



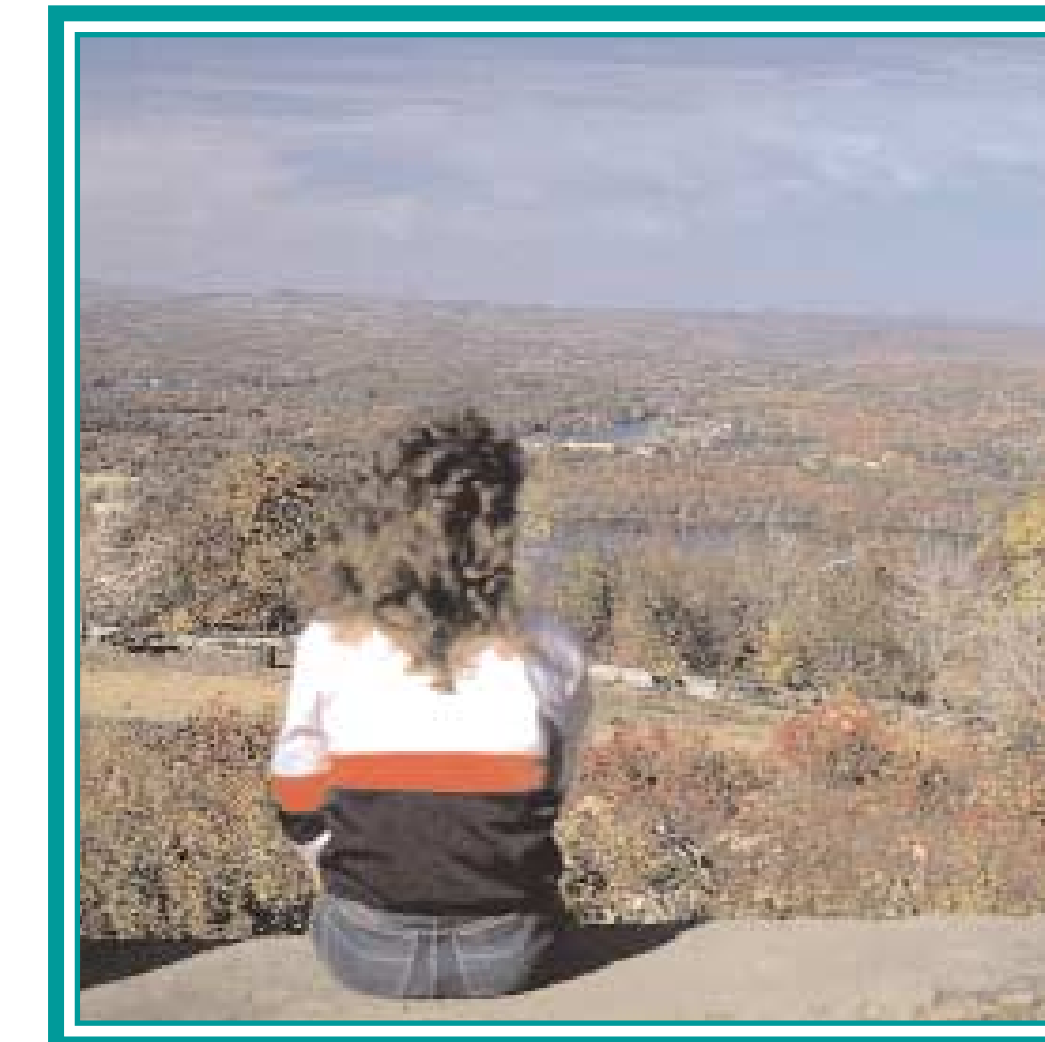
# A C L O S E R V I E W O F W A C H U S E T T M O U N T A I N



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## Scenic Vistas & the Midstate Trail

Henry David Thoreau called Wachusett Mountain “the observatory of Massachusetts.” With its 2,006-foot elevation, Wachusett Mountain is the tallest mountain in Massachusetts between the Connecticut River and the Atlantic Ocean. The nearly 360-degree view from the summit offers a splendid look at southern New England. The elevation of Wachusett Lake, lying directly north at the base of the mountain, is 887 feet. The maximum visibility from the bare, granite top is about 120 miles.



WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN IS THE HIGHEST POINT IN EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS.

### Panoramic Views

From the summit, Boston’s skyline to the east is visible on a clear day, and Worcester’s bank towers can be seen to the south, tucked among low hills. To the southeast is the prominent lake system of Wachusett Reservoir in West Boylston, with the Town of Clinton abutting it. Dominating the view to the north is the stony brow of Mount Monadnock in Jaffrey, NH, a distance of almost 30 miles as the crow flies. Also visible, slightly closer and to the east of Monadnock, is Mount Watatic at the Ashby/Ashburnham town line, near the New Hampshire border.



### Midstate Trail Leads Hikers Across Summit

The Midstate Trail is a 92-mile trail that runs from New Hampshire to Rhode Island. The trail reaches its highest point at the summit of Wachusett Mountain. The northern 22 mile section from Wachusett to Watatic dates back to the 1920’s. In the 1970’s a group of volunteers extended the footpath south from Wachusett to the Rhode Island border in Douglas State Park. To find the trail, which passes through more than a dozen Central Massachusetts towns, follow the yellow triangles.

## Guide to Scenic Views from the Summit of Wachusett Mountain – Looking East

For more information about the hiking trails and other outdoor recreation opportunities on Wachusett Mountain, stop by the DEM’s John Hitchcock Visitors Center on Mountain Road just up from the ski area.

