

Map 32

New England Glacier Movements 25,000 – 16,000 Years Ago (Seven Overlays)

Map 32 demonstrates the glacial movement in New England. Brookfield is labeled with a spot light. Dating back 17,000 - 18,000 years New England was almost completely covered by a glacier that was about a mile thick. This period was named the Last Glacial period. The second overlay dates back 16,000 years. At this time the glacier has been melting, and starts showing the coastline of Rhode Island, coastline of Connecticut, and part of Cape Cod. The third overlay dates back 15,000 years ago. You can see the vast deterioration of the glacier, now being able to see most of Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Cape Cod. The fourth overlay dates back 14,500 years, showing an even larger glacial decrease. Now with almost all of Rhode Island, Connecticut and all of Cape Cod with little pieces of southwestern Massachusetts starting to appear. The fifth overlay dates back 14,000 years ago, now showing some of the Berkshires as well as an eastern chunk of Maine. The sixth overlay dates back 13,500 years. Now we have all of Massachusetts exposed, as well as southern parts of Vermont, New Hampshire, and most of southern Maine. This is the period of time when the first man stepped foot on New England soil, which was now Tundra. These Indians discovered this new land because they followed animals to survive, all the way to Cape Anne. The seventh overlay dates back 13,200 years ago. At this time most of southern Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, and all of Maine are glacier free and now is an area that is suitable for living. With all of the overlays raised you are left with present-day New England after all glacier activity had ceased.

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