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**LIVE FREE AND LOVE WINTER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE  
WITH A WEALTH OF WINTER EVENTS**  
*Granite State Offers Ways to Celebrate the Season*

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – December 20, 2013** – Visitors to [New Hampshire](http://www.visitnh.gov) during the colder months can “Live Free and Love Winter” by taking part in seasonal events aimed at celebrating the arrival of 2014 and the Granite State’s abundant outdoor activities. Whether trekking through snowshoe trails, watching a master ice sculptor carve a work of art or warming up indoors with home-cooked cuisine at one of the state’s many distinct restaurants, New Hampshire offers a variety of ways for visitors to welcome the wintry weather. A sample of winter offerings across the state includes:

- **Ski NH’s Learn to Ski and Snowboard Free Week**  
*Saturday, January 11 – Friday, January 17, 2014*  
Details: As part of Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month, first-time downhill skiers and snowboarders will receive a free learn-to-ski or snowboard lesson, free equipment rentals and a free beginner lift ticket. First-time cross country skiers will receive a free learn-to-ski lesson, free equipment rentals and a free trail pass. Participants must register with Ski NH and download a Learn to Ski & Ride Coupon as well as make a reservation with a participating resort. Registration is limited and begins on January 2, 2014 at [SkiNH.com](http://SkiNH.com).  
Contact: For more information, a list of participating ski areas and other Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month offers from Ski NH, visit <http://www.skinh.com/ski-central/learn-to-ski-and-snowboard/NHfreeweek.aspx>
- **Radio Disney Get Out & Play Winter Ski Tour: Gunstock Mountain View Resort – Gilford, NH**  
*Saturdays, January 4 & 25, February 15, 2014*

Details: Both kids and adults can enjoy music from their favorite Disney movies and musicals provided by a celebrity deejay, as well as play Disney-related games and win prizes.

Contact: For more information, call (603) 293-4341, or visit <https://www.gunstock.com/events/events/215/>

- **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Carvers Competition: The Wentworth – Jackson Village, NH**

*Monday, January 6, 2014*

Details: This exciting ice sculpting affair pits competitors against the elements as they have three hours to transform a 300-pound block of ice into a masterpiece. Each participant may have his or her tools of preference, so spectators can expect to see chain saws, chisels, picks and blow torches as the birds, animals, buildings and other creations come to life on the front porch of this elegant turn-of-the century New England inn. There is a \$50.00 entry fee for competitors, which covers overnight accommodations at The Wentworth, a full breakfast, the 300-pound block of ice and lunch after the competition.

Contact: For more information, call (603) 383-9700 or contact Alyssa Breton at [alyssa@thewentworth.com](mailto:alyssa@thewentworth.com).

- **Kids Ski Fest: Great Glen Trails Outdoor Center – Gorham, NH**

*Sunday, January 12, 2014*

Details: Guests can enjoy a special day for kids on skis at Great Glen, complete with an obstacle course, team sprint relays, group games, treats to eat at the Cabin, a lollipop race and more. Mini-lessons will be offered in both the morning and afternoon for first-time cross country youth skiers as well as a special trail pass rate for participants and free rentals for kids.

Contact: For more information, call (603) 466-2333 or visit <http://greatglentrails.com/>

- **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Whitaker Woods Snowshoe Scramble: Mount Washington Valley Ski Touring & Snowshoe Foundation – North Conway, NH**

*Saturday, January 18, 2014*

Details: Visitors can participate in this four-mile snowshoe race, consisting of groomed trails and twisty single tracks through Whitaker Woods as part of the Granite State Snowshoe Series.

Contact: For more information and registration information, call (603) 356-9920, or visit <http://mwvskitouring.org/SnowshoeScramble/index.html>

- **NH Sanctioned Snow Sculpting at Black Mountain: Jackson New Hampshire Chamber of Commerce – Jackson, NH**

*Friday, January 24, 2014 – Sunday January 26, 2014*

Details: This event attracts a wide variety of snow sculptors, both amateur and professional. Most of the teams will start sculpting on Friday at 12:00 p.m. and continue working through the night on Saturday to complete their sculptures in time for judging on Sunday afternoon. Besides just viewing the amazing snow creations, other activities planned for the snow sculpture weekend include a welcome reception dinner, roasting marshmallows around a bon fire, sleigh rides and more.

