

3 Day Hut-to-Hut Adventure: A Guided Presidential Traverse



Join Guineafowl Adventure Company on a guided 3-Day / 2-Night Presidential Traverse! Stay in the AMC High Mountain Huts by night, and hike the entirety of the Presidential Mountain Range over the course of three days.

The Presidential Traverse is well-known as one of the most beautiful and rigorous hikes in the country, with miles of breathtaking alpine zone ridge hiking far above the tree line and unforgettable views of the White Mountain National Forest; and of course the satisfying achievement of summiting Mount Washington, the highest point in all of the Northeastern United States standing at 6,288' above sea level!

This is a strenuous trek meant for experienced hikers, but staying at AMC High Mountain Huts offers some fun and surprising luxuries. First and foremost, you'll have real beds at the huts and both breakfast and dinner provided for you. Minimal gear means packing light, moving with confidence, and peace of mind that comfortable accommodations await you after a day of adventuring. Best of all, spreading the traverse out over three days means our longest day of hiking is just 7 miles—we can take our time, enjoy the scenery, soak up all that summer daylight, and snap as many photos as we want!



Distance
18.5 miles



Elevation Gain
8,200 ft



Hike Score
551



Time on Feet
18 Hours



Expected Pace
60:00
min/mile

Guinea fowl Adventure Company provides full-service, turnkey guided hikes in the White Mountains and beyond for people of all abilities and experience levels.

Multi-Day Presidential Traverse Hut Hike

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Day 1: Appalachia to Madison Spring Hut

Hike 4.5 miles and gain 4,100' of elevation as we start our traverse at the famous Appalachia Trail Head and slowly climb out of the woods and above the treeline on the Valley Way Trail. We can drop our packs at our destination for the night--Madison Spring Hut--and complete an out-and-back summit of Mount Madison to wrap up our hiking for the day. After getting settled in at the hut, guests can relax, read, sight see, walk over to Star Lake, chat with other hikers, eat a delicious dinner prepared by the Hut Cru, watch the sun set, and get a great night's sleep above the trees!

Day 2: Madison Spring Hut to Lake of the Clouds Hut

We'll hike a total of 6.5 miles and gain around 2,500' of elevation thanks to summiting Mt. Adams, Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Clay and finally Mt. Washington! Enjoy incredible vistas all day as we hike through the northern side of the Presidential Range! The terrain all day is rugged and technical, but incredibly rewarding and unique to any other ridgeline in the northeast! Enjoy views from the highest point in the Northeast when we summit Mt. Washington, explore the Extreme Weather Museum, and browse the visitor center. After spending time at the summit, we descend down to Lake of the Clouds Hut where we will rest for the evening. Enjoy similar sightseeing, sunset viewing, dinner eating, hiker chatting and blissful sleeping as the night before!

Day 3: Lake of the Clouds Hut to AMC Highland Center

The longest distance day of our 3-day traverse, however, today's journey will take us across the southern Presidential Range with the least climbing of the trip – our hiking will span 7 miles and a little over 1,600' of elevation gain. We will wrap up our traverse on Crawford Path, and summit Mt. Monroe, Mt. Jefferson and Mt. Pierce. After summiting Mt Pierce we will descend down to the AMC Highland Center, where our traverse ends. Options to grab food and drinks upon completion, or head straight back to your original pick up location.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Roundtrip transportation from Greater Boston with stops made to pick up/drop off anywhere along the route from Greater Boston to our Trailhead
- Reservation for overnight accommodations at Madison Spring Hut and Lake of the Clouds Hut
- Knowledgeable, friendly, experienced and safety-trained guide(s) who have successfully completed multiple Presidential Traverses as well as thousands of miles across the White Mountain National Forest
- Backpack with hydration, snacks, safety/convenience items, and trekking poles (if requested)