

What's New in New Hampshire

Spring/Summer 2011

Spring/Summer Excitement

➤ *Outdoor Adventures and Activities*

[Alpine Adventures' "Thrillville" Aerial Park](#), Lincoln – Bridges, cargo nets, rope ladders, ziplines, giant swings, a cool treehouse and the first Powerfan© free-fall device in the United States. There is an observation deck to see all the action. Thrillville is a great addition to the Zipline or Off-Road Safari tour, or just a quick adrenaline boost the whole family can do together, ages 5 and up.

[Monkey Trunks](#), Chocorua and Weirs Beach – Monkey Trunks is opening a new location at Funspot in Weirs Beach on May 21, 2011. Monkey Trunks is New England's largest high ropes and zipline park open to explorers of all ages. Visitors will enjoy the extended Discovery Course now with 39 challenges, additional zip lines from 1st level and more entrances.

[Santa's Village](#), Jefferson – For generations, families have enjoyed this Christmas-themed park...and there are some exciting new additions planned for 2011, including two to three new family amusement rides and two to four kiddy amusement rides. The park also plans on expanding its food options by adding two more cafes and eateries. Santa's Village is also expanding their interactive animal attractions – getting additional friendly farmyard animals and exotic animals with educational signage.

[Story Land](#), Glen – The 2011 season marks the debut of Story Land's newest ride: the Egyptian themed "Splash Battle." The new water ride is designed for the whole family to enjoy. Seated in an Egyptian-themed river craft, riders use water-spray 'cannons' to blast other vessels. Riders and onlookers from shore can also battle one another, as water cannons will be fixed along the ride's perimeter. The continuous moving boats travel through numerous interactions while gliding the 300 foot long waterway. Story Land is a children's theme park geared towards families with children generally from ages two through twelve.

[Canobie Lake Park](#), Salem – Canobie is getting ready to "unleash the beast" with its new roller coaster, "Untamed." Among the steepest in the country, this modern coaster has it's a state-of-the-art design by German roller coaster designer, Gerstlauer.

[Pemi Valley Moose Tours](#), Lincoln – With a 97% success rate of seeing a moose, this tour now has a larger coach bus to take groups on a three-hour moose excursion through the White Mountains and Grand North.

[Squam Lakes Science Center](#), Holderness – Spend the day cruising the scenic Squam Lake on the Science Center Lake Cruises. Groups can now customize their own tour, including cruises, animal programs and

exhibit trail tours. The staff at Squam Lakes will be happy to assist with packages, which may include any combination of activities. For more detailed information, visit:

http://www.nhnature.org/group_tours.html

[Logs to Luxury Tour](#), Northern NH – [New Hampshire Grand](#) announces a new self-guided itinerary called Logs to Luxury that offers a historic look at the logging industry, combined with the luxuriousness of the three grand hotels in northern New Hampshire. Showcasing the region's role in New England's forestry and hospitality industries during the late 19th century, the "Logs to Luxury Tour" provides visitors with a historical tour of the heritage, majesty and rough beauty of New Hampshire's Grand North. **New Hampshire Grand** is the official visitor information source for the Great North Woods and Northern White Mountains.

Summer Activities at [The Inns & Spa at Mill Falls](#) – Visitors can enjoy canoeing, kayaking, rafting and tubing on New Hampshire's beautiful lakes in the summer time. Kayaking, sailing lessons and chartered boats are available from the docks of Mill Falls on Meredith Bay. Boat and Jet-ski rentals are available at Meredith Marina, adjacent to Church Landing (at Mill Falls). Guided fishing tours can be booked through [Fish Lake Winni](#); and [Mount Washington Cruises](#) offer scenic Daytime Cruises and Sunset Dinner Dance Cruises, visiting five ports on Lake Winnepesaukee.

White Water Rafting in New Hampshire – There is a stretch of the Androscoggin River between Berlin and Lake Umbagog that's like nothing else in the entire state of New Hampshire. It is white water – that thrills visitors as it drenches them. White Water Rafting is also a [Certified Grand Adventure](#) of New Hampshire Grand.

- [North Woods Rafting](#) is hosted by knowledgeable guides who will take guests – young, old, brave or timid -- on an exciting ride down the Androscoggin. This summer's packages include "Village Guesthouse Rafting Package" and "Rustic Lodging Rafting Package." Details available here: <http://www.northwoodsrafting.com/lodging.html>. North Woods Rafting will be offering new "Pirate Raft" rides in honor of its 10th anniversary as well as special deals and giveaways for fans of their Facebook Page.
- Another NH **White Water Rafting** operator is [Raft NH](#), run by Muddy Paw Sled Dog Kennel in Jefferson, specializing in family adventure from float trips to Class III whitewater, close to North Conway and Lincoln. In addition, Muddy Paw offers a ["Paddles & Paws"](#) combo, which combines rafting with a Rolling Dogsled Adventure. Muddy Paw selects a trail near their base in Gorham, NH, and takes visitors on an exciting dogsled tour either before or after their rafting ride.

