

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

According to my map, there are more than 234 towns in the state of New Hampshire. Why didn't you include all of them?

True, if you included all the unincorporated areas in the state, the number would exceed 234 (actually, the number would be 256). However, the state of New Hampshire officially recognizes 234 towns and municipalities. Quoting from NH.gov, the official web site of the state of New Hampshire, "...New Hampshire has 10 counties, 13 municipalities, 221 towns and 22 unincorporated places." That was good enough for me.

For more information, check out NH.gov: <http://www.nh.gov/municipal/index.html>. Profiles for each of New Hampshire's towns, cities and unincorporated areas may be found by clicking on the appropriate link.

Why did you start the 234 Club?

As much as I hate to admit it, I copied an idea born in Vermont. The 251 Club of Vermont has been in existence for many years. I thought it was a terrific idea, but could find no evidence that a similar club existed in New Hampshire. So, here we are.

How many people have visited all 234 towns and cities?

I wish I knew! Articles about the Club have appeared in most of the state's newspapers and I have been interviewed on several radio and television programs including National Public Radio. I have even spoken to school groups as they begin to discuss New Hampshire history. As a result of all this publicity, I have mailed out hundreds (thousands?) of information sheets about the Club. Many people have called or written to let me know that they have completed the task of visiting all 234 towns and cities. But, since the Club is very informal—no meetings, dues, membership lists, etc.—I really have no way of knowing how many people are actually "members." The important thing is that people are seeing, firsthand, our beautiful state.

What are some of the more unusual stories members have told you about their attempt to visit all 234 towns and cities?

Many people start their quest when they retire. Many others have started when they moved to the state as a way of getting to know their new home. Quite a few people have told me they made the trek in their antique automobiles or on their motorcycles, or in their motor homes. However, without question, the most unusual story is told by two friends who have a serious hobby of studying butterflies in New Hampshire—they actually collected at least one butterfly in each of the towns and cities including the unincorporated places!

Where can I get maps or more information?

Without question, the best resource is the *New Hampshire Atlas and Gazetteer* published by DeLorme. The *Gazeteer* has detailed maps (each covering an area of about 10 miles by 15 miles) that show roads, boundaries, rivers/streams/lakes, mountains, many places of interest, and even houses/churches/schools/businesses. The *Gazeteer* is available at many bookstores, or you may contact:

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