

The New Hampshire Update

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

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1. LODGING

Above the Notch Motor Inn, Bretton Woods: Newly renovated rooms with country charm. Located one minute from the entrance to The Cog Railway, Mount Washington Resort, and Bretton Woods Ski Area. Now offer FREE summer chairlift rides and access to the Bretton Woods Sports Club for a small fee. Contact: Steve Messina, info@abovethenotch.com P:603-846-5156 www.abovethenotch.com

Attitash Grand Summit Hotel, Bartlett: *This hotel recently completed an extensive room and common area upgrade project. Located slopeside at Attitash Mountain Resort the Grand Summit is the only true ski-in, ski-out hotel in the Mount Washington Valley.* Contact: Gail St Onge reservations@attitash.com P: 603-374-1900 www.attitash.com/grandsummit

Comfort Inn & Suites, Lincoln: *Completing renovations on its 81 guestrooms in November 2011. This property is located adjacent to the Hobo Railroad and at the start of the scenic, mountainous Kancamagus Highway. Guests enjoy complimentary hot breakfast, 32 inch HD TVs, and the indoor pool and Jacuzzi.* Contact: Debi Lombardi, gm@comfortinnloon.com P: 603-745-6700 www.comfortinnloon.com

Inns & Spa at Mill Falls, Meredith: *Church Landing at Mill Falls just begin phase II of its expansion. The new development will add two new buildings, The Birch Lodge and The Boathouse Lodge, which will hold 13 deluxe lake view rooms and suites. The new buildings will be located on either side of the existing Lake Shore Cottage and will be connected to the existing Church Landing by covered cedar walkway.* Contact: Barb Anderson, banderson@millfalls.com P: 603-279-7006 www.millfalls.com

Lane Hotel, Keene: *the landmark, 40-room, historic boutique hotel on E.F Lane block on Main Street has just experienced an intriguing redesign. 120 years old - yet brand new and historically modern.* Contact Heidi Hale, hhale@colwenhotels.com P: 603-357-7070 www.thelanehotel.com

Mountain View Grand, Whitefield: Awarded the AAA Four Diamond awards for both lodging and dining for 2012 for the 5th year in a row. Also new this year, an outdoor wedding ceremony venue with a vintage gazebo that can be available for free to small performance groups (demos requested and advanced notice required). Awards received for 2011 include: Platinum certification through the National Green Business Bureau, voted "Top Family Destination" from ApplaudWomen.com, Award of Excellence winner by Wine Spectator Magazine. Contact: Rachel Manners, rmanners@mountainviewgrand.com P: 603-837-0039 www.mountainviewgrand.com

Nordic Inn Condominium Resort, Lincoln: Awarded the 2011 TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence, this affordable year round resort offers a brand new fitness center with indoor pool, hot tub, 3 saunas, racquet ball court, cardio and weight rooms. All units feature free high speed WiFi. Located just a short distance from Loon Mt. Ski Area, the Nordic Inn is within walking distance of local restaurants, shopping and entertainment. Contact: John Cote rentals@nordic-inn.com P: 866-734-2164 www.nordic-inn.com

Omni Mount Washington Resort, Bretton Woods: Awarded AAA Four-Diamond status for lodging and dining at two of the resort's restaurants. Recently completed a \$60 million renovation including a new spa, year-round Canopy Tour, and a restored Donald Ross golf course. Contact: Kim Labnon, klabnon@omnihotels.com P: 603-278-1000 www.omnimountwashington.com

Residence Inn by Marriott, North Conway: Achieved Marriott's Gold Guest Service Award and Opening Hotel of the Year. We have also redesigned 20 suites to accommodate the Group Travel market and they now offer complimentary arrival reception with beer, wine, soft drinks, and snacks for groups. New itineraries are available by request. Contact: Joanne Hastings, Joanne.hastings@marriott.com P: 603-356-3024 www.northconwayresidenceinn.com

Six South Street Hotel, Hanover: New high-end boutique lodging property in downtown historic Hanover near the "Big Green", around the corner from the Main Street shops, and surrounded by top notch restaurants, cafes, and art museums that match the Dartmouth standards for excellence. This modern and fashionable property has 69 guests room, a lively lounge and restaurant, complimentary high-speed wireless, and more. Contact: Don Bruce (GM), Donald.bruce@sixsouth.com, P: 603-653-0600 www.sixsouth.com