[Northern Forest Canoe Trail](#) – The Northern Forest Canoe Trail (NFCT) links the waterways of New York, Vermont, Quebec, New Hampshire and Maine. NFCT offers maps, books and web-based tools to help visitors connect to their 74-mile paddling route that traces a fascinating history from early Native Americans through European settlers. The route's variety of flat water, swift water, and whitewater, on a range of rivers, streams, lakes and ponds provide extensive opportunities for canoe and kayak recreation. Vibrant communities along the way offer inns, B&Bs and camping facilities, as well as other recreational and heritage attractions. The NFCT offers seasonal vacation packages, which include the

services of expert local guides who will organize logistics and offer insight into local human and natural history. For more info, visit: <http://www.northernforestcanoetrail.org/PlanaTrip-3/Vacation-Packages-58#nh>

[Bike the Whites](#) – Bike the Whites an inn-to-inn bicycling tour combining the grandeur of the White Mountains with the pampered luxury and fine cuisine of three of New Hampshire’s country inns. Guests will enjoy three days of cycling along scenic back roads on gently rolling terrain. Evenings feature gourmet dining, luxurious accommodations and the award-winning hospitality of [The Brass Heart Inn](#), which sits on 23 acres at the base of Mt. Chocorua, [The 1785 Inn](#) at the edge of the Intervale Scenic Vista in the midst of all North Conway has to offer and the [Inn at Crystal Lake](#), off the beaten path in the tiny village of Eaton. Each morning begins with a hearty breakfast. Highlighted maps are provided along with tips about the best places to stop along the way.

[Appalachian Mountain Club \(AMC\)](#), White Mountains – Half, full, or multi-day guided adventures, skills and nature education programs as well as mountain style dining are some of the services available for groups this spring/summer season. New at AMC this summer:

- **AMC Lodges and Huts Introduce “Kid Spoken Here”** – To introduce its new [“Kid Spoken Here”](#) offering this summer, the AMC is rolling out lower child and teen rates, new kids’ meals, and an even broader variety of family-friendly outdoor activities at each of its [lodges and huts in New Hampshire](#). The greatest changes are coming to AMC’s [Highland Lodge](#), where a new “big mountain” outdoor playscape and child-only Kids Club activities are planned. AMC has also lowered everyday lodging rates for children by up to 25 percent and added a new teen rate, helping families stretch their family vacation budgets. The AMC’s outdoor experiences for families and young explorers range from free walk-on programs such as beginner family hikes to more adventurous overnight hut adventures and other backcountry outings. For full details on AMC’s new “Kid Spoken Here” offerings for this summer, visit www.outdoors.org/kidsguide.
- **[AMC Hiker Shuttle Connects with Concord Coach Lines stops in Lincoln and North Conway](#)** – As part of its ongoing efforts to promote energy efficiency and the use of mass transit, the AMC will connect its popular Hiker Shuttle with two bus stops served by Concord Coach Lines in Lincoln and North Conway, N.H. The new shuttle stops are at Munce’s in Lincoln and the Eastern Slope Inn in North Conway Village. Also added this year is a stop at the U.S. Forest Service Lincoln Woods Visitor Center. In addition, Concord Coach Lines provides daily service directly from Boston and Concord, New Hampshire to AMC’s Pinkham Notch Visitor Center.

➤ ***New at New Hampshire Golf Courses***

[Golf Stay and Play Packages at The Atkinson Resort](#), Atkinson – This state-of-the-art facility has many offerings typically found only at the world's finest country clubs. Summer Packages include Sunday – Thursday night in one of the luxurious, oversized suites, one round of golf per person on Atkinson’s 18-

Hole Championship Course, unlimited use of the state-of-the-art practice facility, and breakfast vouchers for the Cartside Cafe.

[The Mount Washington Course at The Mount Washington Resort](#), Bretton Woods – The 18-hole Mount Washington Course was designed by legendary Scottish Architect Donald Ross. It was recently voted "Best Course You Can Play" in New Hampshire for the third year in a row by Golfweek magazine.

[Owl's Nest Resort & Golf Club](#), Campton – This award winning public golf course is located in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and offers excellent value in New England resort living. On-site guests enjoy world class golf, dining in the award-winning Sunset Room restaurant, access to the Activities Center with outdoor pool, work-out room, table tennis, foosball and more.

Spring/Summer Events

[Lisbon Lilac Festival](#), Lisbon – annual three-day event (May 27-29) kicks off with a certified YMCA 5K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday morning, followed by the parade at 11 a.m. This year's parade theme is "Good Old Summertime," and the carnival runs from Friday evening until Sunday evening. Local talent provides entertainment all day and the event wraps up with a grand parade of the area's fire trucks and emergency vehicles, followed by spectacular fireworks. Visitors will enjoy abundant photo opportunities with the tremendous number of lilacs in downtown Lisbon.

