

The New Hampshire Update

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

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New Hampshire Division of Tourism, statewide: Announces the development of a new website dedicated exclusively to group travel planning that will be in the testing phase in October and fully launched in November 2012. Will be accessible from www.visitnh.gov. New itineraries: The Colonial Tour, Downtown Sweet Tooth, and Birdspotting & Wildlife have been posted to <http://www.visitnh.gov/tour-operators/itineraries/for-groups.aspx>.

New Hampshire at the American Bus Association Annual Convention, January 2013: Look for New Hampshire's delegation at the next ABA Annual Convention where we will be running our Group Tour Giveaway contest for the second year. If you will be attending, find a NH delegate for your chance to win 40 admissions to the Mount Washington Cog Railway, the Castle in the Clouds, and your choice of a Harbor, Sunset, or evening cruise aboard the Heritage with the Portsmouth Harbor Cruises. New Hampshire will also co-host a New England reception for tour operators. *Contact: Michele Cota, mcota@dred.state.nh.us P: 603-271-2665 www.visitnh.gov*

LODGING

Hanover Inn, Hanover: The 108-room Hanover Inn at Dartmouth is undergoing a comprehensive renovation in three phases: renovations of 94 of 108 rooms and redesigned public spaces, including a casual, full-service restaurant; the Hayward Ballroom with 1,761 sq. ft. of meeting and banquet space; the Inn's signature restaurant, an additional 14 guestrooms, a fitness center and 3,933 sq. ft. state of the art Minary Conference Center. *Contact Group Reservations sales@hanoverinn.com P: 603-643-4300 www.hanoverinn.com*

Inns and Spa at Mill Falls, Meredith: Opened June 2012, the new Boathouse and Birch Lodge at Church Landing adding 13 new guest rooms to their existing collection of four charming inns in downtown Meredith. *Contact: Bob Strang, bob@millfalls.com P: 800-508-4598 www.millfalls.com*

NASWA Resort, Laconia: A classic New Hampshire boutique resort which overlooks 1000' of sandy beach voted New Hampshire Lodging & Restaurant Association's 2011 Innkeeper of the Year. The NASWA features their world famous NazBar and Grill right on the water and in 2012 introduced brilliantly crafted cuisine in their new Blue Bistro. The NASWA has been family owned and operated since 1935. The NASWA

offers welcome receptions, hearty breakfasts and events such as wine & cheese tastings at sunset, a New England Clambake or a Beachside BBQ. The NASWA hospitality team is happy to cater to any requests from group tour planners. *Contact: Sarah Pirrotta-Benoit, groupsales@NASWA.com P: 603-366-4341 www.naswa.com*

Radisson, Nashua: Will be completing an \$8 million renovation project on the exterior, the entrance, lobby, guest rooms, corridors, and meeting space and the addition of a new restaurant called Shade. *Contact: Ed Cary, ed.carey@nashuaradisson.com P: 603-888-9970 www.radisson.com/nashuanh*

Residence Inn by Marriott, North Conway: Now has packages for tour operators and group tour planners specializing in leisure group travel that include winter, summer, spring and fall adventures and sports. All equipment is available to rent online, no waiting, and delivery to the hotel. They work with the largest Columbia Dealer in Northern New England! *Contact: Joanne Hastings, Joanne.Hastings@marriott.com P: 603-356-3024 www.northconwayresidenceinn.com*

Woodbound Inn, Rindge: Under new management with CrestHill Suites with exciting renovation plans and additions. Originally built in 1760, this historic property offers group friendly lodging at their Main Inn and at their adjacent Edgewood building, a private beach, easy walking trails, and more. They also have a group friendly restaurant that is a popular dining spot. *Contact: John Giordano, john@cresthillsuites.com P: 603-532-8341 www.woodbound.com*

CULINARY

1785 Inn & Restaurant, North Conway: Received "Award of Excellence" by Wine Spectator Magazine for "having one of the finest wine lists in the world." Open for tours of its famous Christmas/winter decorations each from year from December to March. For group tours, call ahead to make arrangements or/and to make lunch and dinner reservations. *Contact: Becky Mallar, the1785inn@aol.com P: 603-356-9025 www.the1785inn.com*

