

What's New in New Hampshire Summer/Early Fall 2010

Lodging/Restaurants:

[The Inns and Spa at Mill Falls](#), Meredith, NH – There are two new additions to the Inns and Spa at Mill Falls – The Lake Shore Cottage and the Perch Cottage.

[Lake Shore Cottage](#) – Decorated in the classic Adirondack style, this one story, 936-square-foot lakefront cottage is adjacent to Church Landing and offers stunning views of the lake and mountains. It is tied into all of the Inns' services including phone, complimentary WiFi, air conditioning, cable TV, continental breakfast served daily in the Lakehouse Grille at Church Landing, pool, beaches, fitness center and more.

[The Perch Cottage](#) – This cottage is just across the road from Lake Winnepesaukee and only a short walk to downtown Meredith. It is also tied into all of the Inns' services.

[The New Residence Inn by Marriott®](#), Portsmouth, NH – Located in the heart of historic downtown Portsmouth, the eco-friendly Residence Inn by Marriott allows guests easy access to local shops, museums, parks and numerous restaurants. The opening of the hotel marks the completion of Phase I of the Portwalk development, a planned pedestrian friendly development to also feature boutiques, cafés, luxury residences, and downtown office space.

[Snowy Owl Inn](#), Waterville Valley, NH – The newly renovated Snowy Owl Inn re-opened in June. The project included the complete renovation of 25 of the inn's guest rooms, encompassing nearly all the rooms on the second floor of the hotel. It also included reconfiguring some rooms to provide eight King style rooms with writing desks for the business traveler, as well as newly-renovated Premium rooms with two queen beds and two person Jacuzzi tubs in the baths. Outside, the renovation included construction of a new 3,000-square-foot patio suitable for weddings, receptions, parties and other events.

[Ale House Inn](#), Portsmouth, NH – This 10-room boutique hotel is the first in New Hampshire and one of the first in the nation to offer in-room iPads. They are in all the deluxe rooms, which comprise about 60% of the accommodations in the hotel located in a 130-year-old former brewery warehouse downtown. The Ale House also offers iPod and iPhone docking systems standard in all the rooms.

Attractions:

[Santa's Village](#), Jefferson, NH – Water, water everywhere – even at Santa's Village. The water attraction, HO, HO, H2O, is now open at Santa's Village. This interactive play area has multiple water slides, climbs and fun – built for the entire family.

[Whale's Tale Waterpark](#), Lincoln, NH – New this year, Shipwreck Island – an active water play structure for the whole family. It features water cannons and numerous water sprays.

[Conway Scenic Railroad](#), Lincoln, NH – The newest addition to the Railroad's fleet of cars is the *Hattie Evans*, which was built by Pullman Standard in 1949 for Norfolk & Western Railroad as a D-1 class Dining Car. Conway Scenic Railroad purchased the car in late 2008 for service on the Crawford Notch trains. Rehabilitated during the winter/spring of this year, The *Hattie* has a new stainless steel kitchen, an oak interior, original oil murals, and beautiful, customized booths with seating for 48 passengers. The *Hattie*, named after the real person who lived with her family in the Mt. Willard Section House in Crawford Notch from 1903 to the early 1940s, is now in regular service on the Notch Train.

Arts & Culture:

[Winnepesaukee Playhouse](#), Laconia, NH – The Winni Playhouse has acquired the former Annalee Dolls campus in Meredith, New Hampshire, and will be moving into a larger building that will have an outdoor amphitheater and walking trails. This new theater is expected to have 182 seats as well as support spaces such as offices, dressing rooms, and a lobby, which the current theater in Weirs Beach does not have. The move allows the Winnepesaukee Playhouse to greatly expand and create the first performing arts complex in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire.

[Prescott Park Arts Festival](#), Portsmouth, NH – Held in beautiful Prescott Park each Wednesday evening of the summer months, visitors will find a new array of top-notch and riveting performers from around the globe. This year's performers include Judy Collins, Livingston Taylor and Richard Thompson.

