

Beer Destinations 2

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Love craft beer? Want to find out where it's made? Looking for something specific? Well here's an opportunity to find out about all of these things and more!

This is the second of a series of articles providing information about what I refer to as 'Beer Destinations' and will give you a bit of knowledge about multi-brewery spots in the greater New England region. In this series, I will try to select a number of breweries to travel to in one trip where you can sample their offerings, move on to the next, and manage to hit them all if you're up for the challenge...

There are a BUNCH of great breweries out there making terrific beer just for you! I live in New Hampshire, so this is where we will start, but know that soon we will hit other states around New England to find the shining star breweries in those regions.

There are almost 60 breweries in NH alone with that number increasing every year. The term 'brewery' refers to a nano or micro brew-on-premise establishment (usually with food), tap or tasting room, or even a macro brewery, such as Budweiser's Merrimack location.

The Manchester area has a cluster of awesome brewers churning out such great beer. Because this metro area is a bustling hive of activity, residents far and wide have come to know these brewery locations well and become loving patrons of their products. And because this is also the Route 93 corridor, they are easily accessible. So these establishments will be presented by town and address, from north to south.



Manchester:

Stark Brewing /

Milly's Tavern, 500 North Commercial Street, Manchester, is a unique cellar pub, located in a renovated brick mill building, where you sit among the stainless steel brew



tanks while enjoying great food. Brewer/owner Peter Telge has been hard at work here since 1994. Growlers are available for purchase as well as six pack cans. After you have finished your tasty food, Peter gladly gives you a tour of his brewery AND new distillery. See more info at starkbrewingcompany.com



Hooksett:

White Birch Brewing, 1339 Hooksett Rd, Hooksett, is a seven barrel brewery and tasting room where, brewer Bill Herlicka and crew, will gladly fill a growler-to-go for you. Initially bottling their craft brews, they are now also in 12 oz cans. Canning preserves the beer, keeping it from harmful UV light when sitting on a shelf. Cans are also more easily recycled and don't shatter when dropped. Check out their website at www.whitebirchbrewing.com



Peter Telge gives tour at Stark Brewing



Great North Aleworks Bar Area

Strange Brew Tavern, 88 Market Street, Manchester has well over 70 taps, huge pub-style food menu, and nightly entertainment. Look up their extensive food and beer menus online at strangebrewtavern.net

Candia Road Brewing, 840 Candia Rd, Manchester, makes some great local beer and distributes in bottles throughout the state. Their labels proclaim the term Ne-penthe which is defined as a potion that eliminates pain and sorrow. Selling both six packs, growlers and cigars, this is a good place to stop in and check out.

Just down the street in an industrial park setting, you'll find **Great North Aleworks**, 1050 Holt Ave. Unit #14, Manchester. It's a little out of the way to find but once you do, you'll be glad you did. This 20 barrel brewery started out just a few years ago. Rob and Lisa North had a dream of owning their brewery for some time. Rob gained his brewing skills while at Samuel Adams and Newburyport breweries. He has since garnered silver medals for their IPA in international competitions. Their large pub and eatery is adorned with images of brewers from all over New England photographed by the famous Michael Penny. Well worth visiting, see their website at www.greatnorthaleworks.com



Picture Wall at Great North Aleworks

Londonderry:

As you drive south on Rt 93, you'll want to get off at exit 5, go left off the ramp to the third traffic light and go left. Down there, you'll find **603 Brewery**, 12 Liberty Dr #7, Londonderry, where you can take a tour of the facility and try any (or all) of their ten taps of delicious beer. Each of their beers is named for landmarks of NH such as Winni Amber, White Peaks, 18 Mile Rye (our coastline miles) and so on. They offer cans, growlers and 603 gear to proudly wear after your visit. This 15 barrel brewery has only been in operation for about 4 years but has an aggressive market share in both NH and Massachusetts. Learn more at 603brewery.org



603 Brew Crew



Just down the road is **From The Barrel Brewing**, 15 Londonderry Road, Londonderry. Nestled within an industrial park, FTB offers 5 or more different beers in their tap room and available in growlers-to-go. Recently, they have coordinated collaborative brewing with Rockingham and other

locals just to see what happens. See what's on tap at drinkfromthebarrel.com

And if you're looking for a great stock of local, national, or internationally produced beer, **The Drinkery**, 2 Young Rd, Londonderry is the place to go. With over 450 different beers in stock, you'll definitely find exactly what you are looking for.

