

Route 202 North to New Hampshire Drinks

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Route 202 is a country road in New Hampshire that starts in Massachusetts. It's about 35 miles north from its intersection with Route 2 to Peterborough, a neat artistic town in Cheshire County. I rehearsed an opera near Peterborough during the winter and early spring of 2003.

The posted speed limit is 35 mph. There are no local or state police trolling this secondary highway. So you might expect to drive 50 mph.

However, before you hit 202 North, consider alternatives. Why? A statistically significant portion of northbound 202 motorists, mostly directly ahead of you, is driving under the speed limit.

They're heading for the New Hampshire State Liquor store for taxless booze, carefully braking and recently drunk: youngish mothers with their children, pensioners, and the just twenty-ones.

Saving on tax, spending on gas.