[The Music Hall](#), Portsmouth, NH – The Music Hall presents "Kids RULE!: Circo Comedia." This landmark Victorian theater located in the picturesque city of Portsmouth, is launching its Kids RULE! Programs for 2010-2011 with its first offering – Circo Comedia – a one-hour, one-ring circus in the tradition of Cirque du Soleil – on Saturday, October 2. Circo Comedia features Quebec's Circus superstars – the dynamic duo of Jean Saucier and Patrick Cote – who will bring their distinctive humor, magic and eccentricity to The Music Hall stage for children of all ages.

[The Flying Monkey](#), Plymouth, NH – As of July 23rd, Main Street in Plymouth will be home to the new Flying Monkey multi-purpose entertainment venue for people of all ages. The building, originally constructed in 1928, will include two movie theaters and a center for live performances.

[Discover Portsmouth Center, Portsmouth, NH](#) – The exhibit, "Rescuing Whaleback Lighthouse: A Wave-swept Sentinel" is now open at the Discover Portsmouth Center. The exhibit details the historical, architectural, and engineering aspects of Whaleback Lighthouse, as well as the human history of the keepers who lived inside the tower until the light was automated in 1968. In addition to paintings, drawings, and photographs from the light station's 180-year history, the displays include a small Fresnel

lens (similar to the lens that was once used in Whaleback Lighthouse), a spyglass that belonged to one of the keepers, and a model of the lighthouse. July 2-September 3.

[The Children's Museum of New Hampshire](#), Dover, NH – The museum is hosting a wide range of special events for families this fall, including the Children's Museum Annual Birthday party on Sunday, September 26. The museum is celebrating its 27th birthday with activities and treats for all. The afternoon of fun includes birthday cake and ice cream, live entertainment and a variety of party games. The museum was founded in 1983 in Portsmouth and moved to its current larger location in Dover in July 2008.

[Currier Art Museum](#), Manchester, NH – There are two new exhibits at the Currier this summer:

Cross Currents in 20th Century Art: Prints and Ceramics from the Anne C. and Harry Wollman Collection – Drawn from one of the finest collections of expressionist and Pop art prints and studio ceramics in the region, Cross Currents in 20th Century Art is noted for its expansive range of subject matter, visual power and engaging imagery. Through September 6th.

Jerome Liebling: Capturing the Human Spirit – the Currier unveils the compelling documentary images of the internationally known photographer and film maker Jerome Liebling. Now eighty-six, Liebling has been drawn to subjects that are powerful in their vivid imagery and artistic conception and convey a poignant sense of humanity and the dignity of human endeavor. Through September 9th.

Culinary:

[Lindt Chocolate](#) – Based in Stratham, New Hampshire, Lindt is expanding its chocolate processing plant. This is a milestone for Lindt, which is based in Kilchberg, Switzerland. Before the \$30 million processing plant was added, the factory would produce the cocoa in Switzerland then ship it to NH to mix with other ingredients to produce its truffles. Now, it transports beans from Africa, Central America and South America directly to Stratham, eliminating 10,000 travel miles. The new plant can process 110,000 pounds of cocoa beans per day, enabling the factory to produce 7,200 Lindor Truffles and 450 chocolate bars per minute.

[Breakers Restaurant and Bar](#), Hampton Beach, NH – The Ashworth by the Sea hotel has completed renovations to the Breakers Restaurant & Bar, and it is now re-opened to the public. Located at beautiful Hampton Beach, complete with amazing water views, Breakers provides an enjoyable dining and entertainment experience. Breakers offers a comfortable, yet modern and tasteful beachfront décor, while still showcasing traditional touches from the Ashworth's nearly 100 years of history.

