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Consistently named one of the 10 best places to live in New Hampshire, Dover is also a great place to work or visit. With a population of approximately 31,000, Dover is the largest city in New Hampshire’s Seacoast Region and boasts a bustling downtown, more than 60 dining establishments, and a vibrant arts community.

Rich with history, Dover and the surrounding area are home to a number of museums and historic sites. Our walkable downtown hosts major community events such as the Cochecho Arts Festival and Apple Harvest Day. Just outside the downtown area you’ll find a wide variety of retail and commercial businesses, healthcare facilities, and endless recreational options.

We invite you to explore Dover – the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire – in the pages of this Guidebook, and then come visit us in person! We look forward to welcoming you.

Margaret Joyce
President
Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce
1. COCHECHO ARTS FESTIVAL
   Produced by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, this summer-long festival features more than 30 shows of (mostly New Hampshire-based!) live music, art, and theater. cochechoartsfestival.org

2. APPLE HARVEST DAY
   Held on the first Saturday of October, this popular event features over 300 vendors, live entertainment, a 5K road race, children’s activities, delicious food and, of course, apples! dovernh.org/appleharvestday

3. CHILDREN’S MUSEUM OF NH
   A visit to the Children’s Museum combines learning with FUN! Permanent and rotating exhibits include Cave Explorers, Dino Detective, Music Matrix, and the ever-popular Yellow Submarine. childrens-museum.org

4. WOODMAN MUSEUM
   A place for discovery and wonder, the Woodman Museum offers an eclectic collection of artifacts and curiosities. The exhibits, ranging from science and history to art and architecture, appeal to all ages. woodmanmuseum.org

5. DOVER ART WALK
   Discover Dover’s art community every first Friday of the month from 4 to 8 p.m. Plan your route with the Dover Art Walk Map and enjoy visual and performing arts at a variety of locations including Washington Street Mills, where a number of artists open their studios. doverartwalk.com

6. WALK OR BIKE DOVER
   Explore the multi-use Dover Community Trail. This pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly trail follows a former railroad bed through much of the city and provides public access to greenways along the Cochecho and Bellamy rivers. dover.nh.gov

7. GARRISON HILL TOWER
   Built in 1993, this 76-foot-tall observatory sits atop Garrison Hill in Garrison Hill Park. On a clear day enjoy a birds-eye view of the White Mountains and the Isles of Shoals. Garrison Hill Park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. garrisonhilltower.com

8. DESTINATION SHOPPING
   From downtown specialty shops and long-time independent retailers such as Red’s Shoe Barn, to farmers’ markets, larger chain stores and the nearby Mall at Fox Run, Dover has all your shopping needs covered! (see page 20)

9. EXPLORE THE COCHECHO RIVER
   Explore the river that runs through the heart of downtown Dover. Put your canoe or kayak in at the paddle sports dock on Dover’s waterfront and enjoy a mixture of natural and urban landscapes. The Cochecho is one of many local rivers open for year-round fishing and is stocked in the spring/early summer by New Hampshire Fish and Game. wildlife.state.nh.us

10. DOVER RECREATION
    Swim in New Hampshire’s only Olympic-sized swimming pool (the Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool), skate year round at the Dover Ice Arena, work out at the McConnell Fitness Center, or bring your pup to Longhill Dog Park. dover.nh.gov
Settled in 1623, Dover is the oldest continuous settlement in New Hampshire, and the seventh oldest settlement in the United States. The City will celebrate its 400th anniversary in 2023! Encompassing approximately 27 square miles, the original township of Dover included the present towns of Dover, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Somersworth, Rollinsford, and parts of Newmarket, Newington, and Greenland. The Garrison City’s connection to the Atlantic Ocean through the Piscataqua River to its east, and the Cochecho and Bellamy Rivers running through its center, played a major role in its development—contributing to successful shipbuilding and farming industries, and powering its many mills and Dover’s brick and cotton industries.

