

# dartmouth/lake sunapee region



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*The Dartmouth/Lake Sunapee region embodies the quintessential New England vibe with quaint downtown communities, beautiful rural landscapes, historic covered bridges, and spectacular vistas, waiting for visitors to explore it all.*

A beautiful area known as the Upper Valley; The Dartmouth/Lake Sunapee region has countless year-round family activities. The area offers four-season recreational opportunities via foot, bicycle, kayak, boat, snowshoes, or snowmobile. Boaters and swimmers can find their place on the water of Lake Sunapee, while others can enjoy the scenic Northern Recreational Rail Trail that begins in Lebanon and ends in the Merrimack Valley region in the town of Boscawen. During the winter months, there are many places for skiers to test out their skills on the slopes and there are also plenty of trails throughout the region for the snowmobiler to travel down.

Located on the western side of the state, the region welcomes historians, educators, and craftsmen alike where there's plenty of options to suit everyone. Visit the lively college town of Hanover or stop at the sculptured rock natural area in Groton where you will find an example of nature's unique artistry. In August, make sure to explore the week-long craft fair that the League of NH Craftsmen hosts in Newbury, which showcases over 350 artisans and their work. If you are a history buff, check out one of the many museums or historical sites the region has to offer. No matter where you chose to go, The Dartmouth/Lake Sunapee region is sure to keep your days occupied.

## Points of Interest:

- Artisan's (New London)
- Morningside Flight Park (Charlestown)
- New Hampshire Telephone Museum (Warner)
- Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park (Cornish)
- Sculptured Rocks Natural Area (Groton)
- The Fort at No. 4 (Charlestown)
- The Northern Recreational Rail Trail (Lebanon-Boscawen)
- Wild Goose Country Store (Sunapee)

