

The New Hampshire Update

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 for the travel trade, new DVD, new itineraries, images, and collateral*

1. LODGING

Sunset Hill House, Sugar Hill: *Complete renovation of one of the area's largest function facilities, with New England's best views, 400 square foot dance floor, twin fireplaces, beautiful tile and carpeting. Seats 100 in cooler months, and up to 200 in summertime. Guests enjoy award winning restaurant and tavern, 9-hole golf course, Nordic center, all just north of Franconia Notch State Park in New Hampshire's White Mountains.* Contact: Nancy Henderson, inkeeper@sunsethillhouse.com P: 603-823-5522 www.sunsethillhouse.com

Exeter Inn, Exeter: *Luxury historic inn with 46 guest rooms built in 1932 completes multi-million dollar renovations and opens new Epoch Restaurant - function rooms and a la carte options available.* Contact: Tom O'Gorman, dos@theexeterinn.com P: 603-772-5901 www.theexeterinn.com

The Anchorage Inn & Suites, Portsmouth: *Completed renovations on its 93 guest rooms and added a new Jacuzzi.* Contact: Frank Tuscano, stay@anchorageinns.com P: 603-431-8111 www.anchorageinns.com

New Country Inn & Suites by Carlson, Bedford/Manchester: *100-room upscale hotel located minutes from Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. Featuring indoor mineral saline pool and whirlpool, free wireless internet, complimentary upscale breakfast, country store, microwave and refrigerator in each guest room and ample bus parking. Conveniently located near popular attractions, great restaurants, and shops.* Contact: Amy Laroche, amy.laroche@countryinns.com P: 603-666-4600 www.countryinns.com/manchesternh

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, Rochester: *This 77 guest room hotel includes complimentary breakfast, wireless internet, indoor pool, whirlpool, and fitness center. Just minutes off Route 16, Rochester serves as a gateway to New Hampshire's Lakes and Mountain Regions.* Contact: Sandi Mcquate, sandi@hiesrochester.com P: 603-994-1175
www.hiexpress.com/rochesternh

Mount Washington Resort, Bretton Woods: *\$50 million renovation and expansion*
P: 877-873-0626 www.mountwashingtonresort.com

Radisson Hotel Nashua, Nashua: *\$9,000,000 renovation and Castle restoration. Opening of 30,000 sq. ft "Spa at Atlantis" - ample tour bus parking and establishment of 3 new eateries within hotel.* Contact: Steve Lambert, steve.lamber@radisson.com P: 603-888-9970
www.radisson.com/nashuanh

Joe Dodge Lodge, Pinkham Notch: *Environmental Champion status in the New Hampshire Sustainable Lodging Program. Complimentary Nordic ski passes at Great Glen and onsite storage room for bikes and skis.* Contact: Rondi Stearns, rstearns@outdoors.org P: 603-278-4453 x 2001 <http://www.outdoors.org/lodging/groups/pnvc-groups.cfm>

Highland Center, Bretton Woods: *Award-winning green design that earned Environmental Champion status in the New Hampshire Sustainable Lodging program. Free use of LL Bean outdoor gear also available.* Contact: Rondi Stearns, rstearns@outdoors.org P: 603-278-4453 x 2001 <http://www.outdoors.org/lodging/groups/highland-groups.cfm>

Lake Opechee Inn & Spa, Lakeport: *New property off Lake Winnepesaukee - a full-service, pet-friendly facility, with spa, conference center and restaurant.* Contact: Michelle Dupont, 603-524-0111 www.opecheein.com

Mountain Club on Loon, Lincoln: *\$7 million in guest room and hallway renovations to be completed by spring of 2009.* Contact: Kellee Pfeuti, kfeuti@mtclub.com P: 800-229-7829

2. CULINARY

Smuttynose Brewery, Hampton: *Smuttynose Brewery plans to open a 42,000 square-foot brewery and restaurant on 14 acres of land on Towle Farm Road in Hampton in 2010. The new facility will allow the brewery to increase production from about 30,000 barrels per year to about 60,000 barrels. In the mean time, be sure to visit the brewery in Portsmouth for tours and tasting.* info@smuttynose.com P: 603-436-4026 www.smuttynose.com

Hart's Turkey Farm in the new Clarion Hotel, Manchester: *New hotel within minutes from the Manchester-Boston Regional airport features free continental breakfast, free wireless internet, a seasonal pool and exercise room. This new hotel boasts its own Hart's Turkey Farm, a New Hampshire favorite with its parent location in Meredith.* Contact: Phyllis Larochelle, plarochelle@clarionmanchester.com P: 603-669-2660 www.choicehotels.com or www.hartsturkeyfarm.com

