

## What's New in New Hampshire Winter 2012

### *Ski Resort Improvements*

Cranmore Mountain Resort, North Conway, NH - Cranmore Mountain Resort is replacing its historic East Double Chair with a triple chairlift. The lift will increase uphill capacity adding 300 feet of vertical drop to the resort's southern slopes and access to the summit. Sixty new snow guns have been added to the resort's arsenal, bringing the total of high-efficiency snow guns to 300. The Soaring Eagle Zipline installed this summer will operate all winter, joining the snowtubing park, mountain coaster and giant swing as alternative activities for winter guests. [www.cranmore.com](http://www.cranmore.com).

Bretton Woods, Bretton Woods, NH - Bretton Woods is adding lift service to the Mount Stickney area of the resort. They recently added thirty acres of glades which will now be serviced by a 2,000 foot Doppelmayr T-bar lift. The glades are also being expanded to include some steep drop-offs for adventurous experts as well as more wide-open glades for less-experienced skiers and riders. At the top of the lift a new 600-square-foot log cabin will feature an exterior stone fireplace as well as a porch for enjoying the sun on warmer days. Inside, a wood stove will warm skiers between runs. The recently constructed Canopy Tour, Williwaw Racing Zip and indoor climbing wall will also be available to guests this winter. [www.brettonwoods.com](http://www.brettonwoods.com).

Black Mountain, Jackson, NH – Black Mountain invested more than \$500,000 in snowmaking improvements including two new Ingersoll Rand Centac electric air compressors, doubling the overall snowmaking capacity while reducing the area's carbon footprint. Thirty-five low energy high-efficiency tower snow guns have been added to the primary race trail, Jackson Standard, as well as the Big Dipper, Maple Slalom and Black Beauty trails. A new beginners' area is being completed with all-new snowmaking lines, hydrants and low energy, high-efficiency tower guns. Additionally, the new learning area will have a new dedicated surface lift. Improvements to the base lodge include an expanded ski school and ticketing area, a new day care and nursery area, fully renovated dining room areas, and expansion to Lostbo Pub, more than doubling its size. [www.blackmt.com](http://www.blackmt.com).

Ragged Mountain, Danbury, NH – Ragged Mountain is spending over \$1 million to upgrade their snowmaking system. Among the upgrades are 100 new low energy, high-efficiency tower snow guns. Half of those guns will be part of an automated snowmaking system on Exhibition. This allows snowmakers to take advantage of shorter windows of snowmaking temperatures. There will also be five new fan guns on the mountain. The additional guns will benefit from a new pump that will increase the system's capability by 25%. [www.raggedmountainresort.com](http://www.raggedmountainresort.com).

Pats Peak, Henniker, NH - Pats Peak has completely renovated the arrival area; this winter, guests will be greeted by a warming area, brick walkway, stone walls, granite steps, and clock

tower. A new Air Bag will allow skiers and riders in the F5 Terrain Park to learn new tricks while landing on the soft, inflated bag. A new novice trail is being added to the "backside" of the mountain. This trail is the first step in a long-term expansion plan for the backside of the mountain. The first Women's Burton Learn to Ride Center in New Hampshire will be located at Pats Peak with specialized rental equipment and women-specific teaching and learning programs. Six new Snow Machine and HKD Turbo fan guns are being added to the snowmaking system. These guns are capable of producing snow at warmer temperatures and doing so in a more energy-efficient manner. The rental shop is adding an additional 100 pairs of new Dalbello boots, 300 pairs of new Elan skis, and 125 new Burton snowboards, bindings and boots. Base lodge improvements include a new backup generator, new carpet in the Valley Lodge and main entrance, and fresh paint for the exterior. [www.patspeak.com](http://www.patspeak.com).

Waterville Valley, Waterville Valley, NH - Waterville Valley will offer a new Adventure Trail, located off Valley Run featuring multiple routes through the woods with stops for bear caves, snow whales, a ski-thru sugar shack, hidden animal figures and more. A new learning park has been added on the Revelation trail offering special "kid-sized" features for developing skills. Snowmaking has been added to a cross country ski loop in Town Square to ensure XC skiing terrain is available. [www.visitwatervillevalley.com](http://www.visitwatervillevalley.com).