Tell's of Waterville Restaurant, Waterville Valley: Renovations and improvements to the former William Tell Restaurant that includes brighter space to its warm and cozy dining area, and introduces a new Patio Café and a new Ice Cream Café. Ample parking for motorcoaches and will cater to groups with advanced reservation for lunch and dinner. *Contact: Kevin Friel, tellswv@aol.com P: 603-726-3618 www.tellswvrestaurant.com*

Unos Restaurants, Tilton, Concord, Nashua, and Dover: Health Magazine named Unos "Healthiest Chain" and also named among the top four "Family Friendliest" by Parent Magazine. Unos offers a complete dining solution for groups including gourmet boxed lunches for groups on the go. *Contact: Kim Lathe, klathe@unos.com P: 508-561-9292 www.unos.com*

Woodstock Inn Station & Brewery, North Woodstock: Almost completed with a \$30 million expansion to add a 30 Barrel brewing facility, entertainment venue, and 150-seat function room. They will also add a new Tiki bar to their popular outdoor patio. *Contact: Scott Rice, relax@woodstockinnnh.com P: 603-745-3951 www.woodstockinnnh.com*

EVENTS

Annual Fields of Lupine Festival, Sugar Hill: In honor of their 20th Anniversary in June 2013, the festival will introduce a new display using the work of professional and amateur photographers from the festival's early days to present. Festivities occur over 17 days throughout the greater Franconia Notch area. *Contact: Barbara Ashley, info@franconianotch.org P: 603-823-5661 www.franconianotch.org*

Annual Yakking for Loons, Lake Winnepesaukee: The Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) hosts several events throughout the year including this new annual event in June. Paddlers choose between two kayaking

courses and are accompanied by Lake Winnepesaukee field biologists. The LPC runs the The Loon Center in Moultonborough which offers an educational film, loon displays, a gift shop, and an easy 1.7 mile Loon Nest Trail to the lakeshore. *Contact: Bette Ruyffelaert, info@loon.org P: 603-476-5666 www.loon.org*

ACTIVITIES

Eastman Cross Country Center, Grantham: Added new trails and connectors to its existing 36+K. Group discounts and rentals available with advanced reservation. *Contact: leslie@eastmannh.org P: 603-863-6772 www.eastmannh.org/ski*

Jack O'Lantern Resort & Golf, Woodstock: Offering covered bridge tours beginning with their own covered bridge and includes Pemi River picnics, dining in the new 2nd floor outdoor sunset terrace while enjoying 360 degree views of the White Mountains. *Contact: Marie, info@jackolanternresort.com, P: 603-745-8121 www.jackolanternresort.com*

Loon Mountain Resort, Lincoln: New Aerial Forest Adventure Park where guests can challenge themselves by maneuvering from platform to platform in the trees via ziplines, bridges, cables and other challenges. The new park features five levels of difficulty, each one requiring more balance and agility. Open to adults and children 7 and over, the Aerial Forest Adventure Park will operate daily from Labor Day, and weekends through Columbus Day. *Contact: Adam Davidoff, adavidoff@loonmtn.com P: 603-745-8111 www.loonmtn.com*

Monkey Trunks Extreme Aerial Adventure Park, Chocorua and Weirs Beach: A group tour to Monkey Trunks will be a true adventure! All new in Weirs Beach are the lights! Now, you can zipline, climb and swing under the lights which make for a whole new experience! The group/team building staff can provide a unique group experience with special team building sessions that focus on leadership, trust and cooperation. Programs are created especially for the needs of the group. A great experience for all ages! *Contact: Kris Gagnon, info@monkeytrunks.com P: 603-367-4427 www.MonkeyTrunks.com*

Muddy Paw Sled Dog Kennel, Jefferson: 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. MPSDK has also welcomed several new rescue sled dogs to the kennel this past summer season. The two-legged and four-legged staff welcome guests ages 2+ and groups of all sizes to come experience dog sledding year round! *Contact: Karen Tolin, info@dogslednh.com 603-545-4533 www.dogslednh.com*