Yankee-Dollar Stretcher Deals:

Omni Bretton Arms Inn, Bretton Woods, NH – Guests are invited to enjoy the splendor of New Hampshire's White Mountains during peak summer and fall seasons for just \$119 per night. The 4-star Omni Bretton Arms at Mount Washington has released this deal for Sunday-Thursday stays through November. Guests have access to full resort amenities, including an 18-hole golf course, a spa and six restaurants.

www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/BrettonWoodsBrettonArmsatMountWashington/OmniZoo.aspx

Dutch Treat Bed and Breakfast, Charlestown, NH – The "3 for 2" special allows guests to stay two nights and get the third night free. The scenic byway runs right by the Bed and Breakfast; the Connecticut River a few hundred yards away. Mention the "NH Special" when booking. www.thedutchtreat.com.

Candlelite Inn, Bradford, NH – The Summer Package allows visitors to stay three nights and pay for only two. The Inn is within minutes to major ski areas, wonderful restaurants, hunting, fishing, boating and many other outdoor activities. For those in the mood for some history and the arts, the region offers local playhouses and concerts, antiquing, flea markets, barn sales, and auctions. The Sunapee, NH area also offers tennis, golf courses, shopping centers, boat excursions plus all the beautiful scenery that New Hampshire has to offer. Package includes discounts at local attractions, 10% off dining, voucher for coupon book to Tanger Outlets-Tilton, special take home gift, breakfast each morning with dessert, and afternoon and evening refreshments. www.candleliteinn.com.

NH Grand and the Northern Forest Canoe Trail in the Great North Woods – "Summer = Family Fun" package. Includes: NFCT's Map 7 and Guidebook, 1 night at AMC's Carter Notch Hut, 2 nights at the Balsams Grand Resort Hotel, 1 day of whitewater rafting with North Woods Rafting, 3 breakfasts, 1 trail lunch, 3 dinners, and boat and select gear rentals. A Grand Adventure awaits you and your family on the mountains and rivers of northern New Hampshire. This voyage blends thrill, breathtaking landscapes and superior service with one night in a mountain-top hut, a whitewater rafting romp and two nights at a luxury Grand Hotel. Options include visiting local heritage sites, a Balsams massage and spa and shuttle services. <http://northernforestcanoetrail.org>.

Cottage Place on Squam Lake, Holderness, NH – "Family Adventure Package". Starts at \$295 for a two night stay. Families will arrive to 4 envelopes outlining tasks that need to be completed by the end of their stay. These exercises promise to foster family togetherness and are designed to improve communication between all members (recommended ages 5 and older - but left to your discretion). At the end of the stay, families will be rewarded with a gift that will remind them of their adventure.

www.cottageplaceonsquam.com.

Sandy Beach RV Resort, Contoocook – The "Visit NH" package is a week stay for the whole family (2 Adults and their children under 18). Includes 4 Hours of Paddleboat Rentals. Free Early Check-in & Check-Out based on Availability. Free Shuffleboard, Bocce, Tennis, Horseshoes, Crafts, Wii Games,

Entertainment, Planned Activities & Events! Packages available for Tent Sites, RV Sites & Rental Cabins. 603-746-3591.

Sunset Hill House Grand Inn, Sugar Hill – Half-off special - stay mid-week in this historic bed and breakfast and get 1 night ½ off. Offer good Sunday-Thursday. www.sunsethillhouse.com.

The Wayside Inn, Bethlehem – "I Love It Here!" package. Stay 4 nights and get the 5th night free. The Wayside Inn is set by the beautiful Ammonoosuc River a few minutes from the center of Bethlehem in New Hampshire's White Mountains. The historic inn is a favorite for family vacations, romantic getaways and group gatherings any time of the year. In summertime, swim from the private sandy beach by the river. www.thewaysideinn.com.

Waterville Valley Resort, Waterville Valley, NH – "Summer Unlimited" package gives visitors access to all the resort has to offer. Swimming, hiking, mountain biking, ice skating, golf and tennis are just a few of the fun activities in this family-friendly resort community. From Memorial Day to Columbus Day, visitors who stay at one of Waterville Valley's accommodations pay one fee to enjoy all the Summer Unlimited activities. www.visitwatervillevalley.com.