Cannon Mountain, Franconia Notch, NH - Cannon Mountain is spending a half-million dollars on snowmaking improvements. Among the additions are dedicated snowmaking on Paulie's Folly. New air and water lines are being installed on Upper Cannon and fan gun power pedestals are being added on Lower Cannon. Also, the addition of a new twenty-foot automated, portable tower fan gun, one of the first of its kind in North America. Several trail enhancements are underway including removal of a tree island on the Tossup trail allowing for more snowmaking and a bigger terrain park. A new Prinoth Bison X terrain park groomer has been purchased to shape and smooth out all the snow. [www.cannonmt.com](http://www.cannonmt.com).

Granite Gorge, Keene, NH - Granite Gorge has a new lodge with a Great Room and the Bus Stop Grill. The Lookout Lounge features a full bar and grill. On the exterior new mahogany decks are in place. The terrain park is now top-to-bottom on the Monadnock Trail with snowmaking and lighting. The well-known Granite Gorge Bag Jump is being replaced by a bigger and better version. Those looking for a non-skiing activity can enjoy the new Cosmic Tubing Park. [www.granitegorge.com](http://www.granitegorge.com).

Mount Sunapee, Newbury, NH - Mount Sunapee has purchased another 14 HKD high-efficiency snow guns, bringing the total of guns purchased over the past five years to 72. These guns make up to twice as much snow while using 75% less compressed air. A new Airbag that will be open to the public in the terrain park, allowing skiers and riders to get practice jumping or learning new tricks. Newly-added year-round attractions that winter guests can enjoy include the Canopy Zip-Line Tour, a 2 1/2 hour guided tour with eight zip lines, three rappels and a rope bridge. [www.mountsunapee.com/mtsunapeewinter/index.asp](http://www.mountsunapee.com/mtsunapeewinter/index.asp).

Gunstock Mountain Resort, Gilford, NH – Gunstock Mountain Resort made upgrades to the snowmaking system including replacing pipes and other improvements that will allow for more efficient operations. Ticketing and transaction systems are being updated to improve the

customer interaction experience. The recently constructed ZipTour will be available to guests throughout the winter offering eight different zip-lines including the longest zip-lines in the continental United States. [www.gunstock.com](http://www.gunstock.com).

Dartmouth Skiway, Lyme Center, NH – Dartmouth Skiway added a new Pisten Bully Winch Snowcat to the grooming fleet. Other improvements include new snowmaking on the Post-Doc trail along with a new snowmaking compressor. A new haul rope is being installed on the Holt's Ledge double chair, new Volkl skis are being added to the rental fleet, and all-new trail signage and redesignated trail ratings are being completed. [www.dartmouth.edu/~skiway](http://www.dartmouth.edu/~skiway).

McIntyre Ski Area, Manchester, NH - McIntyre will be adding an all-new terrain park for this winter. [www.mcintyreskiarea.com](http://www.mcintyreskiarea.com).

Windblown XC, New Ipswich, NH - Windblown XC added another thirty acres of glade skiing through selective cutting with a logging operation. [www.windblownxc.com](http://www.windblownxc.com).

Attitash Mountain, Bartlett, NH – Attitash is adding new learning terrain, including two new lower-mountain beginner trails. This addition will include a renovated, handle tow, surface lift and this learning area and lift will be free. Attitash Mountain Resort is relocating its larger terrain park to Bear Peak. The new “Abenaki” terrain park will be situated on Lower Myth Maker and Kachina trails and accessed from the Abenaki Quad chair mid-station. Attitash will be installing 40 new tower guns adding to its already impressive snowmaking system. [www.attitash.com](http://www.attitash.com).

Wildcat Mountain, Jackson, NH - Wildcat Mountain is adding a new conveyor belt surface lift. They have also continued for a second year to work closely with the U.S. Forest Service to improve and maintain the approved glade and tree skiing areas during the off-season. Wildcat Mountain will be increasing its output with the addition of 61 tower guns added to its arsenal for the 2012/13 season that will be installed on the Bobcat & Cheetah trails. [www.skiwildcat.com](http://www.skiwildcat.com).

Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH – Loon Mountain is offering two new parks built specifically for families: The Burton Riglet Park and Lil' Stash. The Burton Riglet Park is designed for the all the knee-high snowboarders and aspiring snowboarders. The Paul Bunyan-themed park will feature rolls, berms, mini pipe, and a ground-level box perfect for three-year-old boarders. For more advanced groms, the Burton Lil' Stash features rails, rollers, logs, and carvings of Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox. Off the snow, diners will enjoy the new Hearthside Café in the Octagon Lodge. The café will feature healthy lunch options, including a fresh fruit smoothie bar, appetizers, and specialty sandwiches. [www.loonmtn.com](http://www.loonmtn.com).

Sun-N-Snow Pass at Bretton Woods/Cranmore, NH - Two New Hampshire family-friendly ski areas, Bretton Woods at the Omni Mount Washington Resort and Cranmore Mountain Resort, have teamed up to offer a new pass option this winter. The “Sun-N-Snow” Season Pass offers skiers and riders a great value, with the pass being valid mid-week non-holiday periods all winter long. The pass costs just \$499 when purchased by November 30th and is valid at both mountains, all lifts, Sunday-Friday. [www.brettonwoods.com](http://www.brettonwoods.com) and [www.cranmore.com](http://www.cranmore.com).

## ***Lodging and Restaurants***

Mountain Club on Loon, Lincoln, NH – The 234-room Mountain Club on Loon underwent a \$9 million renovation. All guest rooms have completely renovated bathrooms, flat screen TVs, new carpeting and furniture, free WiFi, and user-friendly, in-room heating and cooling systems. The Mountain Club is also offering ski & stay deals this winter starting at \$68 per person, per night. [www.mtnclub.com](http://www.mtnclub.com).

Woodstock Inn & Brewery, North Woodstock, NH - The Woodstock Inn and Brewery has construction underway on a \$3 million expansion, which includes a 150-seat function hall and room to expand brewery operations. The Woodstock Inn features 33 rooms in five Main Street locations. The Woodstock Station seats 300 people and the upscale Clement Room Grill seats 60. The Woodstock Brewery crafts more than a dozen year-round and seasonal beers. [www.woodstockinnnh.com](http://www.woodstockinnnh.com).

Bartlett Inn Bed & Breakfast, Bartlett, NH – The Bartlett Inn Bed and Breakfast has completed two new barn rooms, increasing total guest rooms to 18. All guests receive full hot breakfast, pool for summer, hot tub for winter and large living room with wood fireplace for groups to gather. [www.bartlettinn.com](http://www.bartlettinn.com).

Bayside Rentals, LLC, Meredith, NH – Bayside Rentals now offers both vacation and long term rentals to all and operate out of 2 locations. The newest location being 423 Main Street, Laconia, NH. [www.baysiderentalsnh.com](http://www.baysiderentalsnh.com).

RiverWood Inn, Jackson Village, NH - Jackson Village's newest addition - the RiverWood Inn (formerly the the Village House) - has undergone a total renovation and re-furnishing of the Inn and Carriage House. Under new ownership, RiverWood is located on five acres of woodlands along the Wildcat River just steps from the shops and restaurants of the village. [www.riverwoodinn-jackson.com](http://www.riverwoodinn-jackson.com).

Smuttynose Brewing Company, Hampton, NH – Smuttynose Brewing Company has broken ground on its new brewery on Towle Farm Road in Hampton, New Hampshire. Smuttynose is moving its operations from Portsmouth to a \$16 million campus on Towle Farm Road. The new location will feature a 42,000 square foot production facility for onsite brewing and bottling, as well as a 95-seat restaurant. The brewing company received a \$500,000 grant earlier this year from the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority to assist in the expansion. Construction is scheduled for completion in fall of 2013. [www.smuttynose.com](http://www.smuttynose.com).

Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), Crawford Notch, NH - The Appalachian Mountain Club has rolled out an expanded lineup of guided family vacation programs, along with a new lodging deal. To further diversify its guided family experiences, AMC has launched a new three-day “Wee Wanderers” programs for families with children ages 2 to 5 at Cardigan Lodge, a long-time favorite in the New Hampshire’s Lakes Region, just two hours from Boston. On July 1,

2012, the AMC opened a new “Big Mountain” Playscape for energetic young explorers at its Highland Lodge in Crawford Notch. [www.outdoors.org](http://www.outdoors.org).