Dover became part of the New Hampshire province in 1679 and served as the state capital in 1792. In 1855, Dover became a city. America’s oldest family farm, Tuttle’s Farm, on Dover Point Road, was originally settled by John Tuttle in 1632 when he came to the New World with a land grant from King Charles II. Tuttle’s Farm gained renown as one of the country’s oldest continually-operating farms, and operation of the farm passed down through 11 generations of Tuttles before being put up for sale in 2009. In 2007, the Tuttles sold a conservation easement to the Strafford Rivers Conservancy, thereby permanently protecting 125 acres of land from any use other than farming. Today, Tendercrop Farm sells fresh produce, meat and poultry, baked goods and gifts on the site of the original Tuttle Farm.

The Colonel Paul Wentworth House, part of the Association for Rollinsford Culture and History, in neighboring Rollinsford is one of the oldest surviving dwellings constructed in New Hampshire. Built in 1701 during the brief interval between the two bloodiest wars fought on New Hampshire soil, the house serves as a symbol of the resolve of early area pioneers Paul and Abra...
The Woodman Museum, founded in 1916, is considered one of New England’s finest nineteenth century-style natural science, local history and art museums.

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Downtown Dover’s eclectic Woodman Museum is a place for discovery, wonder and the study of our common history. It is home to a singular collection of artifacts and curiosities, with exhibits on natural science, history, art and culture.

Among the relics are a 1771 tax bill to the citizens of Dover from King George, one of Napoleon’s cannons, and a saddle used by Abraham Lincoln to review troops shortly before his assassination. Located on the Woodman Museum campus, the Damm Garrison House is one of the few remaining garrisons in the U.S. Originally located in the Back River district of Dover, the Damm Garrison was moved to its present site at the museum and greets visitors as it did over 300 years ago.

The Dover Public Library is a natural stop in a historical journey of the city, both for its wealth of research tools, and for its own historical significance in the heritage of U.S. public libraries. The first library in Dover, privately owned by subscribers, existed before the English colonies became the United States of America. In 1849, New Hampshire was the first state to enact legislation authorizing the establishment of public libraries, and Dover’s public library was founded in 1884. The current structure opened on Locust Street on July 19, 1905.

For more history on this New Hampshire Seacoast city, take a guided historic walking tour and learn about the rise and fall of the textile industry, notable visitors and residents of Dover past and present, and visit the three waterways – the Piscataqua, Cochecho, and Bellamy Rivers – that gave Dover its economic edge in the region. For information on these tours, call (603) 742-2218 or grab a map and guidebook at the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, and take yourself on a tour of Dover’s Heritage Trails, three self-guided walking tours of the area.
Dover is at the heart of the Seacoast music scene. Live-music enthusiasts in Dover can find shows in town nearly every night of the week, with a wide range of genres spanning from bluegrass to traditional Irish tunes to heavy metal and jazz.

The Cochecho Arts Festival, presented by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, is a summer-long concert series featuring Friday night headliners, Tuesday children's series, “Shark in the Park” Wednesday concert series, Thursday community band series and the dinner and a movie series. Visit cochechoartsfestival.org for the full summer schedule of concerts and movies.

The Dover Brickhouse features local and regional bands, as well as karaoke and trivia. The live music room upstairs supports great music weekly. doverbrickhouse.com

Cara Irish Pub & Restaurant has something different every night including karaoke, trivia, and an open Irish jam session. Upstairs from Cara, the Chameleon Club is a nightclub complete with DJ, but also a great place to see performances and comedians. caraishpub.com

Thompson’s Second Alarm offers live music every Friday and Saturday at its firefighter-themed restaurant. thompsonstavern.com

Bad Lab Beer Co. hosts live music every Friday and Saturday at its brewery and tasting room. badlabbeer.com

Foster’s Daily Democrat lists entertainment options every Thursday in its EDGE magazine, which can be found at the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and other locations throughout the region.
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Dover Art Walk is a grassroots community event held on the first Friday of every month from 4 to 8 pm. Local galleries, merchants, neighbors and friends join together in celebration of the Arts. Local merchants and galleries are open to showcase Dover’s artists and their work. Start at the Washington Street Mills and the Art Center, pick up a map of the Art Walk, and visit many of the artists who work out of the mill. From there, visit other participating businesses along the route including Gallery 6 at The Children’s Museum, the Flower Room, Ross Furniture, and Cara Irish Pub. doverartwalk.com

In nearby Durham, visit the University of New Hampshire’s Museum of Art to engage with art through exhibitions, hands-on study, educational programs, and the creative process. Right next door is the University’s Department of Theatre & Dance, a center for the fine and performing arts. unh.edu

