Anyone who visits Grandfather Mountain discovers a place that inspires awe through natural wonders. You’ll never experience the same mountain twice. Today you might come face-to-face with an eagle. Another day you may see wildflowers in bloom. Just talk with one of our naturalists to understand more about these living treasures and learn where to find them. There’s nowhere else on Earth that you can enjoy such a variety of mountain life in one amazing place.

The views are ancient. The experiences are all brand new.

A small part of you is still 9 years old. And fascinated by butterflies.

On Grandfather Mountain, you become part of a wonder-filled community that invites you to seek out salamanders, become king (or queen) of the boulder, or throw a Frisbee. Never before have you felt so eager to run and play, or had such a perfect place for it. With rocky outcroppings and fragile forest hideaways to explore, it’s easy to tap your inner adventurer. Come find an adventure that’s just your size, at just your pace.

The views on Grandfather Mountain are more than another pretty picture. As you breathe the crisp air and scan the surrounding hills, you’ll feel far away from the cares of the world. Perhaps it’s because Grandfather Mountain’s peaks loom almost 6,000 feet above sea level, revealing unrivaled landscapes that calm your spirit. A pristine haven for diverse wildlife and rugged topography, the mountain will expand your horizons and protect your peace of mind, too.

High above sea level, you’ve never felt so grounded.

Every ticket sold helps keep Grandfather Mountain pristine and beautiful for generations to come, thanks to the careful oversight of the Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation.

Keeping Grandfather Mountain Green (well, except in the winter).

Wonders never cease
Rare wildlife. Rarer experiences.

High on Grandfather Mountain the possibilities are as endless as the views. The whole family will love the exhilaration of altitude, and nature enthusiasts delight in native wildlife habitats and naturalist programs. Those who want to relax will head for scenic overlooks or picnic areas, while curious types enjoy a variety of walking trails or the museum. The best part? While everyone in your car is expanding their interests, you’re growing together as a family.

As horizons widen, so do the smiles.

To have a great time at Grandfather Mountain, simply step out of your car. Or if you choose, you can scale ladders and edge along cliffs as you hike to remote peaks. That’s the magic of Grandfather Mountain. With convenient modern amenities alongside the breathtaking Swinging Bridge, walking trails and animals in their natural habitat, you’ll find excitement that matches every comfort level. Adventures come in all sizes up here, so everyone can have the perfect mountain experience.

Remember when Forrest Gump ran across America? A portion of his trek was filmed on Grandfather Mountain. Another famous visitor was Daniel Boone, who walked these forests in the 1760s.