Van Otis Chocolates, Manchester: *Tours, tastings, and candy making in its factory and store located on Elm Street, the heart of Manchester.* Contact: Dave Quinn P: 603-826-6847 www.vanotischocolates.com

Flag Hill Winery, Lee: *A respected winery established in 1990 has also become New Hampshire's first distillery with high quality spirits such as General John Stark Vodka. Guests can enjoy tours, wine tasting, cooking classes with local foods, dining, vineyard walks, picnics, and shopping in the gift shop.* Contact: Penny Boucher, penny@flaghill.com P: 603-659-2949 www.flaghill.com

Newicks Lobster House, Dover and Concord: *New Newicks in Concord, across from the Steeplegate Mall. Renovations completed on its Dover location which is a New England favorite located directly on the bay.* Contact: Wes Rogers, wesrogers@newicks.com P: 603-742-3235 www.newicks.com

Gauchos Churrascaria Brazilian Steak House, Manchester: *New Brazilian Steakhouse, a truly unique dining experience.* P: 603-669-9460, info@gauchosbraziliansteakhouse.com www.gauchosbraziliansteakhouse.com

Bailiwicks, Littleton: *New fine restaurant which opened its doors in 2007 has become "the place to eat" in New Hampshire's north country. Contact in advance*
Contact: Teresa Tupaj Wood, P: 444-7717, bailiwicks@verizon.net, www.bailiwicksfinerrestaurant.com

Kellerhaus, Weirs Beach: *Oldest candy and ice cream maker in New Hampshire where visitors can enjoy a waffle breakfast and see their candy making process.* P: 603-366-4466, www.kellerhaus.com

3. EVENTS

American Grand Prix Jumper Classic, Hampton Falls: *Going into its 20th year, will return to Hampton Falls for the second time in 2009. One of just 33 Grand Prix level sanctions events, the Jumper Classic drew some 12,000 spectators, 500 horses and Olympic medalists, European, South American and Canadian riders.* www.usef.org

Strawbery Banke Museum First Annual New Hampshire Fall Festival, Portsmouth: *In October, experience a traditional New England country fair complete with crafts, heritage breed animal exhibit, autumn activities in the Children's Garden, demonstrations, and garden tours.* Contact: Amy Moy, amoy@strawberybanke.org P: 603-433-1102 www.strawberybanke.org

Vintage Christmas in Portsmouth, Portsmouth: *Featuring the Candlelight Stroll at Strawberry Banke, the live holiday shows in The Music Hall's restored theater, and the stayovers at area hotels and inns. Back by popular demand will be the free Vintage Christmas Trolley to shuttle patrons around the historic seaport each Saturday and Sunday afternoon and evening.*
<http://www.themusichall.org/vintagechristmas/>

New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon: *Speedway Motorsport, Inc. purchased New Hampshire International Speedway and renamed it as the New Hampshire Motor Speedway. In addition to the track's new name, extensions to its grandstands increased capacity to about 100,000. Speedway Motorsport assures New Hampshire residents that the track will continue to host two Nascar Races.* P: 603-783-4931 www.nhms.com

Berlin Main Street Program, Berlin: *Exciting annual events such as Brewtopica ale tasting event in April, Drive in the 50's classic cars in June, Thunder on the Mountains festival in July, Scarecrow Contests in October, and Parade of Lights holiday event with fireworks in November.* Contact: Stacia Roberge, berlinmsp@verizon.net P: 603-752-6246 www.berlinmainstreet.org

Anheuser Bush Brewery, Merrimack: *Free tours, Annual NH Rockin Rib Fest in June, and much more!* Contact: Debbie Buttemeier P: 603-595-1202
www.budweisertours.com/docs/nh.htm

Jazzmouth, Portsmouth: *In April, festival celebrating poetry and jazz through films, musical performances, poetry readings and more. Jazzmouth features young poets and local artists, and draws in legendary national acts.* www.jazzmouth.org

Prescott Park Arts Festival, Portsmouth: *announces "Beauty & the Beast" as its 2008 season musical starting in June.* Contact: Ben Anderson, ben@prescottpark.org P: 603-436-2848
www.prescottpark.org

Fidelity Investments 2008 Jumper Classic, Hampton Falls: *In September with over 600 horses exhibiting, this is New England's premier equestrian event.* 978-283-7708
www.jumperclassic.com

