

## **MOTOR COACH TOURS**

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests offers an exciting range of indoor and outdoor programs at its North Country Conservation and Education Center in Bethlehem. The five tours listed below are the most requested, but our staff can design content to complement any group's interests. Tour times can run between 1½ to 2 hours.

Contact us at **info@therocks.org** and let us help you plan an experience that will entertain and enlighten your travelers!

# **TOUR OPPORTUNITIES**

Maple Sugaring Tour | From June–October, visitors learn how nature's sweetest treat is made. Part of the tour takes place inside the historically renovated sawmill and piggery that houses the Maple Education Center and Museum. Here, a lively video demonstrates how sap is gathered, boiled and poured. On display are rare artifacts and sugar-making tools. This unique tour includes a sweet sampling, along with the infamous sour pickle. A unique photo opportunity occurs as visitors pass between buildings—the passageway frames a magnificent view of the state's celebrated Presidential Range. Cost: \$12 per person.

**Heritage Tour** | Thanks to decisions made by owners John and Frances Glessner of Chicago, The Rocks has evolved a fascinating history. Find out what agricultural techniques the cofounder of International Harvester first tried here. Discover the architectural and landscaping trends that put the estate on the National Historic Register. Learn about the larger Bethlehem community and its role as a premier White Mountains destination. Cost: \$10 per person.

Gardens of Yesteryear | This tour is a visual delight! Using the original hand-painted slides designed by Frances Glessner, the virtual excursion showcases many of Bethlehem's estate gardens, circa 1933. Both John and Frances Glessner were avid members of the Horticultural Society of Chicago as well as the White Mountain Garden Club. They also hired friend and noted landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted to design terraced gardens to fit The Rocks' gently rolling acres. A guided or self-guided outdoor walking tour can be added. Cost: \$10 per person.

**Moose and Bear, Oh My!** No matter what the season, The Rocks manager Nigel Manley and uber outdoor enthusiast can always be counted on to share stories from his countless hours observing moose and bear in the wild. This natural-history program offers valuable insights about New Hampshire's most iconic animals and their habitat. Don't forget to ask Nigel about the wild turkeys that roam the estate. Cost: \$10 per person.

**Ho-Ho-Ho! It's Christmas!** | Come experience a Norman Rockwell Christmas. The Rocks pulls out all the stops to help tour groups get in the holiday spirit from mid-November through Christmas Eve. Decorate your own evergreen wreath to bring home for the holidays. Take a horse-drawn wagon interpretive tour\*. Roast marshmallows by the fire pit. Sing carols. Cost: \$10-\$30 per person.

\*Wagon Tour is an add-on for an additional \$400 group rate.

Prices good through 2019















#### RATES & MISCELLANEOUS\*

- Rates for most tours are \$10 per person.
- · Refreshments are included
- Toilet facilities
- · Free admission for bus driver and one escort
- Open 7 days a week
- Minimum cost is \$250

\*Prices good through 2019



HORSE-DRAWN WAGON RIDES are optional for every tour. Additional \$400 group rate applies.

#### **CONTACT & DIRECTIONS**

The Rocks is located on Route 302 in Bethlehem, NH. For more information on any of our programs please contact **Nigel Manley** at **(603) 444-6228.** 

## **Directions to The Rocks:**

- From North or South, take I-93 to exit 40.
- Take Route 302 East for 1/2 mile.
- Turn right onto Glessner Road and follow signs to bus parking area and program center.

### THE ROCKS

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The Rocks' spectacular scenery perfectly showcased the magnificent Budweiser horses in a recent promotional photoshoot.



The New Hampshire Maple Experience is an informative tribute to this sweet treat. Visitors learn about the syrup-making process and its history. Run in cooperation with the New Hampshire Maple Producers Assoc.

