

## The New Hampshire Update Spring 2010

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

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**New Hampshire Division of Travel & Tourism, Concord:** *New and improved website to be launched in May with comprehensive section specifically for tour operators. New suggested itineraries also available.*

### 1. LODGING

**Courtyard by Marriot, Portsmouth:** *Brand new full service hotel opening June 2010 offering new conference center on site. Striving to be first LEED certified facility in the greater Monadnock Region.* Contact: Sara Shaw, [sara@transcoastmedia.com](mailto:sara@transcoastmedia.com) P: 603-379-2410 [www.keenecourtyard.com](http://www.keenecourtyard.com)

**Portwalk Project, Portsmouth:** *Construction on a new 120-room, extended-stay hotel is underway in Portsmouth, as the first phase of the Portwalk Project. The Residence Inn is due to open May 19<sup>th</sup>; and the Conference Center is scheduled to open June 19<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the hotel, Portwalk's master plan includes 15 to 20 retail shops and restaurants.* Contact: Valerie Rochon, [tourism@portsmouthchamber.org](mailto:tourism@portsmouthchamber.org) P: 603-610-5517 [www.portsmouthchamber.org](http://www.portsmouthchamber.org) or [www.portwalknh.com](http://www.portwalknh.com)

**Jack O'Lantern Resort & Golf Course, North Woodstock:** *360 degree panoramic mountain view resort offering complimentary packages for groups of 15 or more. The resort also offers, upon request tours of local covered bridges, trains, golf, local brew pub .*Contact: Maria Ford, [info@jackolanternresort.com](mailto:info@jackolanternresort.com) P: (603) 745-8121 [www.jackolanternresort.com](http://www.jackolanternresort.com)

**Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa, Whitefield:** *Newly confirmed as a 100% Green Power Purchaser, the Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa offers golfing, skiing, summer and winter activities as well as in house spa.* Contact: Rachel Manners, [rmanners@mountainviewgrand.com](mailto:rmanners@mountainviewgrand.com) P: (603) 837-2100 [www.mountainviewgrand.com](http://www.mountainviewgrand.com)

**Waterville Valley Resort Association, Waterville Valley:** *Now offering a two hour standard mountain bike rental per day, nine holes of golf per day, and one hour canoe, kayak or pedal boat rental per day, admission to the White Mountain Athletic Club, unlimited ice skating, outdoor tennis and one chair lift ride per day. All of these great offers are given to customers choosing the additional 15% Resort Fee at any lodging in the Waterville Valley Resort Association.* Contact: [info@visitwatervillevalley.com](mailto:info@visitwatervillevalley.com) P: (800) 468-2553 [www.visitwatervillevalley.com](http://www.visitwatervillevalley.com)

**Harbor Events Center**, Portsmouth: *Set to open May 2010, the center will be a full service conference and event facility offering pre-function and event space for corporate and private functions.* Contact: Sara Shaw, [sara@transcoastmedia.com](mailto:sara@transcoastmedia.com) P: 603-379-2410 [www.harboreventscenter.com](http://www.harboreventscenter.com)

**Omni Mount Washington Grand Resort**, Bretton Woods: *Once the Mount Washington Hotel, now the Omni Mount Washington Grand, this luxurious resort has been entertaining guests since 1902. Now hosts a new spa and salon, 18 hole golf course, zip-line tour, and other resort activities such as horseback riding, hiking, skiing, fishing and sleigh rides.* Contact: Craig Clemmer, [clemmer@omnihotels.com](mailto:clemmer@omnihotels.com) P: 603-278-3304 [www.omnihotels.com](http://www.omnihotels.com)

## 2. CULINARY

**Colby Hill Inn**, Henniker: *This intimate New Hampshire bed and breakfast offers more than just the usual over night experience. At the Colby Hill Inn guests and visitors are welcome to sign up for a cooking class: Cooking Confidential. Class is followed by a three-course dinner with wine. Restaurant is open for groups looking for a unique dinner location.* Contact: Mason Cobb, [innkeeper@colbyhillinn.com](mailto:innkeeper@colbyhillinn.com) P: 800-531-0330 [www.colbyhillinn.com](http://www.colbyhillinn.com)

**Flag Hill Winery**, Lee: *Winners of the gold medal for their Cranberry Liqueur by the Beverage Tasting Institute, Flag Hill continues to impress. With the opening of their new dining room and their commitment to local products, such as local apples, maple, and grapes, Flag Hill offers a delicious experience to guests.* Contact: Heather Houle, [heather@flaghill.com](mailto:heather@flaghill.com) P: 603-659-2949 [www.flaghill.com](http://www.flaghill.com)

**New Portside Seafood Restaurant**, Portsmouth: *The very popular Muddy River Restaurant located in downtown Portsmouth will transform into Portside Seafood this spring serving incredibly fresh and delicious seafood cuisine in a similar creative and casual atmosphere. Groups welcome!* Contact: Gerri Schena, [gerri@portsideseafood.com](mailto:gerri@portsideseafood.com) P: 603-430-9582 Website coming soon

## 3. EVENTS

**NH Maple Festival**, North Woodstock: *A weekend filled with maple sugaring fun. Family games and activities, maple sugar house tours, and a maple parade.* Contact: [info@lincolnwoodstock.com](mailto:info@lincolnwoodstock.com), P: 603-745-6621 [www.nhmaplefest.com](http://www.nhmaplefest.com)