Garrison Players is a nonprofit, volunteer-based community theater dedicated to enriching the cultural life of the area by presenting high-quality theatrical performances for family audiences and youth theater education programs. garrisonplayers.org

The Rochester Opera House presents a full performance season of shows for adults, families, students, and teens in its restored historic theatre, as well as a theatre camp and art gallery. rocheteropenhouse.com

Fostering creativity and enthusiasm for dance through instruction and performance in and around Dover are McDonough-Grimes Irish Dance, Sole City Dance, and Tri-Star Gymnastics & Dance.

Dover is fortunate to be home to many talented and creative residents. Duane Bean is a pen and ink artist whose specialty is New England architecture, landscapes, and seascapes. Susan E. Hanna of SEH Studios paints landscapes, coastal scenes, garden scenes and portraits and also offers lessons. Photographers including Soulful Shutter Photography, Photography by Carin, Lydia Williams Photography, Greg West Photography and Chris Keeley Photography, capture the essence, beauty and culture of the region and its people. Sweaty Turtle Entertainment offers creative and thoughtful professional videography services. Visit the business directory at dovernh.org for details.
Shopping abounds in downtown Dover! Satisfy your sweet tooth at Lickee’s & Chewy’s Candies & Creamery, a unique chocolate, candy and ice cream kingdom. Be sure to check out their custom shakes and gourmet hot chocolate!

Jewelry Creations offers many different designer lines of high-quality, elegant jewelry at the best possible prices. At Market Square Jewelers find antique jewelry, fine gemstones, historical diamond engagement rings, and a full-service jewelry repair shop.

Since 1983, Philbrick’s Sports Center has been offering sporting goods at competitive prices. Their bike shop features a friendly staff and a full-service menu. No shopping trip to Dover would be complete without a stop at Red’s Shoe Barn, which features three floors jam-packed with more than 100,000 pairs of shoes, sneakers, boots, and footwear of every type.

Local florists The Flower Room, Garrison Hill Florists, and Sweet Meadows Flower Shop are all full-service shops offering fresh flowers and plants for a wide range of occasions. Wentworth Greenhouses offers flowering potted plants, annuals, vegetables, perennials, and herbs in their spacious Rollinsford location.

Photosmith is one of the last places in the region that still processes and prints film, including C-41, black and white, E-6, 35mm, and 120. They also offer digital printing, scanning, home movie transfers and restorations. The Art Center, located in the Washington Street Mills, displays and sells artwork by local artisans and also offers custom framing. Popzup Popcorn, also located in the Washington Street Mills, makes hand-popped popcorn and a line of popcorn seasoning and also offers its patented, eco-friendly Popzup Popper that is re-usable and free of chemicals or plastic.

Shoppers can enjoy many retail options in downtown Dover.
Ross Furniture, family owned and operated for over 70 years, has specials on furniture for your living room, dining room, kitchen, or bedroom. Southeast New Hampshire Habitat for Humanity’s ReStore in Newington is a great place to find affordable used furniture. Strafford Appliance Company has appliances from audio and visual equipment to kitchen and laundry appliances.

Stop by The Herbal Path for natural health remedies and supplements, and chat with the staff for knowledgeable advice and naturopathic consultation. Earth Harmony Wellness offers transformational tools to assist in your spiritual journey for mind, body and spirit.

Make a day of shopping in Newington’s Mall at Fox Run, where you can find many department stores, specialty shops and local kiosks.
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No matter your mood, craving, or occasion, you’ll find many options in the Greater Dover area! Harvey’s Bakery and Coffee Shop offers delicious baked goods and is family owned with award-winning recipes for bread, pastries, sandwiches, chowder, pies and wedding cakes.  

2 Home Cooks provides their guests with delicious and unique, homemade breakfast and lunch dishes using fresh, local food sources whenever possible. In addition to being a popular function venue, The Silver Fountain Inn & Tea Parlor serves lunch and tea daily. Try the “Duchess,” a three-tiered platter of tea sandwiches, scones and desserts. The Nook serves breakfast and lunch daily with a focus on fresh and local foods.  