### For more info on **Dartmouth/Lake Sunapee**

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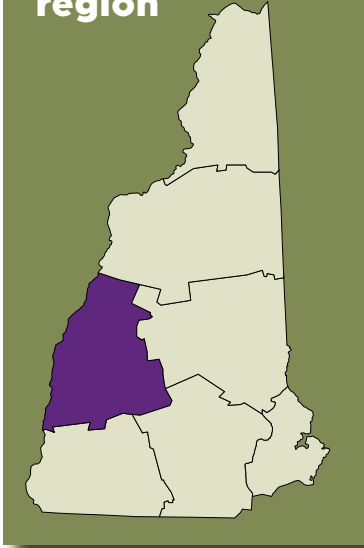
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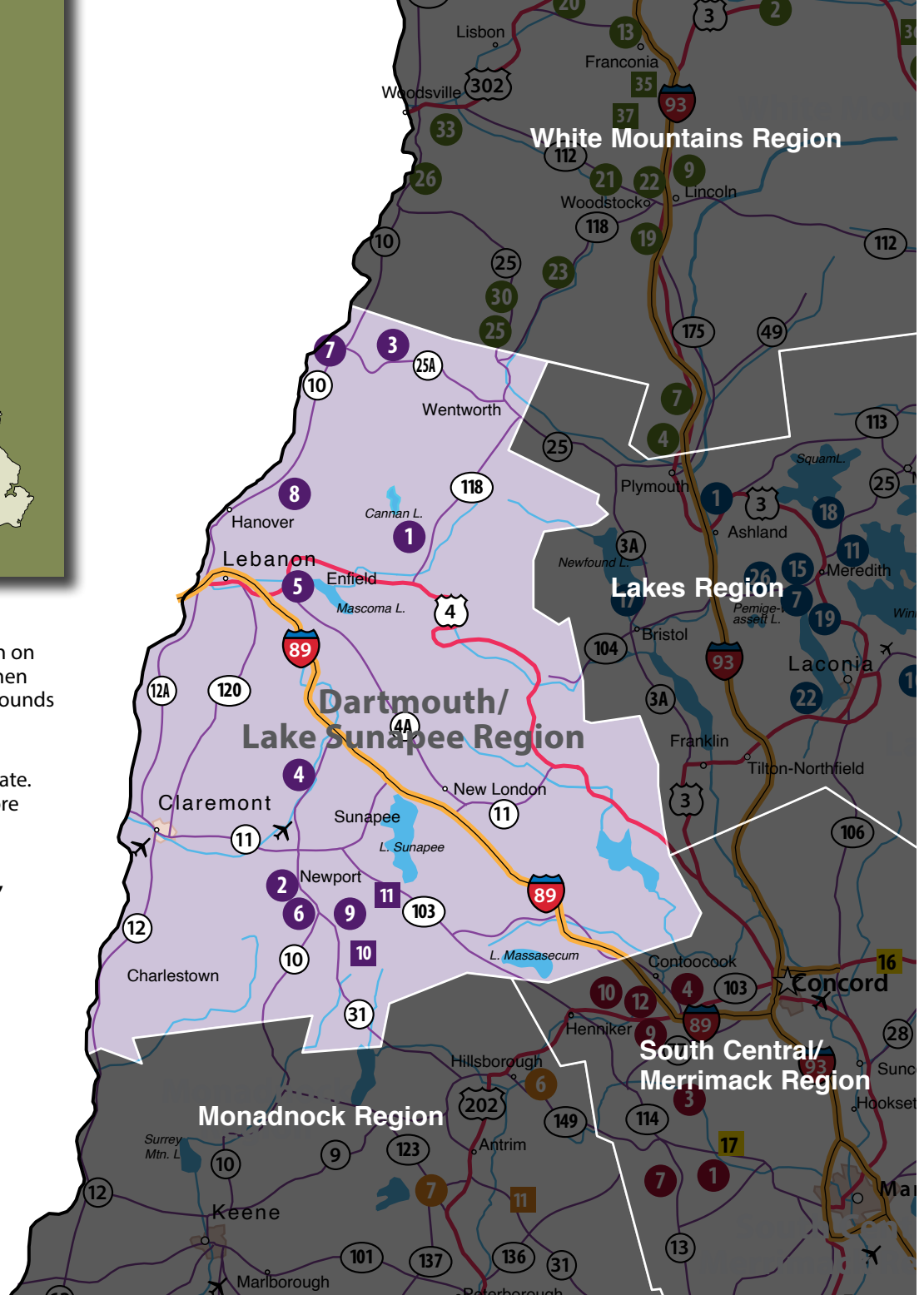
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### Notes:

- Pick your ideal location on the Region Map and then check out the Campgrounds in that area using the number code.
- Locators are approximate. Refer to listings for more accurate locations.
- **When making your camping reservation, be sure to mention that you found your campground in the 2025 New Hampshire Camping Guide!**



## dartmouth/lake sunapee region private & state park campgrounds

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- 5 Mascoma Lake Campground

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- 8 Storrs Pond Recreation Area
- 9 Tippicanoe Campground

### State Parks

- 10 Pillsbury
- 11 Sunapee Mountain

For Rates & Reservations, please call the campground or visit the campground's website.

