

## A Grand North Tour of Wicked Good Dessert

If you live by the motto “Life is Short - Eat Dessert First,” or even if you don’t, your sweet tooth is never going to be same after you take our Grand North Dessert Tour.

From pies and cookies to croissants and scones, bakers across our region have earned delicious reputations for creating and serving up sweet plates of “Yum.”

So get out your map and work up an appetite and you don’t even need to bring your own fork!

### Colebrook

With its charming cafe, featuring comfortable sofas and chairs, Le Rendez Vous Bakery (121 Main St.) is a don’t miss stop. The bakers are from Paris and you get a taste of that amazing city no matter what you decide to feast upon, whether it is a lovely apple tort, a chocolate croissant or a piece of Belgium chocolate made right on the premises.



*Best Bet* - A package of Madelines you can take away with you. Drive up Route 145 a few miles and enjoy them while watching the cascade at Beaver Brook Falls.

Overlooking the Mohawk River, Howard’s Restaurant (143 Main St.) is the neighborhood coffee shop, where local folks meet and catch up with the neighbors. There’s a pastry chef who makes pies and cakes from scratch. Here, everyone leaves room for dessert.

*Best Bet* - A slice of the in-season pie with a fresh cup of coffee. Sit up at the counter for a slice of local life, too.

### Pittsburg

When you come into Pittsburg Village, make a stop at Dube’s Pit Stop, because there is no other place in the region where you are going to find a half pound Whoopie Pie.

That’s what we said, a half pound of chocolate and creamy filled goodness.

*Best Bet* - Grab a few extra napkins and drive a short distance up the road to Murphy Dam. There are some picnic tables next to Lake Francis and afterward, you can trot across the dam a few times, if it will appease your conscience!

### Berlin

The Northland Dairy Bar and Restaurant (1826 Riverside Dr.) is an institution in the city and come mid-summer, locals and visitors alike pay a special visit for the fresh baked raspberry pie. Go ahead and have the waitress heat it up for you, and what the heck, vanilla ice cream is the perfect accompaniment.



*Best Bet* - You might as well grab a booth to enjoy this luscious treat.

### Gorham

The White Mountain Cafe and Bookstore (212 Main St.) is two experiences in one. Your hosts, Matt and Jenna, used to be on the Appalachian Mountain Club’s trail crew and cooked and baked many a hearty meal for their hungry comrades. Choose a cup of coffee and a scone, or a slice of cake or a cookie and then wander around the bookstore. If you must, you can also take advantage of the cafe’s WiFi.

*Best Bet* - Depending on the calendar, you may just hit game night or movie night or even a wine tasting.

Saladino’s Italian Market (152 Main St.) is Italian, alright, and your sweet tooth will adore you for indulging it with some of the treats for which Saladino’s is famous, like biscotti, truffles and, oh yes, cannoli.

*Best Bet* - We’ve been known to put together a repast of goodies from Saladino’s and taking them with us on a drive up the Mount Washington Auto Road, to enjoy from the tippy-top of New Hampshire on a beautiful day.