[Fields of Lupine Festival](#), Franconia Notch – Paying homage to the annual blossoming of this captivating wildflower, the Fields of Lupine Festival (June 3-19, 2011) is a time honored regional event. The brilliant spikes of the lupine flower carpet local fields and pastures in a rolling sea of vibrant purples, pinks, blues and whites. The long-lasting blossoms attract equally dazzling butterflies and create a breathtaking floral display against the majestic backdrop of the Franconia, Presidential, and Kinsman Mountain ranges. The communities of Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill, Bethlehem, Littleton and Lisbon join together to showcase this colorful pageant. Complementing the natural beauty of the floral show, the Fields of Lupine Festival offers special events within the festival. Retailers and restaurants will be offering promotions, discounts, entertainment, and refreshments. There also will be museum and historic inn tours and an open-air market on Main Street Sugar Hill and other locations throughout the communities throughout the month of June.

[Sail Portsmouth 2011](#) – The world's oldest active Tall Ship sails into Portsmouth on May 27th of Memorial Day Weekend – The Gazela Primeiro is still actively sailing and will make its way from Philadelphia to Portsmouth. The three-masted rigged barkentine ship, built in 1883, will be the star attraction for Sail Portsmouth 2011, the annual tall ship event hosted by the Piscataqua Maritime Commission. The vessel was originally built to carry fishermen to the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. The Memorial Day Weekend event kicks off at 9am on Friday, May 27, with a boat parade leading the Gazela into port at the state pier on Market Street.

[Portsmouth Peace Treaty Day](#), Statewide – A bill signed into law on August 17th, 2010 by Governor Lunt made September 5th Portsmouth Peace Treaty Day. This day will be a statewide observance of the peace negotiations that ended the Russo-Japanese War. The negotiations and signing took place in 1905 at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard under the guidance of President Theodore Roosevelt.

[Annual Prescott Park Festival](#) Featuring “The Wizard of Oz,” Portsmouth, NH – Prescott Park will be performing this popular family musical as part of the Seacoast’s most-loved summer traditions. This magical production, based on the Royal Shakespeare Company’s celebration of the 1939 MGM movie, is presented in partnership with the Seacoast Repertory Theatre and will prove to sweep audiences away, from the moment the tornado twists its way into Kansas. Running each Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from June 24 through August 21.

- [River House Restaurant Concert Series](#) – Held in Prescott Park each Wednesday night, visitors will enjoy top-notch and riveting performers from around the globe – including Tom Rush, Le Vent du Nord, Shawn Colvin, Taj Mahal Trio, The Waylin’ Jennys and Arlo Guthrie.
- [Kids’ Festival](#) – Features a variety of events for kids in Prescott Park that, in addition to the Kids Festivals, include the annual musical, Peter Pan and Tinkerbell Tea & Captain Hook Picnic.

[Gosport Regatta](#), Star Island – The New Hampshire Seacoast will come alive Saturday, June 11, as a fleet of racing yachts from coastal New England vie for honors in the Gosport Regatta, the resurgence of a vintage sailing race around the Isles of Shoals first held in the late 19th century. Guests may purchase a ticket to board the official spectator boat – the M/V Thomas Lighton – at 12:30pm on race day. The vessel will depart Portsmouth from the Isles of Shoals Steamship Company dock at 1 p.m. for the cruise out to Star Island alongside the race boats. After the race, ticketed spectators and sailing crews are invited to come ashore for a catered reception and awards ceremony on the front lawn of Star Island’s Oceanic Hotel. The Funky Divas of Gospel will perform live during the celebration.

[The Weeks Act Centennial Festival](#), Pinkham Notch will be held on July 29th at the base of the Mount Washington Auto Road. The Weeks Act, passed in 1911, is marking its 100th Anniversary. The Weeks Act authorized the Federal purchase of land which helped to create 52 National Forests, including the White Mountain National Forest. These valuable forests now provide clean water, wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities, forest products, and so much more. There will be areas of activity to enjoy in several Pavilions at the base of the Mount Washington Auto Road. The Main Pavilion will host the stage where music, comedy, and storytelling will be presented. The Forest and Family Experience Pavilion will have many hands-on, family-friendly activities, including Hike Safe instruction, Junior Ranger activities, and forest explorations. Food and refreshments will be available all day long under the Festival Food Pavilion.

➤ *4th of July Weekend Events/Activities*

[Independence Day Family Carnival, Hometown Parade and Fireworks](#), Waterville Valley – On July 3, all the fun is at Packard’s Field with games, T-shirt tie-dyeing, 100’ obstacle course, Fireman’s BBQ, bounce

house, live music, dunk tank, and more. Free evening concert in Town Square. The Fourth celebration continues with the traditional 4th of July Parade on Monday, and fireworks at 9:30pm.

[4th of July Weekend](#), Laconia – On July 3rd and 4th, wear red, white and blue and come celebrate Stars & Stripes weekend with family and friends. Boating, bands, beach, they've got it all. View the spectacular Weirs Beach Fireworks on Lake Winnepesaukee from the NazBar Beach Bar & Grill.

[An American Celebration!](#), Portsmouth – Celebrate a real old fashioned fabulous 4th of July. Visit the Strawberry Banke Museum for a children's bike and wagon parade, traditional games and crafts, historic garden tours, live music, living history, hands on activities, and food and fun for all.

[Fireworks Party Cruise](#), Weirs Beach – Experience Independence Day on Lake Winnepesaukee. Small boats light up the lake while they wait for the fireworks. Board a cruise with dinner and dancing while scouting for fireworks around the lake.