dartmouth/ lake sunapee region private & state park campgrounds		Total No. of Sites	Max RV Length	Hookups W/E/S	Max Amps	Dumping Station	LP Gas / Metered (M)	Seasonal Sites	Tenting	Rental Units	Pets (leashed) (P) / Dog Park (DP)	WiFi (W) / Cable (C)	Laundry	Store	Group Area	Rec Hall (R) / Pavilion (P)	Playground	Swimming	Boating / Water Sports	Marina / Boat Launch	Fishing	Hiking Trails	Bike Trails	ATV Trails	SEASON DATES	
		1	Crescent Campsites	84	40	•	30	<5	•	•	P	•	•	•	•	R/P	•	N	•	•	•	•	<5	<5		
2	Crow's Nest	106	50	•	50	•	•	•	•&H	•	P/DP	W	•	•	R	•	P/N	<10	<10	•	•	<5	<5	<5	Year Round	
3	Jacob's Brook	65	45	•	50	•	<5	•	•	P	W	<5	•	•	•	•	P/N	<5	•	•	•	<5	<5		5/15-10/15	
4	Loon Lake	114	40	•	50	•	•	•	•	P	W	<5	•	•	R/P	•	N	•	•	•	•	•	•		5/6-10/2	
5	Mascoma Lake	112	40	•	50	•	•	•	•&H	•	P	W	•	•	R	•	N	•	•	•	•	<5	<5		5/15-10/15	
6	Northstar	93	45	•	30	•	<5	•	•&H	•	P	W	<5	•	P	•	N	<10	<10	•	•	<5	<5		5/15-10/12	
7	The Pastures	65	40	•	50	•	<5	•	•&H	•	P	W	•	<5	•	P	•	P/N	•	•	•	<5	<10	<10		5/15-10/15
8	Storrs Pond Rec Area	29	35	•	30	•	•	•	•&H	•	P	W	<10	<5	•	P	•	P/N	•	<5	•	•	•		5/12-10/9	
9	Tippicanoe	108	Any	•	50	<5	<5	•	•	P	W	•	<5	•	R	•	N	•	<5	•	<5	<5	<5		5/2-11/27	
STATE PARKS																										
10	Pillsbury	41	35						•	P		<10	<10					•				•	•		May-October	
11	Mount Sunapee	11	18						•	P		<10	<10					<5	<5	<5		<5	•	•		May-October
Seasonal rental only		• = Onsite <5 = Located less than 5 miles from campground <10 = Located less than 10 miles from campground P=Pool, N=Natural, Rental Units (Cabins, Trailer, Yurts, Teepee, etc.), H=Hammock Tenting																								

### 1 Crescent Campsites

7 Camp Crescent Road, Canaan, NH 03741 • (603) 523-9910  
 crescentcampsites@hotmail.com • www.crescentcampsites.com  
*Relax and enjoy on our sandy beach on crystal clear Canaan Street Lake where you can fish, swim, or just enjoy the beautiful view.*  
**Directions** Exit 17 off I-89, Rt. 4E to Canaan, in the center of Canaan turn onto Canaan Street, turn right on Fernwood Farms Road. One mile to Crescent Campsites.  
**Amenities** Some tent sites with water and electric, 74 sites with full hook ups with water, sewer, electric, picnic tables and firepits, 300' of sandy beach, laundry, pavilion, camp store, rec hall with pool table, dartboards and air hockey, playground, horseshoes, and cornhole.

### 2 Crow's Nest Campground

529 South Main Street, Newport, NH 03773 • (603) 945-1142  
 camping@crowsnestcampground.com • www.crowsnestcampground.com  
*Crow's Nest Campground offers relaxing camping in the Lake and Mount Sunapee Region on the Sugar River in Newport, New Hampshire.*  
**Directions** 2 miles South of Newport on Route 10. I-89 North, exit 12 route 11W to Newport Ctr. I-89 South, exit 13 Route 10 south. I-91 in Vermont, exit 8 to Claremont, NH, follow signs to Newport. Note: When approaching Newport on Rt. 103, after passing Mt. Sunapee, avoid taking a left on Bradford Road. Continue on Rt. 103 until you intersect with Rt. 11 going to Newport. Big Rigs should consider using Exit 13 on I-89 and follow RT 10 South through Newport to avoid hilly terrain.  
**Amenities** We offer a total of 106 sites (open grassy or wooded) w/water and electric, 20/30/50-amp service, full hookups and pull-thrus, all w/tables and fire rings. We also offer a dog exercise area, tenting area, tent, cabin, and trailer rentals, a solar heated pool, fishing, recreation building, playground, mini golf, camp store, metered LP gas, laundry, and Wi-Fi.

