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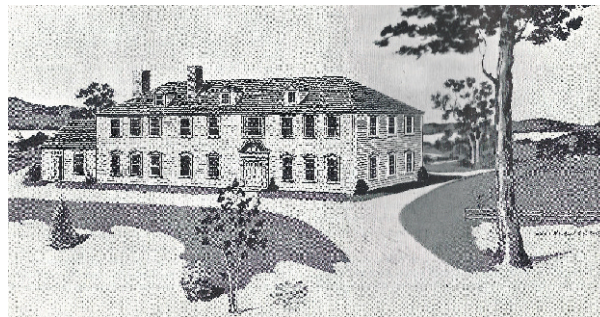
FERNALD CROSSING RAILROAD STATION - This station, named for a local family, was a flag stop when the Boston & Maine RR spur line was added in 1872, from Sanbornville to Wolfeboro. The 12.3 mile line had 12 stops. The last section ran down the center of Railroad Ave. in Wolfeboro to the docks, for easy transfer to the Lake Steamships. It was a major asset to tourism as well as industry, & thrived into the 1930's, but then declined steadily. The cause was the increased reliance on the auto & trucking industry. After a few years as a tourist train, service ended in 1979. The track bed is now the scenic Cotton Valley Trail, popular for walking, running & biking. The tracks from Sanbornville to here are used & maintained by hobby clubs.



EXIT LEFT & continue for 1.0 miles, pull onto the wide shoulder just before the sign & entrance to the:

WENTWORTH STATE PARK (CLOW'S BEACH) - This park was originally part of the extensive holdings of Gov. Wentworth. His plans were to establish Wolfeboro as the Provincial Capitol of New Hampshire. Forced to flee in 1775, the property was taken by the State. Eventually owned by noted businessman Stephen W. Clow, it was donated to the State in 1930. The Park was developed (1933-1936) by the Civilian Conservation Corps, part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal Program. *CONTINUE AHEAD for 1.3 miles, passing summer cottages on the left, then turn Right, follow signs down the good gravel road, to:*

GOVERNOR WENTWORTH MANSION SITE - this State Historical Site has the foundation of the Mansion, built from 1769 into the early 1770's, then burned down by an accidental fire in 1820. The foundation & the old well at the far left still exist.



END of Tour - go back to town, try TOUR, PART 2 at Bryant Road, or take the kids to the beach as a reward for being patient.

WOLFEBORO HISTORIC DRIVING TOUR, PART 1

CENTER ST. (RT. 28) & GOV. WENTWORTH HWY (RT. 109)

WOLFEBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOX 1066, WOLFEBORO, NH 03894
(SEE THE CLARK MUSEUM, S. MAIN ST.)