For information about other Yankee-Dollar Stretcher Deals: www.visitnh.gov/why-new-hampshire/gas-and-green-offers/deals.aspx

New Warm Weather Fun at NH Ski Resorts:

[Attitash, Bartlett, NH](#) – The Nor'easter Mountain Coaster is scheduled to open August 1. Offering an exhilarating and scenic ride for virtually all ages and open in all weather, the Mountain Coaster carries you 1,430 feet up Attitash Mountain on twin stainless steel rails, providing spectacular views of the White Mountain scenery before descending on a thrilling 2,880 foot ride down through the forested mountain terrain, dropping 316 vertical feet through a series of banked curves, dips and straight-aways at rider controlled speeds of up to 25 miles per hour.

[Cranmore, North Conway, NH](#) – A year-round Mountain Coaster is being installed that will allow guests to ride up the mountain and then descend at rider-controlled speeds. Cranmore's tubing park is being relocated to accommodate the new Coaster to be installed in the approximate location of the current tubing park. The Mountain Coaster is part of a \$6 million capital investment in the entire resort.

Cranmore Mountain is also planning another music-filled summer on its slopes with the return of the long-running [Arts Jubilee](#) concert series. Concerts run from July 15 through August 12.

[Loon Mountain, Lincoln, NH](#) – Loon Mountain has added a zip-line ride that spans the Pemigewasset River. An exciting new addition for this summer, vacationers will have another exhilarating activity to enjoy. 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. /through September 5.

Loon Mountain has also announced a new [entertainment series](#), from July 7 through August 21.

For more information on summer activities at New Hampshire ski resorts, visit:

http://www.skinh.com/Unusual_Activities.cfm

Late Summer/Early Fall Events & Activities:

[Segway of Manchester](#), Manchester, NH – Segway of Manchester has opened a new store and begun giving tours of the Queen City on a Segway, providing people with a unique way to observe many of the city's historical sites, such as the Manchester Millyard. The guided tours include a safety lesson to make sure each rider is comfortable with the Segway before hitting the road. A guide will be wired with a microphone and will explain places of interest while cruising through the city's central corridor.

Segway's headquarters are located in Bedford, NH. www.segway.com/about-segway/contact-us.php

[New Hampshire Winery Cruise](#), Weirs Beach, Laconia, NH – New this season to the M/S Mount Washington sunset dinner cruise lineup is the New Hampshire Winery Cruise on Thursday, August 5. Cruisers will be able to sample wines from seven of the Granite State's wineries. This unique opportunity will be combined with live entertainment, dancing and appetizers, all on the waters of beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee. Seven of NH's best wineries will be on board: Jewell Towne Vineyards, Flag Hill Winery & Distillery, Farnum Hill Ciders, Zorvino Vineyards, Candia Vineyards, Haunting Whisper Vineyards, Labelle Winery. The wineries will all be on board the ship offering samples to passengers. Appetizer stations will be scattered throughout the vessel.

[NH Growers Dinner](#), Laconia, NH – The M/S Mount Washington has partnered with the NH Farm to put together a dinner of truly local fare. Guests can enjoy a taste of NH while cruising on Lake Winnepesaukee with dancing to live music. The dinner is made of fresh NH products grown or bred locally and specially prepared by our chef.

[Fall Foliage Trains](#), Meredith, NH – Weekends and Holidays only. Visitors can ride the 2 hour route along Lake Winnepesaukee while enjoying the Fall Foliage. Food service onboard including the famous Hobo Picnic Lunch, Ice Cream, Snacks and Beverages.

[Apple Harvest Day](#), Dover, NH – Featuring good food, including an apple pie contest, skilled artisans and crafters, live entertainment for all ages, and a variety of children's activities, this all-day family event draws approximately 20,000 visitors to the city's downtown each year.