[4th of July Lobster Bake](#), North Conway – Visit the White Mountain Hotel for the 6th Annual 4th of July Lobster Bake served poolside. Enjoy a delicious meal of lobster, steamers, clam chowder, burgers, sausage, chicken and much more. Guests can even watch the in-town fireworks from the pool area.

[Fourth of July Independence Weekend Celebration](#), Mountain View Grand, Whitefield – This weekend-long celebration begins Friday, July 4, when the resort will come alive with history and family fun as Mountain View Grand relives the glory days of the late 1940s.

➤ ***At Ski Resorts***

[Gunstock Mountain Resort](#), Gilford – Gunstock's \$2.1 million worth of new summer attractions includes the only Segway off-road adventure tour in New England. Earlier this year, Gunstock announced plans to open an Aerial Treetops adventure park with eight courses of varying length and difficulty. The resort then added the ZipTour Mountain Zip Line Adventure — which boasts "the longest spans of any zip lines in America," as well as a spring and summer use of the "Big Air Bag" that has been a big hit since it debuted on Feb. 11. The Gunstock summer attractions also will have scenic chairlift rides to the top of Belknap.

[Cranmore Mountain Adventure Park](#), North Conway – This summer, the mountain resort kicks off a summer of outdoor fun with the grand opening of the Cranmore Mountain Adventure Park. A Memorial Day Weekend celebration also marks the return of the Cranmore Mountain Coaster, which launched last November, and the opening of the new Aerial Adventure Park which includes a ropes course, zip lines and air-bridges. The Park offers a full day of outdoor fun, with economical all-inclusive ticket options.

[Loon Mountain Resort](#), Lincoln – An exciting new addition for this summer, vacationers will have another exhilarating activity to enjoy - a zipline, opening in early July. Starting at Loon's Adventure Center, located at the base of the mountain, guests will be able to soar from the Adventure Center over

the Pemigewasset River, and back again. Also new for this summer, the Loon Adventure Center will have extended hours until 7:00 p.m. from opening day through September 5.

Bretton Woods, Bretton Woods – Two new activities are being introduced this summer, the all-new West Wall Climb and indoor Slopeside Climbing Wall. The West Wall Climb is a guided climb on the south facing cliffs of Mt. Oscar, previous climbing experience is not required. The new Slopeside Climbing Wall is a year-round indoor climbing experience located in the Bretton Woods Base Lodge. Other recent additions include lift-serviced mountain-biking, scenic lift rides and disc golf.

Wildcat Mountain, Pinkham Notch – Fly Wildcat on the recently installed ZipRider, one of New Hampshire's more unique thrill rides offering exhilarating and beautiful views. Now with four cables, the half-mile ZipRider has doubled in capacity. Guests can also take the lift to the summit and play a round on the new, 9-hole lift serviced alpine disc golf course.

Cannon Mountain, Franconia Notch – Cannon is home to one of the state's most popular and scenic bike paths. In the past guests had to bring along their own bikes. This year Cannon will now offer bike rentals out of the Tram Base Area.

King Pine & Purity Spring Resort, East Madison – This summer, new KHS mountain bikes have been added to the rental fleet, providing access to miles of beginner and intermediate mountain bike trails around King Pine and Purity Lake. Also new, Purity Spring has replaced their Ski Nautique waterski boat with a Tiger Trax Ventara ski boat. Guests at Purity Spring enjoy complimentary water skiing, wakeboarding and knee boarding during their summer stay on Purity Lake.

Waterville Valley, Waterville Valley – Waterville Valley's Mountain Bike Park will continue to take riding to new heights this summer. Visitors can take the chairlift up to the top of Snow's Mountain with their bike and head down a variety of trails for all abilities through the National Forest. Everything from meandering dirt fire roads to gnarly single-track is available. With over 30 miles of marked, well-maintained trails, Waterville Valley is a mecca for mountain bike enthusiasts. State-of-the-art bikes are available for sale or rent, including K2 and Iron Horse full suspension bikes, tandems, trailers, and more.

Summer Specials

Children's Museum, Dover – Throughout the month of May, the Children's Museum of New Hampshire is focusing on honoring military personnel past and present. Generous corporate sponsorship from BAE is allowing the Children's Museum of NH to admit active-duty and retired military personnel and their immediate families at no charge from Saturday, May 28 through Monday, May 30, 2011.

McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Concord – The Discovery Center, New England's premier air and space science center, is now offering an all-inclusive package exclusively for tour groups of 15 or more: \$10 per person, which includes general admission and one planetarium show. www.starhop.com

[Mount Washington Cog Railway](#), Mount Washington – Admission to the Summit Observatory Museum is now included at no extra cost. Faster biodiesel engines allow more summit time.