### ***Culinary***

The Wine, Cheese & Chocolate Tour, NHDTTD - What's better than wine and cheese? Wine, cheese and chocolate! The New Hampshire Division of Travel and Tourism Development has added the Wine, Cheese and Chocolate itinerary to its Tasty New Hampshire collection, which currently includes the Brewery Map, Ice Cream Trail and Chocolate and Martini Tour. The new itinerary features three loops around the state, from the "Near Coast Trail" to the "Valley Vineyards, Orchards and Dairies" and "Meandering the Merrimack and Lakes". Covering 31 wineries, cheesemakers and chocolatiers in New Hampshire, the Wine, Cheese and Chocolate itinerary contains a wealth of information about each property, including detailed listings with website, phone number and location information. For more information and to tickle your tastebuds, go to <http://www.visitnh.gov/planning-and-travel-tools/itineraries/tasty-new-hampshire.aspx> to find this and all the Tasty New Hampshire itineraries.

### ***Tours/Events:***

The Adrenaline Tour, NHDTTD - New Hampshire is home to some of the best adventures in New England. The Adrenaline Tour highlights the variety of thrilling zip-lines around the state; over lush scenic vistas to high-flying through the trees of the White Mountains. Experience the range of uniquely New Hampshire adventures that everyone can enjoy. The Adrenaline Tour features ten high flying adventures ranging from Alpine Adventures to Wildcat Mountain. You can find this tour along with the other Adventure Itineraries here: <http://visitnh.gov/planning-and-travel-tools/itineraries/adventure-itineraries.aspx>.

Christmas on the Farm, Inn at East Hill Farm, Troy, NH - Saturday, December 15 from 9:00am - 3:00 pm at the Inn at East Hill Farm. Guests will be able to milk a cow and goat, visit with the farm animals, collect eggs in the chicken coop, enjoy a hot chocolate tasting with Alan from Unbridled Chocolates, make s'mores at the campfire, make holiday crafts including Christmas ornaments and an edible Christmas tree, and have a sing-a-long with Santa on a tractor drawn wagon ride. \$25.00 per adult/\$15.00 per child. Prices include lunch, all the activities and use of the facilities. Reservations are required and can be made by calling The Inn at East Hill Farm at 1-800-242-6495. [www.east-hill-farm.com](http://www.east-hill-farm.com).

Runaway Sunday Tour, Barking Brook Sled Dog Adventures, LLC, Bridgewater, NH - Barking Brook Sled Dog Adventures is offering a new, super affordable tour that will take place on Sundays and holiday Mondays. It's a fun 30 minute dog sled ride that includes their gorgeous-hardworking Siberian Huskies, pretty scenery and their skilled and experienced owner/musher

driving the team. It's \$85 for one person or \$95 for two! Longer tours are available Saturdays and 3 days/week. These tours are incredible, go deep into the White Mountains and are truly a once in a lifetime adventure. But a short tour is great for visitors who may not have heavy winter gear or the desire to spend half a day in the winter wilderness. [www.barking-brook.com](http://www.barking-brook.com).

Family Holiday Camp, Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center, Laconia, NH - Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center is offering three adventure-filled days where guests learn how to make shelter, find food and stay warm in the winter, go on snowshoe hikes, and of course, go sledding! On such adventures in the past guests have discovered hidden ponds, unexplored valleys and found the coolest signs of animal life – always something new and different. If the weather is super-cold and/or wet, you'll spend time inside working on some fun, creative arts and crafts projects. Thurs. & Fri., December 27 & 28. And new this year, Saturday will be Family Holiday Camp Day. Spend the day doing camp activities with your kids! Saturday, December 29. [www.prescottfarm.org](http://www.prescottfarm.org).

