## ★Community Profile





## Milford, NH

Mailes rom Manchester at the junction of Route 101 and 101A has made it a significant commercial and employment center for Souhegan Valley communities. Yet despite its commercial underpinnings, it is perhaps best known for its small town rural character.

Free summer concerts at the downtown bandstand, farmer's markets, annual balloon and pumpkin festivals, antique and country crafts shops, summer theater programs and even a drive-in movie theater can make a trip to Milford like a step back in time. The downtown area, featuring a classic oval and bandstand, has been the focus of long-term preservation and improvement efforts. These efforts have been recognized through numerous awards, ranging from the Great American Main Street Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, to the 2005 Best Small Downtown from New Hampshire Magazine.

For recreation, Milford residents head to Hampshire Hills, The Reserve's neighbor



and one of the largest health and fitness centers in New Hampshire. Residents and visitors also enjoy hiking, fishing and picnicking on town conservation land or at the 200-acre Holland-Burns Community Farm.

For longer adventures, Milford is ideally positioned for an easy drive to Boston to the south, the New Hampshire and Maine Seacoast to the east, and the Lakes Region and White Mountains to the north.