[Return of the Pumpkin People](#), Jackson, NH – More than 50 area businesses and homeowners are expected to get into the fall foliage spirit by creating unique, colorful and playful pumpkin people throughout the village of Jackson and surrounding towns. This event attracts visitors to these villages to

take the self-guided tour of the pumpkin people which is a big hit with the leaf peeping crowd. Visitors will see everything from Pumpkin People flying to Pumpkin People hiking, sky diving, even scuba diving.

[Cranmore Ghoulog](#), North Conway, NH – Open all weekends in October. Visitors board the quad chairlift for a night-time ride to the summit for this haunted mountain-top tour. The Ghoulog is New England's only mountain top haunted house. They are going into their third year and rumor has it that it's truly going to be the scariest one yet.

[21st Annual Seafood Festival](#), Hampton, NH—A “last blast of summer” on September 10, 11 and 12, this festival gets bigger and better every year. It has been chosen as one of Yankee Magazine’s top 20 in New Hampshire for 2010. Visitors can sample the flavors of the seacoast at New England's largest seaside festival. More than 50 restaurants join together, offering an extensive menu of seafood delicacies. The festival also includes arts & crafts dealers, live entertainment, beer tents, fireworks and more.

Horseback Riding in NH – New Hampshire, with its scenic mountains, fields and forests, makes a perfect venue for horseback riding in the summer and fall.

[Farm by the River](#), North Conway, NH—Horse riding is back at Farm by the River. The award-winning stables at this White Mountains Bed & Breakfast are open to the general public year round for scenic horseback rides, horse-drawn carriage rides, wagon rides, or sleigh rides. Visitors can enjoy the view of the White Mountains while taking a horse ride through meadows of evergreen and Maple Sugar Forests along the Saco River.

[High Meadows Farms](#), Wolfeboro, NH—Visitors can take advantage of the beautiful views of the White Mountain ranges on horseback. High Meadows Farms offers horseback lessons as well as a horseback riding summer day camp for anyone to experience.

[Cobble Mountain Stables](#), Gilford, NH – Visitors can enjoy New Hampshire's Lakes Region on horseback, traveling through quiet forests and sun-kissed meadows. Cobble Mountain offers a selection of rides and horses of various levels.

[Castle in the Clouds](#), Moultonborough, NH – Horseback riding is back at Castle in the Clouds! The stables are open seven days a week, and trail rides are offered three times each day. Carriage and Wagon Rides are also offered. Visitors can enjoy miles of wooded trails through the 5,500 acres of the Castle in the Clouds mountaintop estate. Set in the beautiful Ossipee Mountains, the Castle has sweeping views of Lake Winnepesaukee. This iconic mansion also features hiking, waterfalls, gardens, cafe and patio, and stunning views.

[Inn at Ellis River](#), Jackson, NH—Enjoy a day of horseback riding in New Hampshire’s beautiful White Mountain Region. Visitors can take advantage of a variety of activities and specials offered at the inn including a Mountainside Trail Ride Package available July 1 through September 23. This package includes two nights lodging for two, gourmet country breakfasts and afternoon refreshments, plus the scenic mountainside trail ride at Black Mountain including a picnic lunch with the horses complete with apples and carrots.

[Highland Games](#), Loon Mountain Ski Resort, Lincoln, NH – The New Hampshire Highland Games is the largest Scottish cultural festival in the Northeast, dedicated to the music, dance, athletics and customs of the Scottish people and to the continuance of the Gaelic culture. This year’s event takes place September 17-19.

[Lumberjack Festival](#) at the Balsams, Dixville Notch, NH – Visitors can watch the wood chips fly as the lumberjacks participate in this grueling one day competition where strength, skill and sheer determination are on display from start to finish. Everything begins with a hearty breakfast served at The BALSAMS Wilderness Ski Area followed by nine fast and furious events showcasing the best of the sport – from axe throwing and chopping to sawing, log climbing, log rolling and Jack and Jill bucking. There's a Lumberjack BBQ planned for lunch, and throughout the day craft vendors will be on hand to sell their homemade gifts and wares. Chain saw carvings and ice carvings complete the exhibits. This year’s Lumberjack Festival takes place September 11-12.

