

**The New Hampshire Update
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The New Hampshire Update, which will be distributed every six months, is a new communication tool to keep you updated on what's new and exciting in New Hampshire's tourism industry.

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New Hampshire Division of Travel & Tourism, Concord: *New and improved website with comprehensive section specifically for tour operators. New suggested itineraries also available.*

1. LODGING

Indian Head Resort, Lincoln: *Named editor's pick for Family Friendly Resorts by The New Hampshire Magazine for 2010, Indian Head has year-round activities for guests of any age. Nestled in the White Mountains with picturesque views, the resort features several pools and spas, as well as activities for children. Indian Head offers weekend group programs throughout the year as well, including wine tasting outings and foliage tours.* Contact: Heidi Larson, info@indianheadresort.com P: 603-745-8000
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Mountain View Grand Resort and Spa, Whitefield: *Consistently named a 4 diamond hotel by AAA for its lodging and dining, the Mountain View Grand offers amenities for every season including spa facilities, equestrian services, and golf. The resort has also recently added a 121-foot wind turbine which will generate half of its electricity needs. This new improvement makes the Mountain View one of the greenest properties in New England.* Contact: Rachel manners rmanners@mountainviewgrand.com P: 603-837-2100
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Mount Sunapee, Newbury: *Mount Sunapee Resort offers a unique winter package for 20-35 guests in a private room just steps from the slopes! The hearthstone room features a fieldstone fireplace, changing room, Wi-Fi and television. Packaged prices include use of the room, lift tickets, breakfast and lunch. Bar service is also available.* Contact: Bruce McCloy, bmccloy@mtsunapee.com P: 603-763-3500
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New Residence Inn by Marriott, Portsmouth: *Located in the heart of historic downtown Portsmouth, the eco-friendly Residence Inn by Marriott allows guests easy access to local shops, museums, parks and numerous restaurants. The opening of the hotel marks the completion of Phase I of the Portwalk development, a planned pedestrian friendly development to also feature boutiques, cafés, luxury residences, and downtown office space.* Contact: Justin Gagnon, jgagnon@colwenhotels.com P: 603-422-9206
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Oceanic Hotel, Star Island: *Star Island is one of the Isles of Shoals just off of the coast of New Hampshire. What was once one of the largest fishing ports in the Atlantic is now a quiet retreat among beautiful*

landscapes. Groups can now stay the night in the historic Oceanic Hotel, which provides a taste of the grand hotel era of the 1800's, when the property attracted such notable people as Nathaniel Hawthorne. Contact: Priscilla Hodgkins, phodgkins@starisland.org P: 603-430-6272 www.starisland.org

Snowy Owl Inn, Waterville Valley: The inn named "Best Family Retreat in New Hampshire" by Yankee Magazines has recently completed renovations in the 25 rooms on its second level. Improvements include new furnishings, mattresses, televisions, decorations, and the addition of several king Jacuzzi suites. A 3000 square foot patio has also been added, and it is a beautiful setting for receptions and parties. Contact: Steve Hodges, steve@snowyowlinn.com P: 603-236-8383 www.snowyowlinn.com

2. CULINARY

Breakers Restaurant, Hampton Beach: The Ashworth by the Sea hotel has completed renovations to the Breakers Restaurant & Bar. Breakers offers a comfortable, yet modern and tasteful beachfront décor. Contact: Peter Coutis, pcoutis@colwenhotels.com P: 603-926-6762 ext 615 www.ashworthhotel.com

NH Fish and Lobster Festival, Portsmouth: Also known as the "fishtival," this annual event celebrates over 400 years of local seafood with tastings, games, music, fishing boat tours and much more. Over a dozen restaurants and chefs prepare delicious dishes including oyster, lobster, crab, shrimp and many other tasty local catches. Contact: Melissa Benson, Melissa@prescottpark.org P: 603-436-2848 www.prescottpark.org