The downtown bar and grill scene is hopping, with delicious options such as The Dover Brickhouse whose menu features fresh soups and salads, burgers and sandwiches, hand-cut fries and wings. Cara Irish Pub & Restaurant has a great casual atmosphere with a traditional Irish menu for a lunch meeting or drink after work on the outdoor patio, or host your function in their spacious upstairs Chameleon Club. Thompson Tavern has established itself as one of the top sports bars on the Seacoast. Nestled next to the Cochecho River in historic downtown, Thompson Tavern features the only rooftop deck in the area. Blue Latitudes Bar & Grill located in the north end of the Cocheco Falls Millworks building, serves down east comfort food with a twist. Enjoy a locally-inspired menu at Ember Wood Fired Grill, housed in the original 1865 Dover Firehouse, one of the oldest historic landmarks in the city.

Christopher’s Third Street Grille is a staple in downtown Dover, serving delicious steak, seafood, and spirits. Garrison City Beerworks is an innovative nanobrewery focused on bringing quality craft beer to the region with their tap room located on Central Avenue. From traditional recipes to bold brews, Bad Lab Beer Co. features a variety of tasty flights and bites. Visit them at 460 High St. in Somersworth, just over the Dover border.
craft beer as well as seasonally inspired dishes at its Somersworth tasting room. Federal Cigar offers cigar and spirit pairings with lots of comfy leather seating and plenty of wide-screen TVs.

Looking for some international flair? La Festa Brick & Brew Pizzeria is known throughout the area for its delicious pizza, and is always brimming with patrons. Patty B’s is an authentic Italian family restaurant where everything is made from scratch and the marinara sauce recipe is a closely guarded secret! Khaophums is a family-owned and operated restaurant offering authentic Thai cuisine. Oriental Delight serves Chinese and Japanese cuisine and cocktails. Dos Amigos Burritos serves delicious, fresh, and healthy Mexican fare at an affordable price. Cinco de Mayo Bar & Grill serves authentic Mexican cuisine. Little Lebanon to Go (also known as Quick to Go) offers fresh, family-made Mediterranean food.

If seafood is what you’re craving, Newick’s Lobster House, overlooking the scenic Great Bay, has been serving high-quality seafood at an affordable price for over 60 years, through three family generations. The Beach Plum’s lobster roll is legendary, having been voted “Best of New Hampshire” for nine consecutive years. Their three locations feature slightly different menus but all three offer 78 flavors of ice cream!

The “Miracle Mile” outside downtown is filled to the brim with shopping plazas and restaurants such as Earth’s Harvest Kitchen & Juicery, Panera Bread, and Dunkin Donuts. Tucker’s offers breakfast and lunch served with the tagline, “Good Eats, Great People.” Takeout Guys brings your favorite restaurants to your home, office or hotel via its delivery service. Chef Michael’s Personal Chef Service uses locally-sourced produce and fresh ingredients to prepare meals in your home for everyday or special occasions.

Prefer a picnic in the park? Stop by Janetos Superette for fresh local produce, dairy, breads, wine, fresh meat and deli service, subs and sandwiches. If organic, fresh and old-world breads are what you are looking for, The Olde Craft Bakery has you covered! Clyde’s Cupcakes is a gourmet scratch bakery operating in Exeter, offering a wide array of baked goods made fresh daily.

Whether it’s a wedding, concert, business conference, non-profit fundraiser or political rally, Rivermill at Dover Landing, an artfully restored, historic mill space located in downtown Dover with the capacity to seat over 350 guests, fits the bill. The Cochecho Country Club is a private club with banquet facilities perfectly suited for weddings, office parties, seminars, fundraisers, private dinners, and reunions. The Links at Outlook provides exceptional staff and attention to detail with several unique venues to host your guests, while enjoying spectacular views of the 18-hole championship golf course. The American Legion Dover #8 can
accommodate up to 100 people for a variety of events. The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church rents its parish hall, which can accommodate up to 70 people.

The Regatta Banquet & Conference Center in nearby Eliot, Maine, has three beautifully appointed function rooms with top-of-the-line, wireless audio visual equipment and a large modern kitchen. The Governor’s Inn in neighboring Rochester is a delightful alternative to a traditional conference center with rooms of all sizes for corporate or personal events. The Hall at Great Falls in Somersworth was originally constructed as a church meeting hall and now serves as a venue for any occasion from weddings to business meetings. Just over the border in Lebanon, Maine, Tuckaway Tree Farm is a unique, natural event venue offering a contemplative, peaceful setting. The Martel Roberge Function Center Post 47 in Rollinsford offer three banquet rooms for special events of all types.