### ***Arts and Culture***

Winnepesaukee Playhouse, Meredith, NH - Construction is underway on The Winnepesaukee Playhouse's new state-of-the-art theatre in Meredith. Having completed nine seasons in an 84-seat theatre in a strip mall in Weirs Beach, the Playhouse is excited to move operations to its new campus on the former site of the Annalee Doll complex. The new campus will include a 200+ seat theatre, an outdoor amphitheatre, nature trails, picnic areas and more. Professional performances will begin in the new theatre in June 2013 while the Playhouse's community and education programs are already underway on the Meredith Campus. For more information visit [www.winniplayhouse.org](http://www.winniplayhouse.org).

### ***Shopping***

Destination New London, The Inn at Pleasant Lake, New London, NH - A group of 48 New London businesses, including the Inn at Pleasant Lake have formed a new organization called Destination New London, created to support the vitality of their small community by keeping their presence in the forefront of locals and keeping them shopping locally. Over the last two years there have been a shopping event at the holidays and a couple in the springtime. It's called the Yellow card event and it is based on the idea from Cinda Baxter's 3/50 project ([www.the350project.net](http://www.the350project.net)). This holiday season 48 businesses are participating. Shoppers get a yellow card each time they spend money in one of the participating businesses. It is punched in increments of \$5 and when a card is filled to \$50 the card is placed in the drawing pool. In the past, four weeks have been done at the holiday time, with \$1000 of community investment gift certificates (Chamber of Commerce gift certificates that can be used at any of the participating businesses) given away. The first week \$150.00 was awarded, the second week \$150.00, the

third week \$200.00 and the fourth we ended with a \$500 winner. Participants were encouraged to visit all the businesses for more chances and thanked for supporting the local businesses. The next promotion runs November 5<sup>th</sup> through December 17<sup>th</sup>. <http://www.innatpleasantlake.com>.

Cottage Goods, Cottage Place on Squam Lake, Holderness, NH - Newly expanded gift store is aptly named Cottage Goods - specializing in small, affordable unique gifts like candles, linens, lotions, fun signs, cards, ornaments, antiques, pottery, socks, maple syrup, balsam pillows, special seasonal decorations, kids things, jewelry, aprons, framed embroidery, collectibles, furniture, stocking stuffers! Located conveniently near the intersection of Route 175 and Route 3 in the town of Holderness! [www.cottageplaceonsquam.com](http://www.cottageplaceonsquam.com).

### *Awards*

Woodstock Inn & Brewery, North Woodstock, NH - The proof is in the poll and the one taken by viewers of New England Cable News put the Woodstock Inn and Brewery at the top of breweries from around the region. The designation as Best Brewery comes as the Granite State was determined as having the highest per capita beer consumption in the country. [www.woodstockinnnh.com](http://www.woodstockinnnh.com).

### *Miscellaneous*

New Hampshire Group Travel Planning - Dedicated Website to Launch December 2012. The New Hampshire Division of Travel & Tourism Development is launching a new website dedicated exclusively to group travel planning in early December, 2012. New itineraries: The Colonial Tour; Downtown Sweet Tooth; and Bird-spotting & Wildlife have already been posted. [www.visitnh.gov](http://www.visitnh.gov).

Muddy River Sled Dog Kennel, Jefferson, NH - Muddy River Sled Dog Kennel has increased its fleet of rolling dog sleds and is home to the newest (and possibly the only) 6-8 person rolling dog sled. Tour bus groups of 40+ are easily accommodated during any season at the kennel for educational demos and rides. Fall foliage times are most popular with tour groups for this experience. The two-legged and four-legged staff welcome guests ages 2+ and groups of all sizes to come experience dog sledding year round! [www.dogslednh.com](http://www.dogslednh.com).

American Police Motorcycle Museum, Meredith, NH - This is a new museum in New Hampshire's scenic Lakes Region dedicated to motorcycle policemen, stocked with 49 motorcycles on three floors and interactive displays. The museum features an authentic police motorcycle from every decade, with a written history and pictorial display showcasing police motorcycles through time. As part of the museum experience, there are police motorcycle uniforms from the 1940's for guests to wear while having their picture taken on the 1948 police

motorcycle. There is ample bus parking and special discounts for groups, veterans, and seniors.  
[www.americanpolicemotorcyclemuseum.com](http://www.americanpolicemotorcyclemuseum.com).

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