3. EVENTS

New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon: Indy racing comes to New Hampshire beginning in June 2011 and annually thereafter in addition to the two NASCAR weekends! The speedway will also be adding snowmobile racing and X-Games events in February 2011. Join up to 93,000 other race fans for each race this season at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Contact: Troy Taylor, ttaylor@nhms.com P: 603-513-5705 www.nhms.com

Northern Forest Heritage Park Cultural Festival, Berlin: This annual June event is a celebration of cultural diversity in New Hampshire. It includes representation of many different cultures including French Canadian, German, Irish, Norwegian and Native American. Guests can sample food, hear music, participate in arts and crafts and take a riverboat ride. The 2011 event will take place on June 4th. Contact: Richard Huot, heritage@ncia.net P: 603-752-7202 www.northernforestheritage.org

Shaker Village Antique Show, Canterbury: The Canterbury Village is a museum founded to preserve the 200 year history of the Canterbury Shakers. It includes 25 original Shaker buildings and over 600 acres of wooded land and trails. Weekend events occur throughout the year, including antique shows and holiday events. Contact: Kate Brown, kbrown@shaker.org P: 603-422-9206 ext 230 www.shakers.org

4. ACTIVITIES

Conway Scenic Railroad, North Conway: The newly rehabilitated 48-passenger 1948 dining car named the Hattie Evans is now one of two dining cars offered to groups on scheduled trains. For groups that have a tight schedule, the Budd car is available for charter. Ask about having the Budd car stop at the White Mountain Cider Company for hot cider and donuts. One-way train rides are available. Contact: Sandra Jarvin, sandyj@conwayscenic.com P: 603-356-5251 ext 12 www.conwayscenic.com

Downtown Littleton: Littleton is a picturesque town in the White Mountains on the Vermont border. The town has improved its downtown by making it more pedestrian friendly and adding access to walking trails. Visitors to this historic downtown enjoy small shops including Chutters, home of the longest candy counter in the world. Contact: Chad Stearns, cstearns@littletonareachamber.com P: 603-444-6561 www.littletonareachamber.com

Foliage Tours, Grand North: *The Grand North visitor's website has published several self-guided foliage tour loops through beautiful Northern NH. Each loop varies in length and distance, but each is sure to give guests spectacular views of mountains, rivers and quaint villages. Local shops and restaurants are highlighted along the way, along with sites for perfect photo opportunities.* Contact: Samantha Kenney Maltais, samantha@ncic.org P: 603-788-2700 www.nhgrand.com

M/S Mount Washington Cruises, Laconia: *The M/S Mount Washington provides a beautiful trip around scenic Lake Winnepesaukee. The ship has completed renovations, including improvements to the interior and engine. The M/S Mount Washington is perfect for charters and group events, offering daytime cruises as well as sunset dinner cruises, weekend dinner dances, and Sunday brunch events.* Contact: Glenn Gardner, ggardner@cruisenh.com P: 603-366-5531 www.cruisenh.com

New Hampshire Tours, Statewide: *Add a little more flash to your tour! Don't just show your guests how beautiful New Hampshire is; teach them how to capture it with a step-on photography guide. Just one of many tour types that can be arranged by New Hampshire Tours. This receptive tour operator specializing in the state of New Hampshire can customize almost any experience for your group.* Contact: Colette Crisp, colette@newhampshiretours.com P: 603-880-1420 www.newhampshiretours.com

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Holderness: *The center has recently been awarded a grant to support "Access for All," a program to provide access to the Science Center's main Gephart Exhibit Trail for elderly and physically challenged individuals who have difficulty walking. Squam Lake Science Center has been educating visitors for over forty years through animal exhibits, educational programs and lake cruises.* Contact: Tom Klein, info@nhnature.org P: 603-968-7194 www.nhnature.org

Ski Area Improvements for the 2010/2011 Season:

Attitash Mountain, Bartlett: *New mountain coaster takes riders 1400 feet up the mountain before descending on close to 3000 feet of track*

Balsams Wilderness, Dixville Notch: *The Balsams Wilderness has created a new partnership with Golf and Ski Warehouse which result in the operation of fully stocked retail stores at the resort.*

Black Mountain, Jackson: *More eco-friendly snowmaking system due to new energy efficient tower guns and the reduction of the amount of air required by 50%.*