[Wentworth By the Sea](#), New Castle – Buy One Room Night & Get One 50% Off Special through June 30, 2011. Blackout dates include May 20-21; 27-29. Wentworth By the Sea commands the island of New Castle, NH's oldest settlement, next to the Distinctive Destination® of Portsmouth, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The 161 guest rooms & suites blend historic elegance with 21st century convenience. To take advantage of the 50% off Special, call: 866-240-6313

[Memorial Day Special at The Balsams](#), Dixville – In honor of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, and The BALSAMS' proud connection to our nation's history, the resort is offering the Memorial Day \$150 Special. This price includes accommodations, breakfast and an exquisite five-course dinner. Resort activities are complimentary, including greens fees on the Top 100 Ranked, Donald Ross Designed golf course. This offer is valid 5/27-31/11 for Select or Superior room types only, based on availability. Rate is per person, per night.

Hotels and Lodging

[Mountain View Grand Resort](#), Whitefield – Located in the heart of New Hampshire's White Mountains, Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa is one of America's truly grand hotels. Combining first-class comfort with casual elegance and attentive, personalized service, this classic New Hampshire White Mountains hotel resort presents a dazzling array of offerings and amenities, such aslist family friendly options. This summer, the resort is offering several specials and promotions, including:

- [Super-secret Specials](#) – Visitors can enjoy some great unpublished savings specials for May and June by calling the Reservations Department directly at 866.484.3843.
- [Golf & Stay Package](#) – Hit the greens on Mountain View's historic golf course.
- [Santa's Village Package](#) – Take a trip to the North Pole on your summer vacation.

[Purity Spring Resort](#), East Madison – Celebrates 100 years of lakeside lodging and recreation. The lakeside resort, located within the lakes region and White Mountains of New Hampshire, has been family owned since the late 1800s and has since attracted guests throughout New England and throughout the country. A weekend celebration kicks off the centennial anniversary on June 3-5, 2011 featuring loyal guests who have vacationed at Purity for generations and dignitaries from around New England. Season-long activities will include numerous contests, vintage photo opportunities, stories and photos from prior guests and many theme activities for resort guests.

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Atlantic Ocean. The 161 guest rooms & suites blend historic elegance with 21st century convenience. To take advantage of the 50% off Special, call: 866-240-6313

[Wolfeboro Inn on Lake Winnepesaukee](#), Wolfeboro – The Wolfeboro Inn owns and operates the Winnepesaukee Belle, offering scenic tours of picturesque Lake “Winni” coupled with a lunch at the Inn or on the boat. Groups can now stay overnight at the Inn and receive special discounts by contacting (603.569.3016) prior to July 1st, 2011.

[The Inns & Spa at Mill Falls](#), Meredith – The Inns & Spa at Mill Falls just completed renovating the carport at Church Landing to accommodate more event space, including additional breakout rooms, vendor space and dining areas. The new facility, called “The Carriage House” added 1,700 additional square feet of meeting space and an expanded lobby area of 955 square feet, with fourteen-foot ceilings. The new facility offers expansive views of Lake Winnepesaukee. In addition, The Inns & Spa at Mill Falls will begin construction on Phase II of its Church Landing expansion to add 15 deluxe lake view rooms and suites in two new buildings and one renovated cottage on site. The two new buildings – The Birch Lodge and The Boathouse Lodge – will be constructed on either side of the existing Lake Shore Cottage which resides the South end of Church Landing. The new additions will be connected to the existing Church Landing by a semi-covered cedar walkway. Construction will begin in October 2011. The rooms will all offer spectacular lake views, balconies and screened porches. In addition, each room will have a fieldstone fireplace, indoor whirlpool bath, wet bar, double glass and tile shower, and a bathroom LCD TV.

[The Madison Spring Hut](#), located along the Appalachian Trail, between Mount Madison and Mount Adams, reopens on June 2, 2011 after being completely rebuilt to add new green technologies and create more comfortable dining and bunk spaces. The hut is the Appalachian Mountain Club’s oldest, dating back to 1889. Perched at an elevation of 4,825 feet, Madison boasts sweeping, above-treeline views of the Presidential Range and the valley below. The AMC is celebrating by offering 30 percent “Madison Madness” savings on two-night stays between June 5 and June 23, Sunday through Thursday, at all eight of its backcountry huts along the Appalachian Trail in New Hampshire.

[Inn to Inn Summer Sampler](#) – The [Rosewood Country Inn](#) and the [Candlelite Inn](#) are offering an **Inn to Inn Summer Sampler** for visitors to explore the beauty of the season in central New Hampshire. Available for June 26 to 30 and July 17 to 21, the four night package includes two nights at each inn, and a self-guided tour with admissions to some of the Sunapee region's most popular and scenic attractions.

[Inn at Ellis River](#), Jackson – Spring and Summer are the best seasons to surround yourself with the scenic views of the White Mountains. The Inn at Ellis River offers several spring/summer special packages including:

- **Eco Escape** – Hike, Bike or Just Explore the White Mountains – Includes choice of one of five books to guide your adventure (*Waterfalls of the White Mountains*, *AMC’s Best Day Hikes in the White Mountains*, *White Mountain Ride Guide (bicycle routes)*, *Hiker’s Guide to NH*, or

Wildflowers of the White Mountains), two eco-friendly water bottles, and a gourmet picnic lunch packed in an insulated cooler with the inn's logo (also yours to keep).