Vintage Christmas, Portsmouth: *In December, join the Candlelight Stroll at Strawberry Banke and hear live performances at The Music Hall, a historic theatre.* www.strawberrybanke.org, www.themusichall.org

Hillsborough Heritage Museum, Hillsborough: *Timeless Tea House Tour in May where visitors can go from historic home to historic home while enjoying wonderful homemade treats at each stop.* Contact: S. Huggard, shuggard@mcttelecom.com P: 603-464-4781
www.timelessteahousetour.org or www.historic-hillsborough-nh.org

Keene Chamber of Commerce, Keene: *Annual Ice and Snow Fest held in February where downtown historic Keene becomes a winter wonderland. Also, don't miss the Keene Pumpkin Festival!* P: 603-352-1303 www.keenechamber.com

Wentworth By the Sea Hotel, New Castle/Portsmouth: *Annual Winter Wine Festival that brings chefs, winemakers and local purveyors together for a six week celebration of fine food and wine. With over four dozen events, there are vertical tastings, vintners' dinners, champagne brunches, art shows, lectures and convivial receptions designed to suit everyone's budget.*
P: 603-422-7322 www.WinterWineFestival.com

Easter Seals, Lakes Region: *Annual HK Power Sports Land and Lake Poker Run in July where groups can select check points around Lake Winnepesaukee and finish off the day with prizes and entertainment on the Naswa's sandy beach. All proceeds benefit Easter Seals.* Contact: Christine Hardy, chardy@eastersealsnh.org, P: 603-621-3429,

<http://silverimage.com/easterseals/es2007/>

Easter Seals, Manchester: *Annual Winter Wine Spectacular in January is the largest wine tasting event north of Boston featuring over 1200 wines, 20 local restaurants, private tasting rooms, raffles and more! Past guests have included Michael Mondavi.*

Contact: Christine Hardy, chardy@eastersealsnh.org, P: 603-621-3429,

<http://silverimage.com/easterseals/es2007/>

Inn at Danbury, Danbury: *Annual Oktoberfest in August with live music, fun contest, and authentic German cuisine.* Contact: Alexandra Graf, info@innatdanbury.com, P: 603-768-3318

Castle in the Clouds, Moultonborough: *Annual events include an antique show in June, a car show in July, and a fall festival in October all located at the historic mansion estate overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee.* P: 603-476-2352, www.castleintheclouds.org

4. ACTIVITIES

Wolfeboro Inn Cruise, Wolfeboro: *The Wolfeboro Inn brought to life its 70 foot replica turn-of-the-century paddleboat called the Winnepesaukee Belle. Offered also for private charter, the 'Belle' accommodates up to 150 people. It has two decks and the inn can serve meals on board.*

Contact: Hilary Ballentine, hilary@wolfeboroinn.com P: 603.569.3016 www.wolfeboroinn.com

Portsmouth Harbor Cruises, Portsmouth: *Enjoy a sunset harbor cruise with a glass of wine served by a Certified Wine Specialist.* Contact: Deb Cummings, phc@portsmouthharbor.com P: 603-436-8084 www.portsmouthharbor.com

Portsmouth Harbour Trail, Portsmouth: *Walking tours and/or step-on guide service year-round to help your tours experience 400 years of history highlighting Portsmouth's historic homes, trademark tugboats and working waterfront, vibrant Market Square, blossoming Prescott Park, and more.* Contact: Nicki Noble, tourism@portsmouthchamber.org P: 603-610-5510

New England Lighthouse Tours, Portsmouth: *A new company started in June 2008 - offers excursions led by a local historian for the American Lighthouse Foundation. A portion of the proceeds from all tours is donated to help lighthouse preservation.* P: 603-431-9155

<http://lighthouse.cc/tours/>

Nightmare New England, Litchfield: *Mel's Funway Park becomes New England's largest Halloween scream park every October with four terrifying attractions and more within 20 acres.*

Contact: Mike Krausert, mike@nightmarenewengland.com P: 603-913-9099

www.nightmarenewengland.com

Cannon Mountain, Franconia Notch State Park: *For winter enthusiasts, Cannon will be adding six new glades, new terrain in its Tuckerbrook Family Area, and a new grooming machine to its fleet. Summer and fall activities include a 70-passenger tram, hiking, and a café.* Contact:

Julianne Ireland, jireland@dred.state.nh.us P: 603-823-5563 www.cannonmt.com

Wildcat Mountain Ziprider™ and Alpine Disk Golf Course, Pinkham Notch: *Enjoy scenery that has been consistently voted #1 in North America (SKI Magazine). In addition to the ZipRider™, scenic gondola, and new 9-hole alpine disc golf course, Wildcat offers hiking, fishing, and weekly guided tours and outdoor interpretive programs. A seasonal food menu, make-your-own sundae bar, and beer & wine is offered in the Wildcat base lodge with fresh "Lunch & Ride" packages available for individuals, families, or groups.* Contact: Thomas Prindle, tprindle@skiwildcat.com P: 603-466-3326 x 216 www.skiwildcat.com

New Hampshire Children's Museum, Dover: *Formerly in Portsmouth and now is expanded three times in size in its new Dover location. With about 17 different exhibits, Children can learn about aerodynamics by inventing flying machines, learn about world cultures, or the natural life on the Cocheco River and more. Visit its new location in Dover!* Contact: Heidi Duncanson, hduncanson@childrens-museum.org P: 603-742-2002 www.childrens-museum.org

Tanger Outlets, Tilton: *Completed a \$2.6 million expansion for more tax-free shopping enjoyment.* Contact: Eric Proulx, enproulx@tangeroutlet.com P: 603-286-7880, www.tangeroutlet.com/tilton

Gorham Moose Tours, Gorham: *Scenic Moose and Wildlife Tours for groups up to 20 pax* Contact: Denise Vallee, info@gorhamnh.org, P: 603-466-3322 www.gorhamnh.org

Mt. Washington Auto Road, Gorham: *Sunrise and Sunset Drives up the highest peak in the northeast.* Contact: Ryan Triffitt, ryan@mt-washington.com www.mtwashingtonautoroad.com

Metallak Shores Resort, Pittsburg: *Fly-fishing and kayak tours. perfect for the outdoor enthusiast.* Contact: Linda Feltmate, info@metallakshoresresort.com <http://www.metallakshoresresort.com>

SkiNH, New Hampshire Ski Resorts 07/08 Season News:

Loon Mountain, Lincoln: *\$10 million expansion to South Peak*

Attitash, Bartlett: *\$2.5 million in snowmaking improvements*

Crotched Mountain, Bennington: *New Trails with plans to add 1,000 feet in vertical drop*

Mount Sunapee, Newbury: *2nd in the east for snow quality by Ski Magazine*

Reader Survey. New tubing park on South Peak and a new warming hut

Pats Peak, Henniker: *\$5 million in improvements.*

Contact: Kim Pickering, info@skinh.com P: 800-887-5464 www.skinh.com

M/S Mount Washington Cruises, Weirs Beach: *Now offering dinner, dance, themed, and narrated cruises on Lake Winnepesaukee.* P: 603-366-5531, info@cruisenh.com

5. ARTS & CULTURE

The Music Hall, Portsmouth: *Two years of restorations complete as part of "Save an American Treasure" project to bring back the original look of this 900 seat theater which was built in 1878. September 2008, the Music Hall concluded the most ambitious work of its lobby renovation – the excavation of approximately 700 cubic yards of rock ledge beneath the theater to make room for an absolutely beautiful 2,600 square foot entrance lobby. During the excavation, dramatic artifacts were uncovered dating from 1913 to 1957.* Contact: Kathleen Soldati, ksoldati@themusichall.org P: 603-436-2400 www.themusichall.org

Sarah's Hat Boxes, Hancock: *Wholesale operation with a retail store where your clients can shop for authentic, handmade fabric boxes. They have over 800 designs to explore and a 2,000 sq ft show room and commercial bathrooms. Call in advance.* Contact: Deborah Mills, sales@sarahshatboxes.com P: 603-525-3800 www.sarahshatboxes.com

Aviation Museum of New Hampshire, Manchester: *Housed in the old Grenier Field terminal building, this museum has the history of aeronautics in New Hampshire and all the people involved. Artifacts and photos abound.* Open Friday – Sundays. P: 603-669-4820 www.nhahs.org

Pepi Hermann Crystal, Gilford: *Mr. Hermann is one of only handful master crystal cutters in the United States and much of his work can be seen at his gallery and retail shop where you can view priceless pieces of art and demonstrations in New Hampshire's Lakes Region.* pepi@handcut.com P: 603-528-1020 www.handcut.com

Canterbury Shaker Village, Canterbury: *A national historic landmark and museum with 25 restored and 4 reconstructed Shaker buildings has made artifacts more accessible to visitors and has revamped its visitor friendly orientation and tours. Its 694 acre site also includes gardens, fields, ponds and forests.* Contact: Dana Dorwart, ddorwart@shakers.org P: 603-783-9511