Bretton Woods, Bretton Woods: *Bretton Woods has expanded its terrain onto Mount Stickney. There is also new gladed terrain for all abilities of skiers and riders.*

Cannon Mountain, Franconia Notch: *Multi-million dollar improvement program including a new chairlift, a 9000 square foot addition to the base lodge and upgrades to snowmaking equipment.*

Cranmore Resort, Conway: *\$5 million dollars worth of renovations are underway, which will include a 1600 foot zip line, 3,700 foot mountain coaster and improvements to chairlifts, lodging and the tubing park.*

Crotched Mountain, Bennington: *Terrain improvements have taken place, along with renovations to the lodge which include 5,000 additional square feet, a redesigned cafeteria and enhancements to the Onset Bar.*

Granite Gorge, Keene: *New lighting and snowmaking has been added to the popular sunset trail, and the rental shop has been expanded to include "learn to ride" snowboard packages.*

King Pine and Purity Spring Resort, East Madison: *Improvements to the snowmaking system have made it more energy efficient, and have increased capacity by 40%. Additional enhancements include new food service equipment, additional rental shop inventory and upgrades to the lodging facilities.*

Loon Mountain Resort, Lincoln: *A new snowmaking system has been installed which will increase production by 150%. A new zip line has also been added, which allows guests to fly above the Pemigewasset River.*

McIntyre Ski Area, Manchester: *A new base lodge is planned, which will be larger than the old one and will offer more amenities. The new Mac Bistro will be located in the new lodge, and will feature hot drinks, local pastries, sandwiches and soups.*

Mount Sunapee, Newbury: *The South Peak Learning Center will get a third carpet lift to complement the quad chairlift, beginner terrain park and glades.*

Pat's Peak, Henniker: *Improvements continue at Pat's making snow production more energy efficient. Also, ski patrol will get a brand new building at the summit, and the rental shop is now home to 500 additional skis and 100 additional snowboards*

Ragged Mountain, Danbury: *On the mountain, snowmaking has been expanded and additional glades have*

been added. A new recreational race course will also be open to guests Wednesday through Sunday **Wildcat Mountain**, Pinkham Notch: Two new trails, "Leo's Leap" and "Sphynx" will be acknowledged as a result of new trail mapping which will also identify tree ski areas. The base lodge will see several improvements which include Wi-Fi access for guests.

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5. ARTS & CULTURE

Currier Museum of Art, Manchester: This intimate art museum features a changing selection of American and European paintings, sculpture, glass, ceramics, and more. The special exhibition on view from 3/19/11-6/12/11 is Jon Brooks: Collaboration with Nature. A New Hampshire native, Brooks is a nationally and internationally known master furniture maker whose artistry is characterized by the whimsical and poetic imagery of each piece. The museum is pleased to be able to accommodate groups of up to 60 for tours and lunch in the Winter Garden Café. Contact: Lisa Pavlopoulos, lpavlopoulos@currier.org P: 603.669.6144 x110 www.currier.org

Winnepesaukee Playhouse, Laconia: The "Winni" Playhouse has acquired the former Annalee Dolls campus in Meredith, New Hampshire, and will be moving into a larger building that will have a 182-seat main theater, an outdoor amphitheater, and walking trails. The move allows the Winnepesaukee Playhouse to greatly expand and create the first performing arts complex in the Lakes Region. Contact: Lesley Pankhurst, Lesley@winniplayhouse.com P: 603-366-7377 www.winniplayhouse.com

6. MISCELLANEOUS

Lakes Region Association, Lakes Region: New "Group Travel to the Lakes" section of the website features excellent itineraries, local events, lodging and dining. Contact: Kim Sperry ksperry@lakesregion.org P: 603-286-8008 www.lakesregion.org/groups

White Mountains Attractions, White Mountains: New website includes great group tour planning resources including group attraction rates and accommodations. Contact: Mikey Duprey mikey@visitwhitemountains.com P: 603-745-8720 www.visitwhitemountains.com/group-resources/