

The New Hampshire Update, Spring 2015

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

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LODGING

Hampton Inn and Suites, Portsmouth: Newly opened hotel in downtown Portsmouth in July 2014. The hotel offers contemporary rooms and suites within steps of downtown's biggest attractions. The hotel also offers complimentary shuttle service around town. Contact: Nicole Elwell, nelwell@colwenhotels.com P:603-422-6103 www.hamptoninnportsmouthdowntown.com

NASWA Resort, Laconia: Celebrating 80 years. Will be hosting a weekend long celebration in honor of their anniversary. Contact: Cynthia Makris, cmakris@naswa.com P: 603-366-4341 www.naswa.com

Residence Inn Nashua, Nashua: Newly opened hotel located in Nashua in November 2014. The hotel offers spacious studios, one- and two- bedroom suites with full kitchens. Contact: Amanda Gaskill, amanda.gaskill@marriott.com P: 603-882-8300 x 515 www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mhtrn-residence-inn-nashua/

Riverside Hotel, West Chesterfield: 2015 winner of Choice Hotels 2015 Platinum Award and ranked #1 of all Ascend Hotels worldwide. The Platinum Award is reserved for those properties in the top 3% in service, cleanliness, and likely to recommend. Riverside Hotel is located on the banks of the Connecticut River featuring all King Sleep Number Beds, hardwood floors and a view from every room. Contact: Frank LaGrande, riversidegm@comcast.net, P: 603-256-4200 www.riversidehotelnh.com

CULINARY

110 Grill, Nashua: Opened in December 2014, the 110 Grill offers fresh seafood, seasoned steaks, burgers, sandwiches and much more. Located next door to the Residence Inn Nashua. Contact: Ryan Dion, rdion@110grill.com P: 603-943-7443 www.110grill.com

Atlantic Grill, Rye: The seacoast's newest restaurant opened in December 2014, by the owners of the River House Restaurant. Located in historic Rye, close to downtown Portsmouth, this restaurant has ample space for large groups and serves classic coastal favorites. Contact: Susan Labrie, slabrie@theatlanticgrill.com P: 603-433-3000 www.theatlanticgrill.com

Cameron's Winery, Swanzey: Now offering private tastings for groups. Cameron's winery have a number of wines, ranging from very sweet to very dry. Enjoy one of their many events on property. Contact: Paul or Leslie, cameronswinery@nybiz.rr.com P:603-355-3955 www.fruitwinegifts.com

The Exeter Inn, Exeter: Currently undergoing a bar and lounge expansion in the Epoch Restaurant and Lounge, adding 2 more local craft beer taps to existing 6 as well as adding more seating for both the bar and lounge. The restaurant and lounge features a seasonal farm-to-table menu and Sunday brunch. Contact: Laura Sterritt, lsterritt@theexeterinn.com P: 603-772-5901 x 401 www.theexeterinn.com

The Farm at Eastman's Corner, Kensington: This year-round farmers market, featuring produce and foods from local farmers and artisans. Now offering the Kensington Food Barn featuring 2 commercial kitchens, where local farmers and food producers host educational workshops. Specialty workshops can be organized for groups. A new feature to the property, it is powered by entirely by solar energy. Contact: Eric Cimon, Eric@eastmanscorner.com P: 617-784-8213 www.eastmanscorner.com

Polly's Pancake Parlor, Sugar Hill: Expanding their award-winning restaurant to accommodate more patrons. Starting this year, Polly's will be open year-round. Contact: Kathie Cote, info@pollyspancakeparlor.com P: 603-823-5575 www.pollyspancakeparlor.com

Portable Pantry Café and Catering, Dover: New café located in the McConnell Center. Now offers lunch in their dining room, or the option to pick up boxed lunches to take with you. Offering sandwiches, soups, salads and desserts. Contact: Susan Jackson-Rafter, info@portablepantrynh.com P: 603-516-5554 www.portablepantrynh.com

The Silver Fountain Inn & Tea Parlor, Dover: Now offering a daily luncheon and high tea, from lighter fare to a fancy 3-tiered "Dutchess" menu. Contact: Pamela Pidgeon, info@silverfountain.com P: 603-750-4200 www.silverfountain.com

Thompson Tavern, Dover: Newly opened in January 2015, the tavern is located on Central Ave in historic downtown Dover. Their menu features locally sourced food and New England area beers, wine and spirits. Contact: Kim Laughton, thompsonstavern@gmail.com P: 603-842-5663 www.thompsonstavern.com

Woodstock Inn Brewery, North Woodstock: Celebrating 20 years of craft brewing, and still brewing! This 30 barrel brewing facility and restaurant, also offers brew tours. Contact: Scott Rice, relax@woodstockinnnh.com P: 603-745-3951 www.woodstockinnnh.com

EVENTS

ABA Top 100 Events, Statewide: Three of New Hampshire's annual events have been included in the American Bus Association's 2015 ABA Top 100 events in North America. These top 100 events are the best of the best continually attract group and motorcoach businesses. Events that won from NH are: [Annual League of N.H. Craftsmen Fair](#) held in August at Mount Sunapee Resort, [Hampton Beach Seafood Festival](#) held in September in Hampton, and the [New Hampshire Highland Games & Festival](#).