Wentworth by the Sea, New Castle: Opened new spa July 2011. This historic grand originally constructed in 1874 was named to the National Trusts 2008 list of Dozen Distinctive Destinations and is the only grand resort remaining on New Hampshire's diverse coastline. Contact: Yvonne Fredereksen, yvonne.fredereksen@wentworth.com P: 603-422-7322 www.wentworth.com

Woodward's Resort, Lincoln: this 141 room property has a full service restaurant serving breakfast and dinner daily announces affordable and dynamic two and three night group packages for groups of 20 or more that can include customized tours of the White Mountains and Lakes Region. Contact: Renee Blood, rblood@woodwardsresort.com P: 603-745-8141 www.woodwardsresort.com

2. CULINARY

At Bear Tree, Pittsburg: Groups exploring pristine Connecticut Lakes and New Hampshire's most pure forest found in the northern most part of New Hampshire can enjoy moose spotting, snowmobiling, hiking, snowshoeing, and any other outdoor adventure AND NOW a delicious meal at Metallak's newly acquired

property Bear Tree located directly on the 1st Connecticut Lake. Other plans for the near future are to add an expanded open deck to the lodge for receptions and to construct the Bear Tree pavilion to attract events, fairs, and weddings. Contact: Chantal Carney, beartree@nhecwb.com P: 603-538-9995
www.beartreecabins.com

Christmas Farm Inn & Spa, Jackson: Chef Stan Shafer has been voted "Chef of the Year 2011" by the American Culinary Federation. Groups welcome for 3-course plated or buffet lunch and dinners in the historic barn (circa 1786) with original timbers and fireplace. Contact: Sandra Plourde, sandra@christmasfarminn.com P: 603-383-4313 www.christmasfarminn.com

Copper Door Restaurant, Bedford: Groundbreaking for this new restaurant took place August 2011 to construct Great New Hampshire Restaurants CEO Tom Boucher's newest edition being described as "elevated casual." Once completed, this new restaurant will be able to accommodate 225 guests inside and an outside pergola for 50 more. Contact: info@copperdoorrestaurant.com P: 603-606-4455
www.copperdoorrestaurant.com

Jukebox Junction, Madison: Opening this October, new 1950's themed Ice Cream Shoppe and Diner offering 1950's specialty fountain drinks along with over 20 different flavors of ice cream including 6 no sugar added flavors. Invite groups to stop for ice cream if they are heading between North Conway and the Lakes Region. Contact: Kathleen Lang-Ruggiero, oceanmum@gmail.com P: 603-447-5650 www.jukebox-junction.com

LaBelle Winery, Amherst: Construction has begun on New Hampshire's newest winery located in an area of southern New Hampshire that is known for its country beauty and charm. LaBelle's delectable wines have already won 15 awards in 2011 competitions: The Big E and Indy International. Contact: Kirsten Lang, kristen@labellewinerynh.com P: 603-828-6862 www.labellewinerynh.com

New Hampshire Farm to Restaurant Connection, Statewide: Developed a new "Certified Local" program to recognize restaurants that are committed to supporting local agriculture. Restaurants must meet strict criteria to receive this level of recognition. Growers' Dinner events will be held across the state during the summer and fall season and information on dates and locations are promoted online. Contact: Charlie Burke info@nhfarmtorestaurant.com P: 603-286-4282 www.nhfarmtorestaurant.com

Purity Spring Resort, East Madison: Now offer two of its favorite summertime resort amenities to the general public; dinner and a sunset paddle. Guests dining at Purity's new Traditions Restaurant will now be able to enjoy complimentary kayaking or canoeing on Purity Lake before or after their dinner reservation. Outdoor adventure is offered all year and with the NH Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary. Contact: Dan Houde, dhoude@purityspring.com P: 603-367-4030 www.purityspring.com

Woodbound Inn, Rindge: Under New Management, Come in and check out the atmosphere and our new seasonal menus serving dinner Wednesday through Saturday and brunch on Sundays. Enjoy the best of NH with our twelve miles of nature trails, private beach, and many more on-site activities. Lodging also available. Contact: Erin Nolan erin@woodbound.com , P: 603.532.8341 x. 159 www.woodbound.com

3. EVENTS

Inn to Inn Cookie Tour, White Mountains: *This annual event in December going into its 15th year guides visitors sample cookies and treats at 12 country inns in the White Mountains. New this year, each inn will display a Christmas tree sponsored by local businesses and dedicated to a charity or non-profit of their choice. Cookie Tour guests will vote on their favorite tree and then the winner will receive a donation.* Contact: Linda Trask, innkeeper@glenoaksinn.com P: 603-356-9772
www.countryinnsinthewhitmountains.com