Liberty Lane Catering, offers premier full-service catering and expertly prepared and professionally served food that is guaranteed to impress. Mezzanine Catering provides banquet service, corporate breakfasts/luncheons/events, and personal chef services with attention to detail. T&D Concessions will take care of all your event needs with mobile or indoor concession stands and catering. Slush King offers trailers, pushcarts or tents featuring their homemade slush.
DOVERFARMS.ORG

DOVER'S FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION
July 4 | Henry Law Park
Set up early to catch the fireworks at 9:15 p.m. from Henry Law Park, where there are 200 permanent amphitheater style seats surrounding the stage at the Rotary Arts Pavilion. There is also additional seating on the grass in lower Henry Law Park. dover.nh.gov

COCHECHO ARTS FESTIVAL
July/August | Henry Law Park

DOVER FARMERS’ MARKET
Every Wed., 2:15-6 p.m., June-Oct.
Dover Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center, 550 Central Avenue
Every Sun., 10 a.m.-2 p.m., May-Oct.
Henry Law Park
The Seacoast Grower’s Association presents the Dover Farmers’ Markets where you can browse fresh, locally-grown food, flowers, wine, meats and other locally-made products. seacoastgrowers.org

DOWNTOWN DINNER & MOVIE SERIES
July/August
In collaboration with local restaurants, dinner is served in the Cocheco Mill Courtyard with a classic movie on a jumbo screen to enjoy over a meal and drinks. Movies are scheduled throughout the summer beginning at 7 p.m. For a look at this summer’s lineup, visit dovermovies.com.

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Joe B. Parks Riverwalk
Public Gardens

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NEW HAMPSHIRE MAKER & FOOD FEST

Last Saturday in June, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Henry Law Park
The NH Maker & Food Fest (Formerly the Dover Mini Maker Faire) is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. From engineers to artists to scientists, to chefs, the Maker & Food Fest is a venue for these “makers” to show hobbies, experiments, projects, and to enjoy fantastic food.

DOVER DINES RESTAURANT WEEK

Mid-July
Dover Main Street invites you to come out and enjoy dining at great prices with participating restaurants during Dover Dines Restaurant Week. Menus and prices are posted prior to the event. dovermainstreet.org

BEDROCK GARDENS

19 High Road, Lee
An oasis of art, horticulture and inspiration, Bedrock Gardens, a public garden and cultural center, is a perfect destination for people interested in horticulture, interesting plants, hardscape, sculpture, landscape design, the arts or simply enjoying a stroll in a beautiful setting. The gardens are open Wednesday through Friday and the first and third weekends of each month, May through October, with the Fairy Hobbit Festival on Columbus Day weekend in October. Visit bedrockgardens.org for more information.

APPLE HARVEST DAY

First Saturday of October, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Downtown Dover
Dover’s biggest fall event. The festivities are scattered throughout the entire downtown Dover area and Henry Law Park, and includes hundreds of vendors, several stages of entertainment, children’s activities, and a 5k road race. Check dovernh.org/appleharvestday for a full schedule of events and activities.

DOVER OKTOBERFEST GRUB & PUB CRAWL

Mid September
What better way to celebrate Oktoberfest than a lazy Saturday afternoon pub crawl? More than 15 of downtown Dover’s best restaurants welcome thousands of people each year. Enjoy this social fall classic in Dover and the great authentic German cuisine, entertainment and beverages. Tickets go on sale in mid-August at participating restaurants. facebook.com/DoverOktoberfest

FESTIVAL OF TREES

First Friday after Thanksgiving Weekend, 4 to 8 p.m.
Rivermill at Dover Landing
Ring in the holiday season with creatively decorated and themed trees that are available through silent auction, all while enjoying holiday carols performed by area schools and churches. Visit dovernh.org/festival-of-trees for details.