[NH Fish & Lobster Festival](#), Prescott Park, Portsmouth, NH – Otherwise known as the Fishtival, this event debuted in 2009 and is a special collaboration between a variety of community organizations to support the local fishing industry. This fun-filled event, occurring this year on September 25, will feature seafood tasting, games, music and more. Visitors can walk the decks of a local fishing boat, taste freshly-landed local seafood prepared by Seacoast chefs, learn to identify and prepare local fish, watch an on-location cook-off competition between chefs, investigate the Gulf of Maine ecosystem, sing a song and hear a tale or two. This first-ever interactive festival celebrates 18 miles and 400 years of NH fishing communities and traditions.

[NH Brewfest](#), Redhook Ale Brewery, Portsmouth, NH – The NH Brew Fest is the premier event in NH for craft brewers from the entire NE region and beyond to showcase their talent. Held on Saturday, October 2, visitors get to sample more than 90 brews from some 28 breweries. Redhook Brewery has donated space for approximately thirty breweries to setup outside in a natural grass amphitheater. There will be great food and entertainment in addition to the beer.

Awards & Honors

Hampshire Pewter of Wolfeboro, NH Named Best of the Road® in [Rand McNally's 87th Edition of America's #1 Road Atlas](#) – Rand McNally, America’s most trusted source for maps, directions and travel content, has chosen Hampshire Pewter of Wolfeboro, NH over hundreds of locations as a unique travel destination for the prestigious *Best of the Road*®, 2011.

New Hampshire State Parks Campgrounds Named in America’s “Top 100 Family Campgrounds” – Each year, [ReserveAmerica](#), the United States’ leading recreation reservation service, announces its “Top 100 Family Campgrounds,” a guide to help campers and their families plan camping trips at locations across America’s great outdoors. The list also includes ReserveAmerica’s top biking trails, beaches, scenic

views, water recreation parks and much more. To learn more about NH State Parks/Campgrounds, visit: www.nhstateparks.org.

[New Hampshire's Beaches Named Cleanest in the Country](#) – The Natural Resources Defense Council announced the 20th Annual Water Quality Report, which surveys the water quality and number of beach closings and advisories in 2009, and gave NH the highest ratings. The report gives a five star rating guide for 200 of the nation's most popular beaches. Rating criteria is based on indicators of beachwater quality, monitoring frequency and public notification of contamination.

Waterville Valley Resort Named a 2010 Editors' Choice by Yankee Magazine – Waterville Valley Resort, New Hampshire, has been recognized as a 2010 Editors' Choice in [Yankee Magazine's Travel Guide to New England](#). This designation is awarded by Yankee's editors and contributors, who name select restaurants, lodgings, and attractions in New England to the exclusive list. Recipients range from the rustic to the refined, but all are noteworthy and memorable destinations. The editors stated, "Waterville Valley was designed and planned specifically as a self-contained, four seasons resort."

[Littleton Diner](#), Littleton, NH – As this local mainstay celebrates its 80th anniversary, the Littleton Diner is celebrating several other milestones as well. The popular diner was featured in the 2010 spring edition of Yankee Magazine as Editor's Choice for Best Pancakes; and it was featured in Food Network Magazine's July issue in 50 States/50 Breakfasts – for the Buckwheat Pancakes. The Littleton Diner menu offers traditional, home-cooked New England food. Meals are hearty, portions generous and prices affordable.

Miscellaneous

White Mountains Attractions Association, Lincoln, NH – The WMAA has added a new group tour planning resource to its website: <http://www.visitwhitemountains.com/group-resources/default.aspx>

Lakes Region Association, Tilton, NH – The LRA has added a new group tour planning resource to its website: <http://www.lakesregion.org/Default.aspx?alias=www.lakesregion.org/groups>

Bella Oils Retail Store, Nashua, NH – Natural products to nourish the body and mind. Grand opening August 19, 2010, 4PM. <http://www.Bella-Oils.com>