The Currier Museum of Art, Manchester: *30,000 sq ft museum expansion to allow for 50% more world-class art collections, special exhibitions, and educational programs. Museum also runs the Zimmerman House designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright.* Contact: Karen Tebbenhoff, ktebbenhoff@currier.org P: 603-669-6144

The Rocks Estate, Bethlehem: *There are a wide range of programs offered for motor coach groups or individual guests such as moose, deer and bear tours; heritage; Christmas; conservation; or maple sugaring tours. Each tour can be tailored to suit the audience that is in attendance.* Contact: Nigel Manley, info@therocks.org P: 603-444-6228 www.therocks.org

Fuller Gardens, North Hampton: *features over 1700 rose bushes of hundreds of varieties, Japanese Garden and Koi pond, annual displays and a tropical and desert conservatory.* Contact: Jamie Colen, fullergrdn@aol.com P: 603-964-5414 www.fullergardens.org/FullerGardens

Moffett House Museum & Genealogy Center, Berlin: *two rooms dedicated to genealogical research.* Contact: Odette Leclerc, odleclerc@verizon.net P: 603-752-4590

The Nature Conservancy, Durham: *Great Bay conservation area expanded. Educational programs.* Contact: Jay Sullivan, jay@greatbay.org P: (603) 778-0015 www.greatbay.org

Strawbery Banke, Portsmouth: *Historic living museum opens Carter Collections Center and Victorian Children's Garden.* Contact: info@strawberybanke.org P: 603-433-1100
www.strawberybanke.org

Fiddleheads a Great North Woods Shoppe, Colebrook: *A unique New Hampshire shop where tickets can be purchased for performances at the Great North Woods Center for the Arts.* Contact: Better Guerin, info@fiddleheadsusa.com P: 603-237-9302 www.fiddleheadsusa.com

North Country Center for the Arts & Papermill Theatre, Lincoln: *Award winning professional summer musical theatre - now offering three shows in repertory throughout July & August. 2008 shows: All Shook Up, Forever Plaid, and The Full Monty. Group tour information including add-ons to existing itineraries, dinner & theatre packages, or lodging inclusive packages can be arranged.* Contact: Katya Maiser, info@papermilltheatre.org P: 603-745-6032
www.papermilltheatre.org

St. Kieran Arts Center, Berlin: *New Performing Arts Center and Visual Arts Gallery in beautiful, historic former Irish Church. Selected by NH Magazine as NH's Best in the 2007.* Contact: Joan Chamberlain, info@atkieranarts.org P: 603-752-1028 www.stkieranarts.org

The Music Hall, Portsmouth: *Two years of restorations complete as part of "Save an American Treasure" project to bring back the original look of this 900 seat theater which was built in 1878.* Contact: Kathleen Soldati, ksoldati@themusichall.org P: 603-436-2400

6. MISCELLANEOUS

New Beach Bus, Epping, Exeter, and Hampton: *For only \$1 per in town ride and \$3 to get out of town, with special rates for seniors and disabled travelers, visitors to a few of New Hampshire's seacoast towns will be able to have a stress-free way of getting around from July to September.* P: 603-743-5777 www.coastbus.org

Portsmouth named one of 2008 Dozen Distinctive Destinations by the National Trust for Historic Preservation Contact: Nicki Noble, tourism@portsmouthchamber.org P: 603-610-5510

Portsmouth named #4 on Outside Magazine's "Top 20 Towns in America" (August 2008 issue) Contact: Nicki Noble, tourism@portsmouthchamber.org P: 603-610-5510

Hampton Beach, Hampton: *Hampton Beach has been ranked one of only 18 five-star beaches in the United States when it comes to water quality and safety by the Natural Resources Defense Council.* P: 603-926-8718 info@hamptonchamber.com

New State Welcome-Information Center, Intervale: *Located off Route 16 just north of North Conway which is famous for its tax-free outlets and boutique shops and home of the Conway Scenic Railroad.* Contact: Betty Gagne, bgagne@dred.state.nh.us P: 603-271-2665

Portsmouth Chamber, Portsmouth: *City of Portsmouth named one of 2008 Dozen Distinctive Destinations by The National Trust for Historic Preservation.* Contact: Nicki Noble, tourism@portsmouthchamber.org P: 603-610-5517
www.nationaltrust.org/dozen_distinctive_destinations/2008/Portsmouth