Contact: For more information, call (603) 383-9356, or visit <http://www.jacksonnh.com/event/14/>

- **30K 10<sup>th</sup> Annual White Mountain Classic Cross Country Ski Race: Jackson Ski Touring Foundation – Jackson, NH**  
*Sunday, January 26, 2014*  
Details: Guests are invited to participate in this cross country ski race, with all proceeds benefiting the valley-wide Junior Nordic Program, which also includes a post-race lunch available at the Whitney Community Center.  
Contact: For more information and registration information, call (603) 383-9355, or visit [www.jacksonxc.org](http://www.jacksonxc.org)
- **Snow Golf with CASA: Loon Mountain Resort – Lincoln, NH**  
*Friday, February 7, 2014*  
Details: Visitors can tee off for a great cause as part of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Snowfest at Loon Mountain. Golfers can play nine holes of snow golf in this open tournament benefitting New Hampshire's 200 Court-Appointed Special Advocates, volunteers who stand up for abused and neglected children in the state's court system. This event has raised more than \$100,000 since it started at Loon in 2000. Golf balls and clubs are provided.  
Contact: For more information and to register online, visit, <http://www.casanh.org/archives/2485>
- **Keene Ice and Snow Festival: Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce – Keene, NH**  
*Saturday, February 8, 2014*  
Details: Taking place in Central Square and Downtown area of Keene, this event features a day of outdoor family fun featuring ice carving, snow sculpting, snowboard rail jam, Snowman Central (crafts for kids), horse drawn wagon rides, refreshments and more.  
Contact: For more information, call (603) 358-5341, or visit <http://www.keenechamber.com/iceandsnow.html>
- **Hope on the Slopes: Race to Beat Cancer: Cranmore Mountain Resort – North Conway, NH**  
*Sunday, February 9, 2014*  
Details: Visitors are invited to ski, snowboard or tube during this fundraising event that benefits the American Cancer Society. A minimum contribution of \$75 (\$50 for those 17 and under) gets each participant an all-day lift ticket or two hour tubing pass and lunch.  
Contact: For more information and registration details, call (603) 356-5543, or visit [http://www.cranmore.com/index.php?page=events\\_winter](http://www.cranmore.com/index.php?page=events_winter).
- **Ice Harvest & Winter Carnival: Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm - Tamworth, NH**  
*Saturday, February 22, 2014*  
Details: Attendees of the Ice Harvest & Winter Carnival will enjoy farmhouse-made chili, hot dogs and mac & cheese at the maple sugar house, kids crafts, horse-drawn rides, a scavenger hunt, snow sculpting demonstrations and Tamworth's own antique snow roller.  
Contact: For more information and admission prices, call (603) 323-7591 or visit, <http://remickmuseum.org/index.php?page=ice-harvest-and-winter-carnival>
- **25<sup>TH</sup> Annual Chocolate Festival: Mount Washington Valley Ski Touring & Snowshoe Foundation – North Conway, NH**  
*Sunday, February 23, 2014*

Details: Chocoholics are invited to cross country ski, snowshoe or drive from inn-to-inn along the trail network and enjoy chocolate dipped strawberries, chocolate fountains, brownie sundaes, chocolate cookies and more at several trailside stops between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Every participant will be given a Festival map with a brochure, and those who visit each stop will be entered into a drawing for a \$200 gift certificate to be used at any participating member business.

Contact: For more information and tickets, call (603) 356-9920 or visit, <http://www.mwvskitouring.org/Chocolate-Festival.html>

- **Slopestyle Competition: Abenaki Ski Area – Wolfeboro, NH**

*Thursday, February 27, 2014*

Details: As part of Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation's Winter Carnival, visitors are invited to the Oldest Small Ski Area in the heart of the Lakes Region for an open Slopestyle Competition in a newly rebuilt and upgraded terrain park. The competition will consist of taking a complete run through the terrain park while being judged on a series of tricks and jumps. Medals will be awarded to the top three scorers by age division.

Contact: For more information, visit [www.wolfeboronh.us/abenaki](http://www.wolfeboronh.us/abenaki)

- **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Chilly Chili Cook Off Stroll: Mount Washington Chamber of Commerce in Conjunction with NHPTV – North Conway, NH**

*Saturday, March 1, 2014*

Details: The annual event will feature the unique recipes of over 40 professional and non-professional chefs, ranging in tastes from sweet-and mild to hot-and-spicy. Other food competitions at this cook off include traditional non-traditional corn breads. North Conway Village will be offering shopping specials to celebrate this event as well.

Contact: For more information and prices, call 603-356-5701 ext. 300 or visit, [www.chillystroll.com](http://www.chillystroll.com)

## **ABOUT THE DIVISION OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT**

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