something you want later, and the passes help support the Park. Buy yours at the info center.

Lincoln From the Info Center, head west on Rt. 112 for about 3 miles to the Loon Mountain Ski area. **Stop at one of the many sandwich shops in Lincoln to get your picnic lunch.**

Loon When entering the Loon facility go across the bridge, turn right at the blue Loon sign, and then left into the MINI staging area. Please stop as you enter the staging area if you have children or dogs so they can receive their goodies. Otherwise proceed to your left and line up as neatly as possible. Bathrooms are available in Main Loon Building to the East.



Leaving Loon **Reset your trip odometer now.** Turn right onto Rt. 112 -- The Kancamagus Highway

Mile 1.4 Entering the White Mountains National Forest



7.8 Hairpin turn -- Fun Fun Fun!

10.5 Crossing Kancamagus Pass at 2855'

20.3 Pass Bear Notch Rd. on the left

26.2 Left on Passaconaway Rd. -- Regroup at the Albany Covered Bridge. Park just before and after the bridge. Stop for photos.



After leaving the bridge, continue on Passaconaway Rd. The first stretch is narrow and wooded. Watch for oncoming traffic. The end of the road gets residential, so let's be nice to the neighbors. We're only a short way from a lunch and regroup spot, so don't hesitate to let folks break our line if necessary -- we'll be back together soon.



- 32.5 At T, turn right on West Side Rd.
- 33.4 At light, turn right on Rt. 16 South
- 34.2 Turn right on Rt. 112, the Kancamagus Highway
- 36.8 Re-enter WMNF
- 39.8 Some drivers may choose to turn Right onto Passaconaway Road and park along side of the Road near the covered bridge for lunch. It is a short walk to the parking lot for bathrooms.



- 41.0 Enter parking area for lunch, regroup, scenery, and bathrooms. **If the lot is full, continue to 49.6 on Bear Notch Road for lunch.** When leaving, turn right out of the parking lot onto 112.



- 46.2 Right on Bear Notch Rd.
- 49.6 This parking area can hold 60 or so MINIs. There are no bathrooms at this lot!
- 54.9 Right at stop sign onto Rt. 302

Note Route 302 is the recognized point where the group splits up. Some may wish to stay together and continue on to the Auto Road now. There are other opportunities for stops along the way, as well as the western route (left on 302) to Gorham via Franconia Notch. These drive directions continue to the Auto Road for your information.

- 57.4 Attitash Parking lot. Stop for fun and games if you'd like.

- 61.1 Left at light onto Rt. 16 north

- 63.6 Turnoff for picturesque Jackson Village

- 71.1 Pinkham Notch Visitors Center, where you'll find a great gift shop with books and more related to the White Mountain National Forest. They also have this topographic model of Mt. Washington, with a good preview of the Auto Road.



- 75.1 Auto Road Entrance -- meet back here at 3:30 for the B-B-Q and ceremonies.