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Derry:

Not far from 603 is **Kelsen Brewing Company**, 80 N High Street, in Derry. Since 2014, Kelsen has specialized in small batch, award winning beers created to capture perfectly the styles they are designed for. Whether it's IPA, Double IPA, Brown Ale or Imperial Stout you crave, Kelsen has it waiting for you at their tasting room or throughout NH. Look at their website at kelsenbrewing.com



Kelsen Brewing Company

Up around the corner, you find **Rockingham Brewing**, 1 Corporate Park Dr #1, Derry. Rob and Ali are super friendly folk and produce a great variety of tasty brews including Belly of the Beast (bacon-flavored imperial stout). With an attractive tasting room and movie events to go with special beer releases, this is a must-stop location. And Rob will be happy to conduct a tour of their ten www.rockinghambrewing.com

Other locations away from Route 93 to consider are the following:



Tom Albright - Out Haus Ales

Out Haus Ales, 442 1st New Hampshire Turnpike #2, Northwood. Owner Tom Albright is one-of-a-kind and is just plain fun to chat with. His modest, but recently expanded brewery cranks out some awesome beer. He self-distributes around the state in 22 oz bottles and you can get growlers filled there as well. Every label bears the motto 'It doesn't taste like it came from an out house.'



Rockingham Brewing Company

In the same area, you can find **Cask and Vine**, 1 East Broadway, Derry. This pub and eatery offers a great food menu and twelve taps that are constantly changing. It's a terrific place to take friends or a special date. Look what they have to offer at caskandvine.com

Able Ebenezer Brewing, 31 Columbia Circle, Merrimack is located in an industrial park setting and the pub has a garage door that opens onto a small outdoor seating area with corn hole and other activities (weather permitting). The bar includes traditional stool seating but also very comfortable sofas and end chairs. The beer is very good and folks super friendly. This is a good visit for beer lovers!

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Anheuser-Busch Brewery, 221 Daniel Webster Hwy, Merrimack, is the largest of breweries in the state and houses a fun Biergarten to have great pub food with their beer. They even have the Clydesdale horses for your photo op. It is also very kid-friendly in case you stop by with your family.



Martha's Exchange, 185 Main St, Nashua, has a vast food menu, on-premise brewed beer and a chocolate shop. This is a great place to hang with friends and get tasty food paired with their awesome beer.



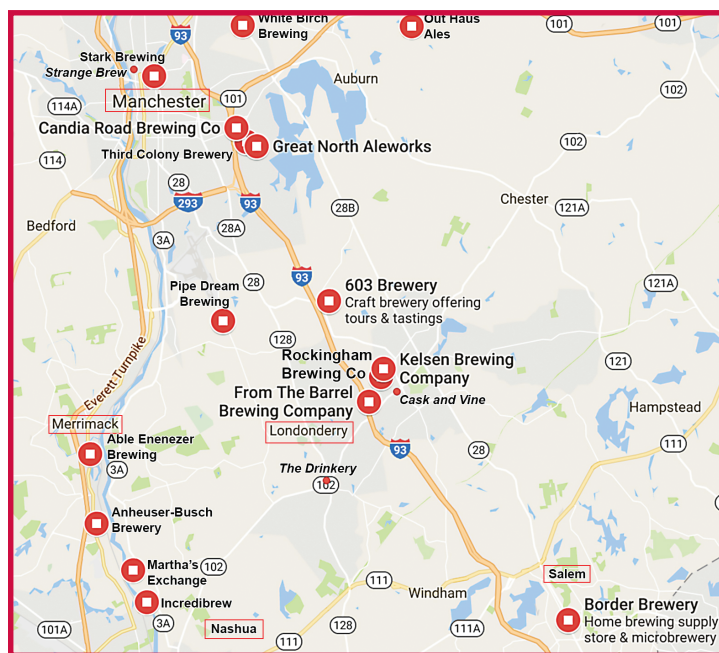
Another way to experience these brew visits is to catch a ride on one of the **Granite State Growler Tour** busses. They organize groups of tours so you can choose which breweries you most want to see. They are expanding their territory to include the Manchester area as of this month. Learn more by visiting their website, <http://nhbeerbus.com>



Incredibrew, 112 Daniel Webster Hwy, Nashua, where you can make your own beer, wine, soda and champagne all on premises. They have food and beverage pairings, classes on making your own beer and wine as well as just a fun place to hang out.

Border Brew Supply, 224 North Broadway, Salem is a 10 tap brewery and homebrew supply outlet for folks who like to make and drink that golden beverage. And you can also buy wine making supplies, watch your favorite football teams while have one of their great brews... what's not to like?

Check them out at: borderbrewsupply.com



There is just so much to see and enjoy in the Manchester, NH area and is well worth making it a Beer Destination!