

America's Stonehenge is one of the largest and possibly the oldest megalithic (stone-constructed) sites in North America. Like Stonehenge in England, America's Stonehenge was built by ancient people well versed in astronomy and stone construction. It has been determined that the site is an accurate, astronomically aligned calendar. It was, and still can be, used to determine specific solar and lunar events of the year.



ASTRONOMICAL ALIGNMENTS:

February 1 Cross Quarter	Open 9 am - Sunset
Spring Equinox	Open Sunrise - Sunset
May 1 Cross Quarter	Open 9 am - Sunset
Summer Solstice Celebration	Open Sunrise - Sunset
August 1 Cross Quarter	Open 9 am - Sunset
Fall Equinox	Open Sunrise - Sunset
November 1 Cross Quarter	Open 9 am - Sunset
Winter Solstice	Open Sunrise - Sunset

Please call or visit our website for dates of Solstices and Equinoxes.

AMERICA'S STONEHENGE

EXPLORE THE MYSTERIES



Our Visitors' Center features a theater with a 10-minute background video on the site, unique gift shop and bookstore.

Open Daily Year Round

9 am - 5 pm (Last admission 4 pm)
Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE:
Unlimited access to the site during normal business hours, discounts on special events and programs including snowshoeing, 10% discount off bookstore and gift shop purchases.



We've got Snowshoeing!

Enjoy a leisurely walk through 105 acres of woodlands and wildlife at America's Stonehenge. Fun and easy for the entire family! Rentals available. Candlelight snowshoeing Saturdays January-February. Please check for dates and times. Weather permitting. Group discounts available.

Directions:

FROM I-93: Take I-93 to exit 3. Follow Rt. 111 east for 4.5 miles. Watch for our sign just past North Salem Village Shops. Turn right at the intersection with the traffic light. Follow this road for 1 mile. Entrance is on the right.

FROM 495: Take Exit 50 to Route 97 North towards Salem. Follow approximately 4 miles. At your first set of lights (97 Shoppes will be on your right), turn right and follow approximately 4 miles. America's Stonehenge will be located on your left.

GPS STREET ADDRESS:
105 Haverhill Road
Salem, NH 03079

Check out our Friendly Alpacas!



AMERICA'S STONEHENGE
P.O. Box 84, Salem, NH 03073
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Check our website for additional information including admission rates and events.

www.stonehengeusa.com

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THE HISTORY CHANNEL

Come Explore... THE MYSTERIES OF AMERICA'S STONEHENGE.

Built by a native American culture or a migrant European population? No one knows for sure.

A maze of man-made chambers, walls and ceremonial meeting places, America's Stonehenge is most likely the oldest man-made construction in the United States

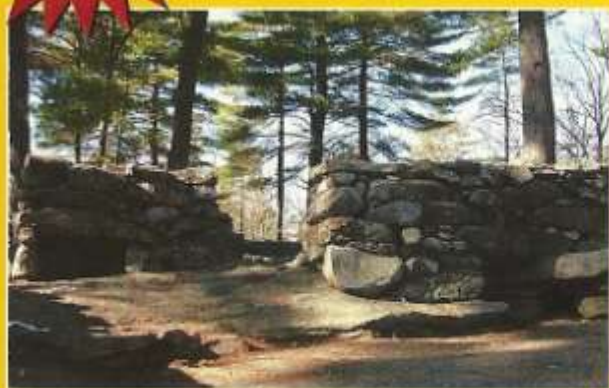
(over 4000 years old).

Archaeological excavation at the site has uncovered an amazing range of historic

and pre-historic artifacts — from stone tools, pottery and ancient old world scripts to 18th and 19th century housewares, and manacles (possibly removed from slaves who used the site as a stop on the Underground Railroad in the 1830's and 1840's).

Along with its astronomical alignments, America's Stonehenge continues to be one of the most fascinating discoveries of the century.

One of
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Plaza area near the center of the site features several stone chambers, structures and ancient drains.



Oracle Chamber:
The largest chamber at the site. It has two passages in the shape of a "T", plus many other features including the "speaking tube" built through five feet of stone wall and terminating under the "Sacrificial Table." Here was found the carving of the running deer.

Sacrificial Table:
This 4.5-ton stone slab was probably used for ceremonial sacrifices.



The pathway to the oracle chamber.

Below: Overview of the V-hut and east-west chamber — a three-sectioned chamber, similar to ancient European structures, believed to have some astronomical significance due to its orientation.



Above: South Facing Chamber.
The entrance of this chamber is oriented to the south. Restorations of the chamber took place in 1982 and 1992 due to earthquake damage.

Get Back To Nature...

Whether you're looking for a leisurely stroll through some naturally beautiful surroundings, a hearty snow-shoeing trek through the woods, or curious about the world before you, America's Stonehenge has something for everyone.



Snowshoeing past the summer solstice stone marker.

The Pope Road Nature Trail — a recreation of a native American habitat area.



Celebrate...

Come join us for our various events throughout the year. The highlight is our Summer Solstice Celebration featuring colorful and cultural influences of both ancient and modern times. Other programs focus on the ecology and geology of the site.



Meet our friendly alpacas in our alpaca habitat.

Using a "sifter" to screen for artifacts.

Education & Preservation...

Continuous research and preservation of the site go hand-in-hand with our educational programs — students are introduced, firsthand, to archaeology through the use of our non-sensitive dig pit.