THE CHILDREN’S MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

6 Washington Street
Must-see attraction for families, where fun meets learning in exhibits including the yellow submarine, fun areas teaching kids about physics and astronomy, and an exhibit of the Cochecho River ecosystem. childrens-museum.org

THE WOODMAN MUSEUM

182 Central Ave.
A place for discovery, wonder and the study of our common history, The Woodman Museum is home to four historic buildings that include an original 1675 colonial garrison house furnished with period artifacts, furniture, paintings, fire and police memorabilia, nautical instruments and model ships, and a Cocheco Mill exhibit. Where else in the world can you learn about the history of the Garrison City, and come face to face with a 10-foot tall polar bear or a two-headed snake? woodmanmuseum.org

HOLIDAY PARADE

Sunday after Thanksgiving | Central Avenue
An annual family tradition, with many local businesses and organizations participating with fun floats, school marching bands, and, of course, the big man himself—Santa! The parade winds through downtown and brings holiday cheer to all.
GARRISON HILL TOWER
Abbey Sawyer Memorial Highway
Garrison Hill Tower is a 76-foot-tall observatory atop Garrison Hill (298 feet high) in Dover. The current tower, made of iron painted green, was built in 1993 and is the third tower to exist on the hill. The park in which it stands is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. On a clear day, one can view the White Mountains and the Isles of Shoals from atop the tower. garrisonhilltower.com

RAITT HOMESTEAD FARM MUSEUM
2077 State Rd, Eliot, Maine
The Raitt Homestead Farm Museum is a 33-acre farm property that preserves and showcases farming history, and an 1800s former dairy farm, buildings and equipment. The Museum hosts a vintage car show in June and the annual Eliot Antique Tractor & Engine Show in July. raittfarmmuseum.org

JENNY THOMPSON POOL AT GUPPEY PARK
140 Portland Ave.
Features a 50-meter outdoor competition pool and is a favorite destination of many summer camps during the hot summer months. Opening near the end of June, the Jenny Thompson Pool hosts many regional swim meets during the summer, including USA Swimming sanctioned meets. dover.nh.gov

DOVER ICE ARENA
110 Portland Ave.
Dover Ice Arena provides recreational activities including public skating, hockey, youth programs, and special events throughout the year, and is the home facility for Dover Youth Hockey, the Great Bay Figure Skating Club, and six local high school teams. dover.nh.gov

PAUL WENTWORTH HOUSE
47 Water St, Rollinsford
The Association for Rollinsford Culture and History maintains the circa 1701 Colonel Paul Wentworth House as an educational and cultural center. One of New Hampshire’s oldest surviving colonial structures, the Wentworth House hosts living history events, exhibits, hearth-cooked dinners, demonstrations, and other special activities throughout the year. paulwentworthhouse.org

RECREATION
GET OUTSIDE! GET ACTIVE! GET MOVING!
There are plenty of ways to stay active in the greater Dover area. Play disc golf in Bellamy Park or kayak from Henry Law Park to Hilton Park. Dog lovers can let their pups roam at the Longhill Memorial Park. An extensive state-owned tract of land, with woods, fields and river front, Bellamy River Wildlife Sanctuary is one of the larger public woodlands in the area. The Dover Community Trail is a network of trails throughout the city that allows for hiking, running, biking, wildlife viewing, canoeing, and kayaking.

Great Bay Rowing offers members facilities, equipment and instruction in sweep and sculling techniques, to row at both competitive (novice, JV, and varsity) and recreational levels. Great Bay Yacht Club was founded in 1954 to foster the spirit of sailing in the Great Bay area but its members now take to the sea in all types of vessels, both power and sail. The Gundalow Company offers daily sails on the ‘Piscataqua’, a traditional re-creation of the flat-bottom gundalows that were once prevalent along local waterways. Portsmouth Harbor Cruises also offers fully narrated harbor cruises through nearly 400 years of local and American history as well as tours of the Isles of Shoals, sunset and wine tours.

The Dover Road Race Series consists of 11 area races. Registered participants completing seven out of 11 races with at least one race being longer than a 5K receive a series apparel item. Learn more at doverraceseries.com.

The Links at Outlook Golf Course offers 18 holes on a beautiful, 140-acre golf course, surrounded by rolling bentgrass fairways and greens. A private 18-hole championship golf course, uniquely designed and built by two different architects is located at Dover’s Cochecho Country Club.