### 3 Jacob's Brook Campground

46 High Bridge Road, Orford, NH 03777 • (603) 353-9210  
 host@jacobsbrookcampground.com • www.jacobsbrookcampground.biz  
*We are located on 38 acres in the scenic Upper Valley historic town of Orford, New Hampshire. We are a family campground that is about camping without the commercialism. Jacobs Brook Campground has a quiet family camping atmosphere. No entertainment, loud parties, clean maintained grounds, and strictly enforced quiet hours.*  
**Directions** From I-93 in New Hampshire: Take Exit 26 West on Route 25. Left onto 25A at Wentworth. Right onto Route 10 at Orford. Right onto Archertown Road then right onto High Bridge Road. We are on your right just a little way down. From I-91 in Vermont: Take Exit 15 Toward Fairlee, left onto VT Route 5 then right onto Bridge Street. Take a left onto NH Route 10. Right onto Archertown Road then right onto High Bridge Road. We are on your right just a little way down.  
**Amenities** Pet friendly, RV sites and tent sites, group campsites for family reunions and gatherings or groups such as scouts, churches, etc. Peaceful garden in the forest. Nearby Connecticut River and Fairlee, Vermont. Access to I-93 and White Mountains. Minutes to Hanover NH, Dartmouth College, Norwich VT, Lake Morey, Lake Fairlee, Lebanon NH, White River Junction VT, Lyme NH, North Haverhill NH.

### 4 Loon Lake Campground

5 Loon Lake Campground Road, Croydon, NH 03773 • (603) 863-8176  
 office@loonlakecampground.com • www.loonlakecampground.com  
*Loon Lake Campground and Event Center in Croydon, NH, comprises a 40-acre campground alongside a pristine 65-acre lake. Manicured lawns and beautiful views await you with no development on the other side of the lake. A gazebo for birthdays and gatherings as well as an event center on site. A 1200 ft beach gives you plenty of room to stretch out and soak up some sun.*  
**Directions** From interstate 89, Take exit 13 (Grantham exit). Follow Route 10 South for 3.5 miles, take a left at Conniston Store (Shell Station) onto Pine Hill Road then an immediate right onto Cash St. – follow for 3.3 miles. At the fork of Reed's Mill Road, take a right for .2 miles and you are there!  
**Amenities** A professionally constructed horseshoe pit for enthusiasts (6 pins) as well as cornhole, mini golf, basketball, weight room, slot car track, and a variety of other games and sports for your enjoyment. Weddings and functions can be held at the event center and we have beautiful grounds with a separate gazebo and arbor for weddings. No gasoline motors on the lake ensures a peaceful, safe summer for all to enjoy.



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## 5 Mascoma Lake Campground

92 US Route 4A, Lebanon, NH 03766  
(603) 448-5076 • [office@mascomalake.com](mailto:office@mascomalake.com)  
[www.modernamericacampgrounds.com/new-hampshire](http://www.modernamericacampgrounds.com/new-hampshire)  
*Come and relax and enjoy the great views of the Lake and mountains. Perfect place for boating! A family-oriented campground with RV sites; rustic cabins; tiny houses and tent sites.*

**Directions** Exit 17 off I-89 N or S, turn right on Rte. 4. Go 1 mile to Rte. 4A on the right to Mascoma Lake Campground.

**Amenities** All RV sites come with water/electric/sewer and limited WiFi. Enjoy our private sandy beach and excellent fishing and boating on Mascoma Lake (5 miles long), with public boat launches and wonderful restaurants close by.

## 6 Northstar Campground

49 Coon Brook Road, Newport, NH 03773 • (603) 863-4001  
[info@northstarcampground.com](mailto:info@northstarcampground.com) • [www.northstarcampground.com](http://www.northstarcampground.com)  
*Spacious camping on the Sugar River with wooded sites and open field options.*

**Directions** Located 4 miles south of Newport on Rte. 10. From I-89 north, take exit 9, Rte. 103W to Newport. Ignore GPS instructions to take a left hand turn at Bradford Road (to avoid Blaisdell Road). Go all the way into Newport and turn left onto Rte. 10 south. From I-89 south, take Exit 13 Rte. 10 towards Croydon. Follow Rte. 10 south. From I-91, take exit 8, Rte. 11/103 E to Newport.