- **Moose Tour** – Moose on the Loose: There are 10,000 moose in New Hampshire, so if you've always wanted to see these great creatures, our Moose Safari package is for you. Includes two nights lodging, breakfasts, afternoon refreshments, two tickets for an evening moose tour departing from Gorham (advance reservations required), and surprise souvenir gifts from the inn.
- **Culinary Herb Tour** – Guests will visit 10 premier inns the weekend of June 3-5 in the White Mountains and learn all about culinary herbs -- their uses, history, and versatility and receive recipes and herbs to take home. Northern inns (Jackson to North Conway) will be on Saturday's tour and Southern inns (North Conway to Chocorua) may be toured Sunday. Details on all specials available at: <http://www.innatellisriver.com/specials.html>

Farm by the River Bed & Breakfast with Stables, North Conway –This B & B is a great vacation getaway for those who enjoy the great outdoors: horseback riding and pony rides, wagon and carriage rides, Saco River swimming and fly-fishing, bird watching and meandering through the perennial gardens.

- **Ride a Horse and Be a Cowgirl Workshop & Getaway Special:** Learn the fundamentals of horsemanship for 5 days during the month of June. Designed for females, 12-years-old and up. Package includes: 5 nights lodging, breakfast each morning, 4 lessons, 5 trail rides, 1 BBQ, 1 evening session.

<http://www.farmbytheriver.com/packages.html#Ride a Horse and Be a Cowgirl>

Summer Unlimited at Waterville Valley Resort, Waterville –With the Summer Unlimited package, guests' lodging comes with an array of activities included for just one low price. Package available Memorial Day Weekend through Columbus Day. Activities include access to the Waterville Valley Ice Arena, bike rentals, Snow's Mountain chair lift, White Mountain Athletic Club, Waterville Valley Tennis Center, Waterville Valley Golf Club, boating on Corcoran's Pond and much more. **Summer Unlimited** is available at the following lodges: [Town Square Condominiums](#), [Golden Eagle Lodge](#), [Black Bear Lodge](#), [Snowy Owl Inn](#), [Valley Inn](#), [Village Condominium](#).

Castle in the Clouds, Moultonboro – The Castle in the Clouds, formerly known as "Lucknow," reopens daily for the summer season on Saturday June 11th. At present it is open weekends only. Castle is a sixteen-room mountaintop mansion built in 1913/1914 by shoe industrialist Thomas Plant. Designed in the Arts and Crafts style to blend naturally into its setting on 5,500 wilderness acres, the home is built of heavy oak timbering with a veneer of octagonal stones. Visitors to Castle in the Clouds will also enjoy the Carriage House Café and Patio and Castle Gift Shop.

Culinary

The Currier Museum of Art, Manchester – The Currier has recently awarded its exclusive catering contract to [Z food & drink](#). Award-winning chef Tom Puskarich brings his concept of "Seriously Fun

Food” to the museum’s Winter Garden Café, as well as to private catered daytime and evening events held at the Currier. Manchester-based *Z food & drink* is known for its “classic dishes, newly inspired,” some of which will also be available in the museum’s café, like it’s now infamous chopped salad. Special artistically inspired menu items will also be featured—premium deli sandwiches and salads—along with organic lattes, cappuccinos and coffee/tea selections from New Hampshire’s own *A&E Roastery*. Whether having lunch at the café, attending an exhibition opening or considering the museum for a private social or corporate event, visitors can expect the same quality, innovation and attention to detail they’ve come to expect from *Z food & drink* to carry over into the Currier experience.

[LaBelle Winery](#), Amherst – LaBelle has announced that it is expanding, to continue to produce customers’ favorites, and keep up with increasing demand. The new facility on Route 101 in Amherst, will not only house a larger production facility, but also a tasting room, event center, wine cave and terrace overlooking a new three-acre vineyard. The winery is open by appointment only; and is hosting several open houses this summer.

[Zorvino Vineyards](#), Sandown – “Live Free and Wine!!” is the second annual NH Wine Festival, with music by Beatle Juice. More than 17 wineries will take part in this event, August 6th, showcasing approximately 100 wines, covering a variety of flavors and styles. Spread throughout the venue will be a variety of NH businesses demonstrating, sampling and selling their products.

[Profile Dining Room at Indian Head Resort](#), Lincoln – Indian Head Resort has completed renovations to its lobby and Profile Dining Room. Guests now enjoy even better views of Franconia Notch, a variety of seating options and wireless Internet throughout the building. The Profile Dining Room offers motor coach guests everything from a quick lunch to the full dining experience. Under the guidance of Chef Adam Parker, the dining room won Best Restaurant in a local Best of Chefs competition for 2010.

