The Great American Hatchery Road Trip!





There's nothing like cruising down the interstate, a fresh summer breeze blowing through the windows, the stereo blasting, and the ancitipation of adventures ahead! The hardest part? Picking a destination! Don't worry, we've got you covered.

The National Fish Hatchery System has been improving recreational fishing and restoring aquatic species since 1872, so what better way to explore these cool sites than by starting with ones over 100 years old! Fish hatcheries have something for everyone in your group, so buckle those seatbelts and let's hit the road!

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National Fish Hatchery

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Since 1898, Nashua has been raising trout species to support recreational fishing. Other hatchery programs support species restoration, including the endangered Maine Atlantic salmon, at-risk species like the round whitefish, and American shad to the Merrimack river and the coastal rivers of New Hampshire.

Blast Tom Cochrane's classic hit "Life is a Highway" as you cruise toward Nashua. Don't be embarrassed to sing along at the top of your lungs.

DETOUR

Nashua isn't open for fishing, but you can catch the ones they stock in nearby waterways! Be on the lookout for American shad, Atlantic salmon, landlocked Atlantic salmon, round whitefish, and brook trout!

A hikers delight, be sure to check out the trail that goes through the woods and loops around their pond. They even have a tree ID sign at the entrance, so you can wow your group with your amazing tree skills!

A MUST SEE is the hatchery's pollinator garden! Be on the lookout for local pollinators like ruby-throated hummingbirds, bumblebees, monarch butterflies, and hummingbird moths. See who can spot the most!

Impress your friends and family by dropping some Nashua knowledge: it's considered to be the only federal hatchery with an active stoplight on the property.

Practice (or show off) your camera skills by capturing the movement and motion of hummingbirds and hummingbird moths. Their incredibly fast wings make for some beautiful photos!

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If you love a good alien adventure, you might want to time your trip with a local UFO festival! The town of Exeter is only a 45-minute drive from Nashua and was apparently home to a UFO sighting in the 1960s. Keep your eyes peeled, you might see more than just fish on this trip!

Before you hit the road, be sure to check the hatchery's web page for additional activities and call ahead to check opening status.

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