Omni Mount Washington's Bretton Woods Ski Resort, Bretton Woods: Launching a multi-phased \$70 million transformation including: expansion of Mount Stickney, a new 600 sqft classic style warming cabin, a new T-bar, 30 acres of new glades over backcountry terrain for those skiers looking for a more challenging experience, 50 new snowguns, and expansion of the cross-country trails. *Contact: Melody Mere, mmere@omnihotels.com P: 603-278-1000 <http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/BrettonWoodsMountWashington.aspx>*

Omni Mount Washington Resort Summer, Bretton Woods: Debut of two new climbing activities - the outdoor West Wall Climb and the indoor Slopeside Climbing Wall both suitable for climbers of all abilities and experience levels. Also new is the Ranger mountain tour. Explore the higher summits of Bretton Woods on a guided off-road adventure on their easily-accessible Polaris® Ranger® Mountain Tour. Their guides do the driving while you sit back and enjoy the ride. *Contact: Melody Mere, mmere@omnihotels.com P: 603-278-1000 <http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/BrettonWoodsMountWashington.aspx>*

Premium Outlets, Merrimack: Opened in 2012, brand new outlet village featuring over 100 high-end outlet stores including Bloomingdales, Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th, Ann Taylor, and Coach. Groups of 15 or more will receive free VIP Coupon Books upon arrival. Perfectly located in southern New Hampshire, minutes from the Anheuser Busch Brewery, several locally owned group friendly restaurants, and LaBelle Winery's new vineyard. *Contact: Aylin Felch, afelch@simon.com P: 603-424-0050 www.premiumoutlets.com*

Raft NH, Gorham: Just launched a new trip, the nearest Class IV Whitewater Rafting experience to Boston and purchased two new 13' whitewater rafts increasing the ability to accommodate group sizes of up to 70+. Raft NH is proud offer the newest fleet of flat water rental items (canoes, kayaks, rive tubes, stand up paddle boards, etc.) in the Gorham, NH area! Raft NH is able to accommodate guests ages 5+ and groups of all sizes on river trips that range from mild-wild (no experience necessary). *Contact: Karen Tolin, info@dogslednh.com P: 603-545-4533 www.raftnh.com*

Settler's Green Outlets, North Conway: Presents Movies on the Green every Tuesday in July & August. Giant sixteen-foot movie screen and Blu-Ray projector, comfy outdoor lounge chairs for the first 30 guests, full dinner menu, ice cream and popcorn, all on the lawn on a warm summer night! Movies start at dusk, are located at the courtyard in Settlers green, and are all G or PG rated family films. *Contact: Emily George, Emily@ovpmanagement.com P: 603-356-7031 x 10 www.settlersgreen.com*

ARTS, CULTURE, EDUCATION

American Police Motorcycle Museum, Meredith: Now open and stocked with 49 motorcycles on three floors with a movie theater and interactive displays. Ample bus parking and special discounts for groups, veterans, and seniors. *Contact: Doug Frederick P: 603-279-6387 www.americanpolicebicyclemuseum.com*

Canterbury Shaker Village, Canterbury: Shaker settlement, dating back to 1784, is now offering a Ghost Encounters tour for groups with advanced reservation. Many Shakers believe in the afterlife where spirits linger before reaching their final destination. The village also offers a Tour, Shop, and Dine package. *Contact Lauren Henderson, lhenderson@shakers.org P: 603-783-9077 x 230 www.shakers.org*

Inn at East Hill Farm, Troy: This working farm, attractions, group dining option, and small inn was just named winner of the About.com Reader's Choice Award for Favorite Family Resort or Hotel! *Contact: Jennifer Adams, info@east-hill-farm.com P: 603-242-6495 www.east-hill-farm.com*

Jean's Playhouse Theatre, Lincoln: Now open this beautiful, state of the art theatre that will run professional live performances year round. *Contact: Chris Bolan, cbolan@papermilltheatre.org P: 603-745-6032 www.papermilltheatre.org/jeans-playhouse*