**Amenities** Swimming in our spring-fed pond, hiking, fishing, group area, pavilion, Wi-fi hotspot, hot showers, horseshoes, volleyball, and dump station.  
**SEE AD ON PAGE 78**

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**NORTHSTAR**  
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43 Coon Brook Rd.  
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Manchester 60 miles  
Portland 150 miles  
Montreal 220 miles

## 7 Pastures Campground (The)

499 NH Route 10, Orford, NH 03777 • (603) 353-4579  
camp@thepastures.com • www.thepastures.com

*The most scenic private campground on the Connecticut River.*

**Directions** From Vermont: I-91 Exit 15, off exit on to Route 5 for 1/3 mile, at Bridge, cross Samuel Morey Bridge into NH, turn right and go So. on NH Route 10, for 1/3 mile, just past the sign for NH 25 West on the left side, look for the entrance immediately on your right. From New Hampshire: I- 93, off on Exit 26 take NH 25 East to Warren, NH, left on 25A to Orford, quick left on NH Route 10, look for campground entrance on right.

**Amenities** 65 open sites with trees and grass, 30 and 50-amp service, playground, volleyball, horseshoes, boat launch, canoe/kayak/pontoon boat rentals, pool, river swimming nearby, great fishing (river and local lakes), 40 miles of river boating, free Wi-Fi, cell coverage. So come and join us. Turn off your cell phones and leave all hassles and work at home. Put your feet up and enjoy a quiet and peaceful time with your new friends and family. Your hosts, Doug & Kim Robinson

## 8 Storrs Pond Recreation Area

59 Oak Hill Drive, Hanover, NH 03755 • (603) 643-2134  
www.storrspond.org • info@storrspond.org

*Storrs Pond Recreation Area offers camping sites in the woodlands from mid-May to mid-October. We have a bathhouse with hot showers at no extra charge, electrical hook-up for RV's no larger than 35 feet, and a dump station.*

**Directions** From the junctions of Routes 10 and 120 in Hanover NH, proceed 1 mile north on Route 10. At the roundabout, head east on Reservoir Road for 1 mile. Follow signs to turn left to enter Storrs Pond. We suggest that campers over 40' access Storrs Pond by heading up East Wheelock St (1.3 miles) then take a left onto Grasse Road for 1.2 miles.

**Amenities** Located on the shore of the 13.5-acre Storrs Pond, sites have easy access to the hiking trails, pond and pool swimming, and the urban community of Hanover, New Hampshire. There is also fishing (no license required when fishing from shore), canoeing/kayaking, tennis (as available basis), hiking, mountain biking, disc golf, and trail running all available at Storrs Pond Rec Area.

## 9 Tippicanoe Campground

1295 Brook Road • Goshen, NH 03752 • (603) 863-8061  
www.tippicanoe.com • info@tippicanoe.com

*At Tippicanoe, we pride ourselves on offering a clean, tranquil environment where nature lovers can unwind. Enjoy our beautiful sandy beach and spring-fed pond. While most of our guests are seasonal campers, we warmly welcome short-term "transient" campers who are eager to make new friends! Our refreshing waters are perfect for swimming, kayaking, canoeing, or fishing in our state-stocked trout pond. While we love to have fun with special events like live bands, a festive pig roast, and a lobster festival, Tippicanoe remains a peaceful retreat, ideal for those looking to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life. We are proud to maintain a smoke and vape-free environment, ensuring a clean and relaxing atmosphere for everyone. Our campsites are meticulously cared for, with many featuring lovely landscapes to enhance your experience. Situated just 4 miles from Sunapee State Park and Beach, we offer easy access for those with larger boats or who enjoy jet skiing. Grocery stores and restaurants are conveniently located nearby, and you're only a short drive away from the charming Vermont Country Store. Plus, it's just a scenic ninety-minute drive to Hampton Beach or the majestic White Mountains. Come and discover your sanctuary at Tippicanoe, where families and friends can truly unwind and reconnect with nature!*

**Directions** for GPS use 1295 Brook Road, Goshen, NH 03752 Brook Road is a connector road between Route 103 (exit 9 off of Route 89) and Route 10 (from Newport, NH) Easy to get to, on all paved state roads.