Arts and Culture

Two new exhibits at the [John Paul Jones House Museum](#), Portsmouth:

- May 21-Oct 31, 2011 – John Paul Jones: American Naval Hero, Real & Imagined. Captain John Paul Jones (1747-92), the celebrated naval hero of the American Revolution, spent time in Portsmouth in 1777 and again in 1781-82. He is believed to have been a tenant of the Widow Purcell in the John Paul Jones House in 1781 while he supervised the building of the Navy’s ship *America* nearby. In this exhibit, the Portsmouth Historical Society focuses on their famous historical character for the first time and hosts several Gallery Talks and a fall Symposium to consider aspects of the actual career and folk culture symbolism of John Paul Jones.
- May 21- Oct 31, 2011 – An Uncommon Commitment to Peace: The Portsmouth Peace Treaty 1905 exhibit explains why Portsmouth Peace Treaty Day (Sep 5) is recognized statewide. The exhibit details the history of the Russo-Japanese War and the Treaty proceedings, including a day-by-day timeline of the negotiations, illustrating the interplay among the multiple tracks of

diplomacy at work in Portsmouth, the Portsmouth Peace Treaty Trail Map highlighting the many local sites and social events that supported the formal negotiations and artifacts that relate to both the war and the negotiations: www.portsmouthhistory.org

Exhibit at the [Discover Portsmouth Center](#), Portsmouth –

- Jun 3- Aug 31, 2011 – Maritime Portsmouth: The Sawtelle Collection exhibition at the Discover Portsmouth Center is a priceless collection of nearly 200 paintings and artifacts, gathered over two decades and never exhibited publicly before. Founded in 1623, Portsmouth is home to sea captains, shipbuilders, craftsmen and patriots. In the Age of Sail, many merchant shipyards flourished alongside the Navy Yard (est. 1800) on the fast-flowing Piscataqua River between Maine and NH. This exhibit is a dramatic reminder of how closely this region is tied to the sea.

[150th Anniversary of the Civil War](#) – There will be events throughout New Hampshire commemorating this milestone, including:

- May 1 – Oct 31 – [Strawbery Banke Museum](#), *Fitz John Porter: Civil War Hero or Coward?* Exhibit in the Museum's Rowland Gallery explores the General's Civil War life and times through artifacts and documents explaining his political court martial and his 20-year effort to finally clear his name. Goodwin Mansion, home to NH's Civil War Governor explore the aftermath of those injured during the War and their medical treatment on their return home. Daily walking tours "Porter's Portsmouth Boyhood 1822-1830."
www.fitzjohnporterportsmouthsownhero.blogspot.com.
- Jun 17 – [Music of the Civil War with Jeff Davis at Peterborough Historical Society](#). An evening with Jeff Davis, one of America's most respected collectors and interpreters of traditional music. The concert will include songs from North and South: slave ballads, parlor songs, hymns and ditties, accompanied on banjo, fiddle, guitar, dulcimer, spoons and handmade instruments.
- Jun 26 - Oct 10 – *Real History is Told in Private Letters: Civil War Diary and Letters of John Hay*. June 26th program includes lecture by preeminent Lincoln and Hay scholar Michael Burlingame followed by a book signing and wine and cheese reception with the author at [The Fells](#) in Newbury NH.

[The Music Hall](#), Portsmouth, NH – This landmark Victorian theater is the oldest in New Hampshire. The elegant 900-seat auditorium, now restored to its 1878 splendor, has welcomed guests ranging from Mark Twain to Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show. Some of this year's feature performances include: Jim Brickman; Get the Led Out; Ann Patchet; David McCullough and Emmy Lou Harris. [Canterbury Shaker Village](#), Canterbury – Canterbury Shaker Villages announces the addition of two new guided tours for groups with interests in nature and heritage, arts and crafts. The Village now offers a special Shaker Textile Tour for sewing and quilting enthusiasts and a Shaker Herb and Garden Tour for nature, cooking and gardening enthusiasts. The "Tour, Shop, and Dine" package includes a visit to the Museum Shop and features distinctive giftware, arts and crafts made by regional artists.

[Eastman Lord House Museum](#), Conway – Recently named to the National Register of Historic Places, the Eastman Lord House Museum is home to the Conway Historical Society. Built in 1818, the historic federal home of William Kimball Eastman features seventeen rooms furnished in periods from 1818 to 1945. The museum is open by appointment May through October.

[Flying Monkey Movie House](#), Plymouth – The newly renovated theatre is inspired by the era of the 1920s. This group-friendly venue is a great place to enjoy comedy shows, performance artists, theatrical plays and more. Visitors can experience the wonderful atmosphere of the theatre while enjoying Common Man cuisine.

[New Hampshire Boat Museum](#), Wolfeboro – Nonprofit organization founded in 1992, offering exhibits, outreach programs, events, publications and hands-on activities. One of the new exhibits is called “The Steamboat History Center.”

[Ox-K Farm](#), Gilford – Recently changed to a nonprofit organization where groups can learn about and interact with oxen and how they were originally used in the construction of historical structures.

[Films Made in New Hampshire](#) – New Hampshire may be across the country from Hollywood, but the small state has hosted plenty of well-known movies. The NH Division of Travel & Tourism created a “Filmed in NH” Tour – that takes visitors from famous movie scene locations, to hip independent theaters and lively local film festivals. Many filmmakers choose NH locations as the backdrop of their films because of its unique scenery and characteristics. From mountains to lakes, historic mills to town squares...it’s no surprise that movies filmed in NH include Academy Award winners, cult classics, critic favorites and box office hits. Among those movies – On Golden Pond (Squam Lake, Holderness), Jumanji (Keene and Swanzey), The Cider House Rules (The Northfield Drive-in Hinsdale and Hampton Falls) and Way Down East (Connecticut River in Lebanon).