Granite Gorge Ski Area, Keene: Now offering summer and fall events; including concerts, motorsports, athletic competitions, scenic chairlift rides, disc gold, haunted hayrides and more. Contact: Fred Baybutt, info@granitegorge.com P: 603-762-8277 www.granitegorge.com

ACTIVITIES

Enriched Learning Center Outdoors, Berlin: New for the 2015 season are canoe and kayak rentals, guided fishing trips, yurt camping and a recently constructed aerial adventure course- the first of its kinds north of the Notch. Adventure seekers will be able to choose from 12 different elements before descending down one of two ziplines. The course can be combined with any other activity. The adventure course is located at the ELC's new Adventure Outpost property in Errol. Contact: Jim Cochran, adventure@enrichedlearning.net P: 603-215-0002 www.elcoutdoors.com

Hobo Railroad, Lincoln: Offering the Hobo Harvest Time Express mid-September through mid-October. Enjoy a one hour and twenty minute round-trip excursion along the Pemigewasset River. Now offering complimentary samples of NH-Made seasonal items and specialty products. Contact: Brenda Clark, littlehobo@hoborr.com P: 603-745-2135 x 11 www.hoborr.com

Morningside Flight Park, Claremont: Now under new ownership. This has led to the additions of zip-line canopy tours, kayak & paddleboard tours and rentals, outdoor laser tag, fishing and an extensive campground. Offering customizable packages for all groups of all sizes. Contact: Paul Mazzoni, morningside@flymorningside.com P: 603-542-4416 www.flymorningside.com

ARTS, CULTURE, EDUCATION

Children's Museum of NH, Dover: New exhibits this year include a Yellow Submarine with dive simulator and 3D technology, and programs focused on STEM subjects for elementary and middle school students. Open year-round with expanded hours during summer and school vacations. Contact: Heidi Duncanson, hduncanson@childrens-museum.org P: 603-742-2002 www.childrens-museum.org

Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, Warner: In addition to their ongoing rotation of exhibits, they will open a new exhibit of fine art in the Contemporary Art Gallery called "Native American Tattoos". Abenaki artist Liz Charlebois is guest curator. The exhibit will be open May 1- July 22, 2015. Also new in May is a greatly expanded Northwest Coast and Alaska Gallery. Contact: Lynn Clark, info@indianmuseum.org P: 603-456-2600 www.indianmuseum.org

The New Hampshire Telephone Museum, Warner: Debuts its 2015 exhibit, "Oracles and Dragons and Apples! Oh My! The Digital Wizardry of Early Computing" on May 1st. Follow the progression of the computer as you explore the transformation of technology from machines to computers to devices. The exhibit runs through October. Contact: Laura French, laura@nhtelephonemuseum.org P: 603-456-2234 www.nhtelephonemuseum.org

Palace Theatre, Manchester: Celebrating their centennial anniversary. Opened in 1915, this historic theatre has survived the advent of movies and television, a flood, and a fire and continues to celebrate the performing arts. Groups can schedule to perform on stage or to watch a performance. Contact: Nancy Duprey, nancyduprey@palacetheatre.org P: 603-668-5588 www.palacetheatre.org

Strawbery Banke Museum, Portsmouth: New exhibit will be opening May 1, 2015 called, Game on! In the Pursuit of Play on Puddle Dock which will explore the lighter side of life in the Puddle Dock neighborhood. Showcasing from 18th century whist card competitions, to the expansion of post-industrial parlor games, to today's technological options. Contact: Jonathan Brown, jon.brown@strawberybanke.org P:603-433-1110 www.strawberybanke.org

MISC

North Conway Village, North Conway: Celebrating 250 years. In 1765, Colonial Governor Benning Wentworth established "Conway", named for Henry Seymour Conway, Commander in Chief of the British Army. Events and activities planned year-round for this huge celebration. For complete information visit: www.mtwashingtonvalley.org. Contact: Mary Carey Seavey, mary@mtwashingtonvalley.org P: 603-356-5701 x 105 www.mtwashingtonvalley.org

NH Division of Travel & Tourism, Concord: Announcing the launch of its new consumer-based website. Visit the website to get travel planning tips and ideas, suggested itineraries, photos and more. www.visitnh.gov