**Amenities** At our campground, we strive to make your experience comfortable and enjoyable with a variety of excellent amenities: Modern Bathrooms & Showers, Laundry Room, Spring-Fed Trout Pond, Sandy Beach Area, Fun Playground, Fully Equipped RV Sites, Fire Rings & Picnic Tables, Sunny & Shady Sites Available, Horseshoes.

## STATE PARKS

■ PILLSBURY Washington, NH

■ SUNAPEE MOUNTAIN Newbury, NH

*See pages 88 and 89 for more information.*





## BOATING INFORMATION

**All operators are required to obey laws that regulate your vessel's registration and operation.**

### **Registering Your Vessel**

You must have a New Hampshire Certificate of Registration and validation decals to operate your vessel legally on public waters in New Hampshire. This includes motorboats of any size (including those with electric motors) and sailboats or sailboards 12 feet in length or longer.

Only exceptions are:

- Sailboats and sailboards under 12 feet in length.
- Other small, non-motorized vessels such as canoes and kayaks.
- Vessels registered in other states using New Hampshire waters for 30 or fewer consecutive days.

The Certificate of Registration must be on board and available for inspection by an enforcement officer whenever the vessel is operated.

### **Where to Register**

The Certificate of Registration and validation decals are obtained by submitting the proper application and fee to the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles, or one of its authorized agents. To obtain forms:

- Call 603-227-4030
- Visit or write the DMV office: Gov. Stephen Merrill Building  
23 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305-0002

### **Who May Operate a Vessel**

- A vessel powered by 25 horsepower or less does not require the operator to have a Safe Boater Education Certificate.
- A "ski craft" may only be operated by persons who are 16 years old or older who have a valid Safe Boater Education Certificate.
- A vessel powered by more than 25 horsepower (other than a ski craft) may be operated by:
  - A person under 16 years of age only if he or she is accompanied by a person 18 years old or older who has a valid Safe Boater Education certificate. The accompanying person is responsible for any injury or damage caused during operation of the vessel.
  - A person under 16 years of age or older only if he or she has obtained a Safe Boater Education Certificate.

### **Important Numbers**

Emergency: 911 • Boat Registration: 603-227-4030  
(Monday – Friday)

Safe Boating Education: 1-888-254-2125

[www.boatingeducation.nh.gov](http://www.boatingeducation.nh.gov)

### **Life Jackets (AKA: Personal Flotation Devices – PFD'S)**

- Any child under the age of 13 must wear a life jacket. This life jacket has to be US Coast Guard approved, in serviceable condition, the proper size, proper type (Type I, II, III or V-only counts if worn).
- Stand Up Paddleboards are required to have a life jacket on board. Anyone under the age of 13 must be wearing it.
- For individuals 13 years old and older that are not wearing life jackets, they must be "Readily Accessible", which is defined as within arms reach.
- Vessels 16' and greater must have a type IV (US Coast Guard throwable device, IE. square cushion with straps, or throw ring) IN ADDITION to a wearable life jacket for each person on board.

### **Navigational Lights**

- Non-Mechanical Powered Craft (IE. Canoe, Kayak, Paddle Boat, Rowboat, etc) must have one (1) white light visible 360 degrees to the horizon visible for two (2) miles from sunset to sunrise.
- Mechanical Powered Craft (IE. Powerboat, Canoe with an electric trolling motor used for propulsion) must have one (1) white light visible 360 degrees to the horizon visible for two (2) miles AND red (port side) and green (starboard side) navigational bow lights.

### **Additional Safety Equipment to have on board**

- Sound Producing Device (required)
- Fire Extinguishers (required on mechanical craft)
- Anchor with line (recommended)

### **The Division of State Police, Bureau of Marine Patrol**

**31 Dock Road, Glendale, N.H. 03249**

**603-293-2037 or Toll Free 1-877-642-9700**

[www.marinepatrol.nh.gov](http://www.marinepatrol.nh.gov)