A short distance away, you can get your blood pumping at New England Dragway, watching world class motorsports excitement. Its signature event, the annual NHRA New England Nationals, draws fans and competitors from all over the country making it the largest drag racing event in the Northeast.

The New Hampshire Fisher Cats minor league baseball team based in Manchester, New Hampshire, which plays in the Eastern League, and is the Double-A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays major league club. Seacoast United Soccer Club offers soccer, field hockey, and baseball at its location just off Route 1 in Portsmouth.

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce offers Historic Walking Tours throughout the summer and fall. There are three types of tours available: the Downtown Tour, the Cemetery Tour, and the Architectural Tour. Tours cost $10 per person, with a $25 limit per family. Call 603.742.2218 for information and reservations.
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Exit 9 off the Spaulding Turnpike offers easy access to several outstanding lodging properties: Comfort Inn & Suites boasts spacious suites and award-winning service; Hampton Inn Dover provides free shuttle service to local destinations; Homewood Suites accommodates short- and long-term stays in spacious studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom suites; and Microtel Inn & Suites features kitchenettes and whirlpool suites.

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Dover is a wonderful place to call home, whether in a picturesque residential neighborhood, a modernized mill building apartment, or a scenic waterfront property.

**Living Options**

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New Hampshire’s Seacoast Region is unique in its proximity to both ocean and mountains, and Dover’s location surrounded by beautiful countryside, while still a short drive to Boston or Portland, makes it an optimal place to live. Diverse housing options in Dover reflect a wide architectural influence. Walk along the streets that surround the downtown area and you’ll see plenty of examples of the many different types of architecture used through the city, dating back to the late 1700s. Georgian, Colonial, and Victorian homes combine well with modern apartments and condominiums throughout the residential areas.

Historic mills have been transformed into apartments, offering modern living with picturesque views of rivers, waterfalls and historic bridgework. A modern downtown apartment could make the Henry Law Park your extended backyard, with easy access to the city’s many cafes, restaurants, and entertainment venues. Orpheum, Dover’s newest luxury apartment homes, will feature amenities such as a fitness center, dog washing station and rooftop terrace. New neighborhoods are planned with careful consideration given to preserving the natural environment while still allowing for quality homes. The median value of owner-occupied housing units in Dover is $240,000, while the median cost of a single-family home is $280,000.

For a list of residential and commercial realtors, as well as property managers, visit page 63.

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The Dover public school system includes a new modern high school with an outstanding technology center and regional career technical center, a state-of-the-art middle school, and three excellent elementary schools. Dover’s private schools include BigFish Learning Community, Saint Mary Academy (PreK-8th Grade), and Portsmouth Christian Academy at Dover (PreK-12th Grade). Dover is also home to the Cochecho Arts and Technology Academy, a public charter high school, and Seacoast Charter School, a publicly-funded elementary and middle school focused on experiencing education through the arts. Additional schools nearby include Somersworth’s Tri-City Christian Academy (PreK-12th Grade) and Oyster River High School in Durham.

Quality education, child care and support services abound in and around Dover. Monarch School of New England provides day school that serves children ages five to 21 with significant physical, medical, developmental, behavioral and emotional disabilities. Strafford County Learning Center is responsive to the evolving needs of school districts, students and families, supporting all learners in reaching their highest potential. The Dover Adult Learning Center of Strafford County helps adults in the Strafford County area enhance their life-coping skills and improving their lives through basic education, job training, high school completion, and enrichment classes.

Dover is just six miles from The University of New Hampshire’s main campus in neighboring Durham, ranked one of the safest college towns in the U.S. in 2017 by safewise.com. Dover is on the UNH Wildcat Transit route, making for a convenient commute for both students and university employees. Great Bay Community College in nearby Portsmouth provides accessible, student-centered, quality higher education programs. Granite State College, with a location at nearby Pease International Tradeport, has proudly served adult students in the region since 1972.
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From a vibrant and bustling downtown to large corporate campuses, Dover offers many options for companies choosing to put down roots in the area. Dover’s vibrant and bustling city center is populated with small businesses, shops, restaurants, and residential units that are housed in converted mills, historic buildings, and modern mixed-use facilities. Outside the downtown are industrial parks that are home to manufacturing and service companies of all types. Our business-friendly community is attractive to businesses of all sizes. Larger organizations that call Dover home include Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Liberty Mutual, and AdvancEd/Measured Progress.

