

Mt Washington Wayside Exhibit US Route 302 Bretton Woods, NH

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## CASE STUDY

## Mt Washington Wayside Exhibit

The Omni Mount Washington Hotel and Resort, built in 1902, is nestled among New Hampshire's majestic White Mountains. This splendid hotel, listed in The National Register of Historic Places, has hosted countless celebrities including Thomas Edison and three U.S. presidents. It's most famous full-time resident, the ghost of the original hotel owner's wife, has also been featured on Sci-Fi's "Ghost Hunters" TV series.

A scenic overlook constructed in 1988 near the hotel's entrance provides visitors with a breathtaking view of the hotel and the Presidential Mountain Range. As part of a recent renovation and expansion of the overlook, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation hired Preservation Company to prepare a scope of work for a new outdoor exhibit which would educate visitors on the rich and varied history of the area. Preservation Company, spent months collecting and cataloging historical facts and photos for the project.

Preservation Company contracted with BaileyDonovan LLC, an exhibit and graphic design company located in Manchester, NH. The NH DOT and Preservation Co worked closely with principals Betsy Bailey and Paula Donovan Olsen over several months to develop and design the exhibit. The end result was a asthetically pleasing, visually compelling and informative outdoor exhibit which included interpretive panels created with iZone Imaging's durable, weather-resistant custom high pressure laminate (CHPL). Local fabricators created custom frames which integrated into the existing posts made from NH granite.

iZone Imaging's scratch and fade-resistant CHPL, along with its ten year warranty, will ensure that the new outdoor exhibit will withstand the trials of year round weather extremes and provide years of educational enrichment and testament to the historic hotel, beautiful Mt. Washington and the stately Presidential Range of the White Mountains.