Palace Theatre, Manchester: has been selected as the 2012 Outstanding Historic Theatre by the League of Historic American Theatres. The Palace is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a non-profit performing arts center. *Contact: Nancy Duprey, nancyduprey@palacetheatre.org P: 603-668-5588 www.palacetheatre.org*

Music Hall, Portsmouth: The Music Hall in downtown Portsmouth, New Hampshire announced today that its latest restoration project has been completed – the upper lobby of its landmark Historic Theater. Now as patrons head upstairs from the Beaux Arts Founders Lobby for a live show or film, they will pass through the perfect transition into the Victorian auditorium. *Contact: Mark Pruett, mpruett@themusichall.org P: 603-433-3100 www.themusichall.org*

Seacoast Science Center, Rye: opened a new exhibit, the Evolution of Baleen Whales in spring 2012. The exhibit features a model of an Ambulocetus, two pilot whale skeletons and harbor porpoise skeleton, a mural, mobile and a video. The new exhibit tells the 50 million year story of how marine mammals evolved from terrestrial animals and links to their existing signature exhibit, Tofu: The Journey of a Humpback Whale, featuring Tofu's 32-foot skeleton. *Contact: Karen Provazza, k.provazza@seacentr.org P: 603-436-8043 www.seacoastsciencecenter.org*

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Holderness: Experts at this science center are leading a new Blue Jay study to learn the dominance at feeders within the aviary, their interaction, and vocalization using citizen scientists. Find out how your group can help. The Science Center offers Squam Lake Nature Cruises and the handicap accessible animal exhibit trail to see native New Hampshire animals featuring a new White-tailed Deer exhibit. *Contact: Amanda Gillen, amanda.gillen@nhnature.org, P: 603-968-7194, www.nhnature.org*

White Mountain Photo Gallery, Jackson: Now offering guests traveling in groups of 20 more that visit the gallery a 10% coupon during their visit. This fine art gallery features over 1000 images of the White Mountains and New England. Visit the gallery and marvel at some of the finest images of the region, while visiting the picturesque village of Jackson. *Contact: Dana Clemons, dclemnh@hotmail.com P: 603-374-6050 www.whitemountainphoto.com*

MISC

Bean Park, Wolfeboro: The new Park features picnic tables for dining and resting. The Park is conveniently located alongside the waters of Back Bay, adjacent to the Wolfeboro Area Chamber of Commerce and Information Center. *Contact: Mary DeVries, wolfeborochamber@conknet.com P: (603) 569-2200 www.wolfeborochamber.com*

Information Center of the Wolfeboro Area Chamber of Commerce, Wolfeboro: Completed downtown project offers new bench seating outside the Information Center, and new curbside pickup and drop-off location for tour group buses. Public restrooms are on sight and staff at the Information Center can easily direct bus drivers to nearby designated bus parking, and assist operators and passengers to shopping and dining areas. *Contact: Mary DeVries, wolfeborochamber@conknet.com P: (603) 569-2200 www.wolfeborochamber.com*

New Hampshire Coastal Beaches 2nd Cleanest in Nation, Hampton Beach: The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) has once again rated Hampton Beach State Park a five star beach and called New Hampshire coastal beaches 2nd cleanest in the nation. The NRDC has published its 22nd Annual "Testing the Waters" report analyzing beach data reported to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by coastal and Great Lakes states. The NRDC report rated 200 beaches nationally on a five star scale with only 12 beaches nationally receiving all five stars. Wallis Sands Beach, also in New Hampshire, received a five star rating. www.hamptonchamber.com

New Hampshire Grand is the official visitor information source for the Great North Woods and the Northern White Mountains. Of special note are NH Grand's Certified Grand Adventures such as Eagle Tours and Year-Round Dog Sledding. Each month NH Grand's website focuses on an outstanding regional event and a complementary featured itinerary and featured business. *Contact: Eileen Alexander, nhgrand@ncic.org P: 603-788-2700 www.nhgrand.com*