Murder Mystery Weekend, Lincoln & Woodstock: *The Annual Murder Mystery Weekend April 14 and 15 will be enhanced for 2012 with clues placed around Lincoln and Woodstock. Solve the murder and win prizes. It is free to play!* Contact: Alyssa Yolda, alyssa@lincolnwoodstock.com P: 603-745-6621
www.lincolnwoodstock.com

New England Brewfest, Lincoln: *The Brewfest on June 30, 2012 will have 25 participating breweries, a New England Slider competition, demonstrations, and more. The Brewfest will have an exciting partnership with Boston's 92.5 The River radio to bring in talented up-and-coming musicians.* Contact: Alyssa Yolda, alyssa@lincolnwoodstock.com P: 603-745-6621 www.lincolnwoodstock.com

NH Events win American Bus Association Top 100 for 2012: *Congratulations goes to the New Hampshire Highland Games, the largest Scottish/Celtic festival in the northeast (September 21 – 23, 2012 in Lincoln) and to the Hampton Beach Seafood Festival in Hampton Beach (September 7 – 9, 2012). This is a prestigious status to achieve! Learn more about these events by going to www.nhscot.org and www.hamptonbeachseafoodfestival.com*

New Hampshire Open Doors, Statewide: *This annual touring and shopping event held in November invites group to get a jump start on their holiday shopping by visiting any of the 150 New Hampshire craftpeople, artisans, farms, orchards, wineries, cultural attractions, retail shops, and galleries filled with NH-made products. Contact the League of NH Craftsmen to for an Open Doors schedule of special events, demonstrations, hayrides, food samplings, farm to table menus, music and more.* Contact: Susie Lowe Stockwell, info@nhcrafts.org P: 603-224-3375 www.nhopensdoors.com

Northern Forest Heritage Park Events, Berlin: *River Tours, Logging Camp Tours, the Annual Cultural/Heritage Festival, Lumberjack, Festivals, Riverfire, Wingzilla - and now annual Christmas and holiday festivals! If you can't make an event date, groups are welcome to visit this unique location anytime for tours and custom group programs.* Contact: Dick Huot, rhuot@tccap.org P: 603-752-7202
www.northernforestheritage.org

4. ACTIVITIES

Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), White Mountain National Forest: *AMC owns and operates several eco-lodges and eight high huts throughout the White Mountains and encourages groups to take advantage of their guided adventures for all abilities, rentals, educational programs, lodging, and dining offerings. Offered in 2012, guests staying at the Joe Dodge Lodge in Pinkham Notch can snowshoe, x-country ski, and tube for free with Great Glen Trails. Adventure groups- ask about hut-to-hut hiking!* Contact: Brant McAleer, bmcaleer@outdoors.org P: 603-466-8137 www.outdoors.org

Cannon Mountain Ice Cream Deck, Franconia Notch State Park: *An ice cream deck was added to the Cannon Mountain Gift Shop, with a view of beautiful of the Notch and Franconia Ridge. The Flume Gorge Visitors Center and Cannon Mountain is now offering homemade fudge at both locations; offering close to 12 different flavors at any time.* Contact: Julianne Ireland, julianne.ireland@dred.state.nh.us P: 603-823-7722 x 776 www.cannonmt.com

Cranmore Mountain, North Conway: *this popular ski resort is expanding its activities into the summer season with its brand new \$2 million summer adventure park which opened summer 2011 that features an Aerial Adventure Tree-top Tour. The mountain will operate its new Giant Swing all year. Other major news include that there will substantial upgrades to the main base lodge, food and beverage facilities, rental shop, snowmaking, and grooming.* Contact: Kathy Bennett, kbennett@cranmore.com P: 603-356-5543 www.cranmore.com

Franconia Notch Bike Path, Franconia Notch State Park: *This 8.8 mile paved bike path has an elevation gain of 800 feet and takes visitors to many of the most scenic and natural points in Franconia Notch State Park. Cannon Mountain offers bike rentals. Cannon also has a shuttle to bring back groups that want to do a one-way, downhill ride on the path from the tramway to the Flume Gorge Visitor Center.* Contact: Julianne Ireland, julianne.ireland@dred.state.nh.us P: 603-823-7722 x 776 www.cannonmt.com

