



See Participants in the Merrimack Valley Region, just west of Concord

Heading west out of Concord on Rt. 202/9 the houses get further apart and the farms get a little larger. A scenic journey of approximately 20 miles offers a distinctly Granite State bouquet of art and nature, and your choice of charming villages where you can enjoy a snack or meal.

1. MILL BROOK GALLERY & SCULPTURE GARDEN

236 Hopkinton Road, Concord

www.themillbrookgallery.com

The gallery is a unique setting on a small horse farm, surrounded by fields, a pond, and perennial gardens filled with outdoor sculpture. The inside galleries host a large variety of fine art and fine crafts: Paintings, Sculpture, Pottery, Handmade Jewelry, and Mobiles. It is a peaceful location to enjoy. Kids are more than welcome! The high quality of artists exhibit regionally, nationally, and internationally.



Hours:

May 6 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

May 7 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

2 miles west of Concord Hospital on Hopkinton Road/NH Rt. 202.

2. PROJECT WOVEN DREAMS

8 Main Street, Henniker

www.thekaleidoscopellc.wix.com

This is an opportunity to visit an artist-owned production weaving studio showing works of art and wearables to include other utilitarian products like bathroom rugs, trivets, and memory rugs.

Located in the midst of "The Only Henniker on Earth," this gallery is close to walking trails along the Contoocook River and through the campus of New England College.

Hours:

May 6 - 10:30 AM-4:00 PM

May 7 - 10:30 AM-4:00 PM

From Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden, travel 12 miles west on NH Rt. 202 to intersection with NH 114 in Henniker. Take ramp for Rt 114; turn left (south) at end of ramp onto Rt 114. Travel .7 miles to “downtown Henniker.” Turn left at 4-way intersection onto Main Street; the gallery is on the left.



3. JULIE A. SCHROEPEL – GLASS

233 Maple Street, Contoocook

www.julieschroepel.com

I will have my glass studio open and give demonstrations of glass cutting and fusing. I will also offer my jewelry and plates for sale.

This studio, located at the entrance to Contoocook, a village in the town of Hopkinton, is close to stores and restaurants.

Hours:

May 6 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

May 7 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Leaving Project Woven Dreams a quick backtrack from Henniker, reversing your route on Rt 114 and heading back towards Concord on Rt. 202 will get you started towards Contoocook. After 3.9 miles on Rt. 202 turn LEFT (North) onto Rt. 127, you will travel 4.4 miles on 127 which becomes Maple Street. Pay attention at a combination of sharp corners as Rt. 127 takes you across a significant Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Dam.

4. Der Markt at Marklin

28 Riverside Drive, Contoocook

www.marklincandles.com

Come experience Der Markt at Marklin, a different kind of retail store located along the Contoocook River. We have seven rooms to explore. Say hi to our sheep. Come taste our very own Windhover Farm honey and learn about the bees who helped produce the honey by visiting our observation hive. We proudly offer beeswax candles and stands handmade in the adjacent Marklin Candle factory. We feature the work of local artists including Steve Frye, Patricia Palson, Kathleen Dustin, and many more.

Hours:

May 6 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

May 7 - 12:00 PM-4:00 PM

Under a mile from the Julie Schroepel glass gallery, you will see numerous retail and dining options en route to Der Markt at Marklin. Travel northwest .4 mile on Rt. 127/Maple and take 2

slight lefts: Park and then Kearsarge Streets; then a full left onto Pine, and in 1. Mile left onto Riverside Drive.

5. ROBERTS GREENHOUSE

1020 Long Street, Webster

www.robertsgreenhouse.net

In addition to our huge selection of trees, plants, and shrubs, we carry fabric, fat packs, wool, roving, needle felting, local foods, and locally made crafts. During NH Open Doors we will also host a variety of local craftspeople and artists.

While you are browsing around, be sure to sample some treats made with our various Stonewall Kitchen, King Arthur Flour and Three Acre Kitchen products.



Hours:

May 6 - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

May 7 - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Leaving Der Mark at Marklin reverse your travel to get back to Maple Street which is also Rt. 127 AND now also Rt. 103. Head northwest, away from the Julie Schroepel studio, on Rt. 127/103. After 2 miles, stay STRAIGHT on 127 (Rt. 103 diverges to the left) and continue 6.3 miles on Rt. 127. Turn right onto Long Street; follow .6 miles to Roberts Greenhouse.

At this point you will have traveled a total of approximately 32 miles, and visited 5 unique arts and crafts destinations. Hopefully you will have also encountered New Hampshire residents and visitors enjoying other aspects of rural life.

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To quickly return to Interstate 89 (8.8 miles); reverse direction until reaching the point where Rt 103 diverged from Rt. 127. Turn right onto Rt. 103 and reach I-89 in less than 2 miles.

To get to I-93: continue on Long Street to Water Street. Turn Right on Water, and follow for 4.4 miles. Water Street will merge with Rt. 4 in Boscawen, follow Rt. 4 for 13 miles until it reaches I-93 at Exit 17.