Social Media

NH Division of Travel & Tourism Development (NHDTTD) Facebook Fan Benefit – VisitNH Fan Benefit on Facebook allows fans to receive exclusive discounts at NH properties and attractions. The May/June 2011 Fan Benefit allows fans to receive 50% off a second night stay at [Purity Spring Resort](#) in East Madison, N.H. Anyone who “likes” VisitNH on Facebook or “follows” VisitNH on Twitter is eligible to receive the discount. NHDTTD’s Visitors can log onto to: www.facebook.com/VisitNH to become a fan and start enjoying all the benefits that go with it.

Awards and Honors

[Men’s Journal Magazine names Portsmouth, NH among the Best Places to Live](#) – *The Annual Best Places to Live* issue of Men's Journal magazine listed Portsmouth, N.H. as one of the Best Places to Live.

As part of the annual feature, Men's Journal selected Portsmouth as the best place to become a localist, citing its support of homegrown resources, walkable city core and huge farmers market, cost of living and the number of sunny days per year.

[New Hampshire named Most Livable State](#) – In its annual report, CQ Press listed New Hampshire as No. 1 in its most livable state rankings, which take into account a broad range of economic, educational, health, public safety and environmental statistics. The 'Most Livable State' rankings are based on 44 factors that reflect a state's quality of life, including median household income, crime rate, state business tax climate, employment and several educational factors.

[Wentworth By the Sea Hotel](#), New Castle – Named one of the top hotels in the world by Conde Nast Traveler and Travel & Leisure magazines. The magazines wrote: The Victorian towers and red roof define this blufftop hotel where all rooms have "absolutely heavenly waterfront views" of the Atlantic or "the bay with all the boats sailing in and out." Anticipate modern amenities, like heated bathroom floors, and damask and brass accents. Roosevelt's Lounge with "dark paneling and a piano and accomplished musicians" offers casual all-day dining; Wentworth Dining Room's cuisine includes "fabulous lavender and fennel ice cream and incredible lemon-basil custard topped with strawberries." <http://www.concierge.com/tools/travelawards/goldlist/2011/hotels/30298>

[1785 Inn & Restaurant](#), North Conway – This facility was recently chosen by Frommers Travel Guide Newsletter as one of the 15 best views from a top hotel or inn in the world. It is located adjacent to the State's Intervale Scenic Vistas, which is the 7th most photographed nature scene in the U.S.

[Water Country](#), Portsmouth – Water Country recently received the prestigious Platinum International Aquatic Safety Award for its high safety standards. It is New England's largest water park.

[Hampshire Pewter](#), Wolfeboro – Named Best of the Road in 2011 by Rand McNally. Each year, the experts on maps, directions and travel content choose five trips that are unique and off the beaten path, to include in their annual "Best of the Road" trips. The year, Hampshire Pewter was chosen as one of the five regions, and highlights the natural beauty of New Hampshire.

[White Mountains](#) – Voted "Best of New England-Reader's Choice" for fall destination by Yankee Magazine readers.

Shopping

[WREN Gallery Reopens](#), Bethlehem – The Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network (WREN) Gallery has reopened, featuring "North Country Scenes and Seasons," watercolor paintings by Cheryl Johnson. The Gallery is open every day from 10-5.

[Tanger Outlet Center](#), Tilton – Izod and Loft stores have arrived at the Tanger Outlet Center in Tilton. Izod offers dressy-casual and sportswear apparel, and the Loft is an extension of the Ann Taylor brand with more relaxed fashions for work and home.

Miscellaneous

[Hampton Beach Redevelopment Project](#), Hampton – The new bathhouses have officially opened at Hampton Beach State Park – part of a \$14.5 million redevelopment project. The new bathroom facilities include changing rooms, toilets, outdoor showers, coin-operated lockers and bike racks. While the new stage will open in November of 2011, there will still be nightly entertainment this summer. A temporary stage that will be placed on the beach facing Ocean Boulevard, is expected to be constructed on June 13 in preparation for the first show, scheduled for June 18. Performances are scheduled through September. Fireworks show every Wednesday.

[Rivermill at Dover Landing](#), Dover – This new event facility can accommodate weddings, reunions, business and other customized group functions. Rivermill at Dover Landing sits in the heart of Dover's emerging waterfront district and is the newest event venue on the Seacoast – a distinctive location for weddings, special events and corporate functions.

[NH Dream Vacation Photo and Video Contest](#), Statewide – The New Hampshire Division of Travel and Tourism Development (DTTD) has announced the launch of its 3rd annual New Hampshire Dream Vacation Photo Contest this summer. New to the contest this year is the addition of video submissions. The program, running from May 30 – September 5, will feature an online photo and video contest with two winners (one for photo, one for video) each receiving a custom-designed New Hampshire Dream Vacation worth \$2,500 for photo and \$1,000 for video. Three additional contestants can win \$500 each if their photo or video wins the popular vote.