Monkey Trunks, Chocorua and Weirs Beach: *Extended Chocorua high ropes and zipline adventures so it can now accommodate up to 150 participants easily. Monkey Trunks also opened a new site at Weirs Beach in the grounds of Funspot which has a King Kong course with 48 high ropes challenges, 3 ziplines, giant swing and leap of faith.* Contact: Hazel Ives, infonh@monkeytrunks.com, Chocoura: 603-367-4427 Weirs Beach 603-452-8974 www.monkeytrunks.com

Muddy Paw Sled Dog, Jefferson: *Dogsled tours in the winter and SUMMER! Renovated the dogsled kennel to accommodate large groups for demos and lectures with our rescue and second chance sled dogs. Increased the size of the summer and winter fleet of traditional and rolling dogsleds. Offering the "longest dogsled ride in New England" as well as inn-supported overnight adventures. Try our "Paws -n- Paddles" Combo with a full day of whitewater rafting and an evening of rolling dogsledding... the only place in the country you can dogsled and whitewater raft in the same day!* Contact: Karen Tolin, info@dogslednh.com P: 603-545-4533 www.dogslednh.com

Raft NH, Gorham: *Adding two new exciting Class III and IV whitewater rafting trips and a new tranquil float trip. They doubled the size of their raft and kayak fleet to accommodate large groups, conventions, and tour buses. Up to 65 people per trip and off-street parking available for buses. Fresh meals served at the gorgeous Mahoosuc Inn.* Contact: Karen Tolin, info@dogslednh.com P: 603-545-4533 www.raftnh.com

Ski Area Improvements for 2011/12 Season

Contact: Karl Stone, karl@skinh.com P: 603-745-9396 x 202 www.skinh.com

Loon Mountain, Lincoln: *\$1.4 million investment adds four new trails (an additional 17.5 acres), and another 160 of the latest technology Low-E tower snow guns*

Granite Gorge, Keene: *adding an addition to the base lodge, expanding rental, adding The Lookout Lounge with a full liquor licence and all weather deck, expanding trails, adding two new snowguns to the fleet, and offering a brand new Bag Jump inflatable landing area for skiers and riders to practice jumps.*

Pats Peak, Henniker: *substantial additions to snowmaking, new Burton Learn to Ride Center, expanding rentals with separate section for the Bear's Club Kids Program, new progression section*

added to terrain park, and now offering a new Freestyle Camp.

Mount Sunapee, Newbury: new glade trail, expanded snowmaking, and new Burton Learn to Ride Center.

Gunstock Mountain Resort, Gilford: New Big Air Bag Jump for a soft landing and new Zip Tour offered all seasons

Cranmore, North Conway: added 40 new snowmaking guns, a new groomer, lodge renovations, and substantial rental equipment upgrades.

Black Mountain, Jackson: increasing snowmaking by 35%, widely Sugarbush trail, lodge renovations, and expanded seating at the Lostbo Pub.

Crotched Mountain, Bennington: expanded rentals and new freestyle elements and park. King Pine and Purity Spring Resort, East Madison: improved snowmaking.

Jackson XC, Jackson: 1.7 km of new trails

Windblown XC, New Ipswich: now offering telemark and backcountry skiing

Tanger Outlet Center, Tilton: The outlet center hosts over 50 name brand outlets in one convenient location in the Lakes Region. The grand openings of the UNDER ARMOUR and NATURALIZER outlets add to the shopping experience. Tanger offers group tour incentives with advanced registration. Contact: Eric Proulx enproulx@tangeroutlet.com P: (603) 286-7880 ext. 302 www.tangeroutlet.com/tours

The Rocks Estate, Bethlehem: Offers several programs including moose and bear and a maple sugar experience and now all groups that come to The Rocks have the option of a guided horse drawn ride. Groups are welcome to visit their enhanced gift shop open throughout the year or to simply enjoy their trail system and spectacular views of the Presidential mountain range. Contact: Nigel Manley, info@therocks.com P: 603-444-6228 www.therocks.org

5. ARTS, CULTURE, & LEARNING

Franconia Notch State Park Interpreters: Through the Power of Parks Program, interpreters have created many programs including wildlife, geology, hiking, and survival. Learn how to incorporate a Park's interpreter into your tour of the White Mountains. Contact: Julianne Ireland, julianne.ireland@dred.state.nh.us P: 603-823-7722 x 776 www.cannonmt.com