Dover is part of one of the most desirable regions in New England and our stable economy make Dover a popular choice for doing business. The region continues to attract a younger, highly-trained labor force, which is attributable to Dover’s continued economic growth and attractive housing options. The City’s waterfront district is currently undergoing a revitalization effort that will only add to Dover’s appeal.

Dover is within easy reach of Manchester-Boston Regional Airport (the third-largest cargo airport in New England), the Portland (Maine) International Jetport, Boston’s Logan International Airport, the Port of Portsmouth, and the Pease International Trade Zone. The city and the surrounding areas are easily accessed via New Hampshire Route 16 (the Spaulding Turnpike) just off the Interstate 95 corridor.

Dover is served by Amtrak’s Downeaster passenger rail service, which runs from Boston to Brunswick, Maine. C&J Bus Lines provides motor coach service to Portsmouth, Newburyport, Mass., Boston’s South Station, Logan Airport, and New York City. COAST’s (Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation) bus routes connect downtown Dover with business parks on the perimeter of the city, as well as to employment, educational, and cultural destinations throughout the Seacoast. Whether you are starting, relocating,
or expanding a business, you’ll find an ideal combination of a positive economic climate and outstanding quality of life here in Dover. dover.nh.gov/business-in-dover

**Dover: Facts at a Glance**

**Census**
- Population: 31,398
- Population Density: 1,162.09/sq mile
- Total Households: 16,028

**Property Taxes**
- 2018 Rate: $24.92 per $1,000 of valuation
- 2018 Property Valuation: $3,446,636,790
- 2018 Total Property Tax Commitment: $85,152,154

**Real Estate**
- Housing Costs: $289,154 (median value)
- Total Housing Units: 14,000
- Typical Apartment Rental (2 bedroom): $1,300

**Schools**
- Cost per Student: $11,816.57
- Student to Teacher Ratio: 14:7:1
- Graduation Rate: 92%

**Workforce**
Dover’s workforce is highly educated, skilled, and committed. Most of Dover’s residents are employed in office and administrative work, manufacturing, retail, sales and related healthcare and social assistance. A higher than average percentage of the workforce (ages 16 to 64) remains employed. Dover’s total workforce is 18,895. In 2018, 33.5% of the labor force worked in Dover, 55.9% commuted to another New Hampshire community, and 10.6% commuted out of state.

**Additional Facts**
- 28.87 square miles of land. 50 miles of river frontage. An average elevation of 80’.
- 6 Wards. Average number of residents per ward is 5,000. There are over 900 fire hydrants, 130 miles of public streets and 70 plus acres of parkland. Full emergency services (police, fire and ambulance); city water and sewer; public and private solid waste disposal; a recycling program; electricity and natural gas through utilities.
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Approximately an hour from Boston to the south and Portland to the north, and 15 minutes to Portsmouth and the University of New Hampshire, Dover’s location in the region contributes to its status as one of the fastest growing cities in New Hampshire.

Downtown Dover’s Transportation Center is one of three New Hampshire stops on Amtrak’s Downeaster (amtrakdowneaster.com) passenger rail service connecting Brunswick, Maine, to Boston. The Transportation Center also provides connections to taxis, limousines, and local bus service by COAST (coastbus.org) and UNH’s Wildcat Transit. Both services have routes throughout the city and to neighboring communities.

C&J Bus Lines (ridecj.com) provides daily intercity service to Logan Airport, Boston South Station, and New York City. C&J operates from a state Park & Ride lot, providing free parking for travelers, just off the Spaulding Turnpike, at Exit 9. The Manchester-Boston Regional Airport is less than an hour’s drive from Dover and is served by several major carriers. Parking is ample and affordable.

Dover’s downtown is extremely walkable with parking readily available on street, in the Orchard Street parking garage (which is equipped with electric vehicle charging stations), or at city-owned parking lots located throughout the city. In addition to several other historic and recreational walking trails, the Dover Community Trail provides a safe and easy route to walk and bike around the city with several convenient access points including the Rotary Trailhead at the Dover Transportation center.

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