Mount Washington Observatory Discovery Center, North Conway: Learn what meteorologists watch for, how climate works, what makes the Alpine Zone special, and what it is like to live and work on the summit of Mount Washington without leaving North Conway's village. The Discovery Center offers interactive, live video conferencing with the summit and can customize the program for your group. Contact: Michelle Cruz, mcruz@mountwashington.org P: 603-356-2137 x 212 www.mountwashington.org

New Hampshire Boat Museum, Wolfeboro: Announced a new welcome center to introduce guests to the museum that includes a family area filled with nautical demonstrations and exhibits. Other sections include the Steamboat History Center and the Goodhue & Hawkins exhibits. Special group rates available. Contact: Ann Sprague, museum@nhbm.org P: 603-569-4554

Old Man of the Mountain Memorial Park, Franconia Notch State Park: The Old Man Profiler Plaza is now open (dedicated June 12, 2011) and offering a spectacular attraction to view the Old Man as he once was on the mountain. The sight is still being worked on and will continue to do so for a few years. Visitors are welcome to stop in this beautiful area and to try out the viewing poles as they work their way through Franconia Notch. Contact: Julianne Ireland, julianne.ireland@dred.state.nh.us P: 603-823-7722 x 776

www.cannonmt.com

Slusser Aviation Learning Center, Londonderry: *Grand opening in May 2011 adjacent to the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire dedicated to teaching students and groups the science and wonder of aviation.* Contact: Vincent Devino, avmuseumnh@comcast.net P: 603-669-4820 www.nhahs.org

Voluntourism for groups

Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) Trail and Lodge Work: *participants from near and far volunteer approximately 18,000 hours building 1,200 feet of bog bridging, and helping maintain 1,500 miles of trails. Learn about AMC's one to three day programs.* Contact: Brant McAleer, bmcaleer@outdoors.org P: 603-466-8137 www.outdoors.org

Northern Forest Canoe Trail (NFCT) Waterway Work, Errol: *In 2011 volunteers helped to mitigate erosion and impact on the shores of Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge and 2012 NFCT seeks volunteers to help protect the mouth of the Magalloway River. Volunteers enjoy paddling, rapids, and wildlife.* Contact: Kate Williams, kate@northernforstcanoetrail.org P: 802-496-2285 www.northernforestcanoetrail.org

Star Island, Atlantic Ocean: *Located off the coast of Portsmouth, this historically significant island relies heavily on volunteers during the spring and summer to help maintain the island's infrastructure and landscaping and to help bring in weekend events. Volunteers get boat transportation and meals.* Contact: Priscilla Hodgkins, phodgkins@starisland.org P: 603-430-6272 www.starisland.org

D'Acres Organic Farm and Educational Homestead, Dorchester: *Non-profit working farm dedicated to education and sustainability. Whether your group stays at D'Acres or wishes to visit them for a day-long program, guests will gain valuable knowledge and experience that can carry over to their day-to-day lives.* Contact: Josh Trought, info@dacres.org P: 603-786-2366 www.dacres.org

Blue Ocean Society Beach Cleanups, Portsmouth: *Protect the marine environment - On beach cleanups volunteers spend 1-2 hours collecting trash from a local beach, and then record findings so participants also get to contribute to the Blue Ocean Society's long-term study on marine pollution.* Contact: info@blueoceansociety.org P: 603-431-0260 www.blueoceansociety.org

6. MISCELLANEOUS

Hanover, New Hampshire among the "Top 10 Best Small Towns in the United States", **Money Magazine:** *Hanover, most well known for the Ivy League Dartmouth College, has been ranked #6 among the best towns in the United States by Money Magazine using criteria such as low crime, good schools, and having an abundance of cultural activities. Visitors enjoy picturesque architecture, greens, free art galleries and historic sites, year-round events, local shops, top of the line restaurants, unique cafes, young energy, and outdoor recreation (the Appalachian Trail passes through town making it a popular stop for thru-hikers).* www.hanoverchamber.org

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Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Holderness: *Has been accredited in 2011 by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). Standards to qualify include animal care, veterinary programs, conservation, education, and safety and a series of meticulous site inspections by AZA professionals. Squam Lakes is the only AZA accredited institution in northern New England and are currently one of 225 in the world.* Contact: Amanda Gillen, amanda.gillen@nhnature.org P: 603-968-7194 www.nhnature.org