**"Death by Chocolate" Murder Mystery Weekend**, Lincoln-Woodstock: *Life can be sweet but murder can be even sweeter during "Death by Chocolate". This two day interactive mystery event in April involves two towns, live actors, lots of clues, breaking news, prizes, and fun for sleuths of all ages. Participation in this event is FREE.* Contact: [info@lincolnwoodstock.com](mailto:info@lincolnwoodstock.com), P: 603-745-6621 [www.LincolnWoodstock.com](http://www.LincolnWoodstock.com)

**Olde New England Day, a Main Street Celebration & Antique Show**, North Woodstock: *In June, celebrate the heritage and patriotism of North Woodstock during their annual town-wide festival! Take a step back in time and view the classic cars and antiques. Family entertainment, live music, Blazin' BBQ, and kid's games.* Contact: [info@lincolnwoodstock.com](mailto:info@lincolnwoodstock.com), P:603-745-6621 [www.LincolnWoodstock.com](http://www.LincolnWoodstock.com)

**New England Brewfest**, Lincoln: *In June, breweries from across New England offer some of the finest microbrews east of the Mississippi at the New England Brewfest. The event is held under the big tent, rain or shine, at the Lincoln Village Shops. Admission includes official tasting class, 10 sample tickets, live music, and a great time!* Contact: [info@lincolnwoodstock.com](mailto:info@lincolnwoodstock.com), P: 603-745-6621 [www.NEBrewfest.com](http://www.NEBrewfest.com)

**Bears on Parade**, Lincoln-Woodstock: *Ongoing Event; Businesses throughout the Lincoln-Woodstock area have painted, decorated, and adorned 36" tall fiberglass bears to be displayed at their place of business throughout the year. Get your Bear Map at the Lincoln-Woodstock Chamber of Commerce office, inside the LincolnVillageShops, to find all 24 bears.* Contact: [info@lincolnwoodstock.com](mailto:info@lincolnwoodstock.com), P: 603-745-6621 [www.lincolnwoodstock.com](http://www.lincolnwoodstock.com)

**Tall Ships**, Portsmouth: *Memorial Day Weekend May 28<sup>th</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> Portsmouth's Annual Tall Ships Festival is coming back this year a little early, but with the same amount of fun as years past. A Boat Parade will take place on May 28<sup>th</sup> and boat tours will begin on Saturday and run through Monday from 10am-5pm.* Contact: Bridgette Desmond, [marketing@portsmouthchamber.org](mailto:marketing@portsmouthchamber.org) P: 603.610.5520 [www.portsmouthchamber.org](http://www.portsmouthchamber.org)

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual WOKQ Chowder Festival**, Portsmouth: *Saturday June 5 starting at 11:30 am and lasting until all chowder is gone! Join more than 4,000 people to help kick off the summer with delicious fresh chowder and help vote for your favorite!* Contact: Ben Anderson, [ben@prescottpark.org](mailto:ben@prescottpark.org) P: 603.436.2848 [www.prescottpark.org](http://www.prescottpark.org)

**36<sup>th</sup> Annual Prescott Park Festival Featuring "Peter Pan"**, Portsmouth: *June 25<sup>th</sup> through August 22<sup>nd</sup> Prescott Park will be performing the musical adaptation of J.M. Barrie's "Peter Pan". Experience a new show each summer! Thursday and Sunday shows start at 7pm, Friday and Saturday shows start at 8pm.* Contact: Ben Anderson, [ben@prescottpark.org](mailto:ben@prescottpark.org) P: 603.436.2848 [www.prescottpark.org](http://www.prescottpark.org)

**US NAVY Blue Angels at the Boston Portsmouth Air Show**, Portsmouth: *August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Portsmouth International Airport at Pease will be presenting the Boston Portsmouth Air Show featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. Other featured attractions include displays of multiple aircrafts including today's military jets, vintage war birds, and civilian aircraft.* Contact: Joe Holtz, [joe@bostonportsmouthairshow.com](mailto:joe@bostonportsmouthairshow.com) P: 603.625.6431 [www.bostonnewenglandairshow.com](http://www.bostonnewenglandairshow.com)

**Celia Thaxter Island Garden Tours**, Portsmouth: *Thursdays, June 24<sup>th</sup> - August 19<sup>th</sup> arrive via the Portsmouth Harbor Cruise. Annual tours through the historic gardens that were once owned by Celia Thaxter, daughter of Thomas Loughton, tour sizes are usually limited to 50 people.* Contact: Pam Boutilier, [shoals-lab-east@cornell.edu](mailto:shoals-lab-east@cornell.edu) P: 603.430.5220 [www.sml.cornell.edu](http://www.sml.cornell.edu)

**Scarecrows of the Port**, Portsmouth: *October 15<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup> celebrate the harvest season by checking out the numerous displays of scarecrows as you walk through the historic city!* Contact: Bridgette Desmond, [marketing@portsmouthchamber.org](mailto:marketing@portsmouthchamber.org) P: 603.610.5520 [www.portsmouthchamber.org](http://www.portsmouthchamber.org)

**New Castle Village Walk & Garden Tour**, New Castle: *June 13, 1:00-4:30 pm, annual self-guided walking tours of 7-9 private gardens in historic New Castle. A complimentary trolley is also offered for touring which makes a loop of the sites throughout the tour.* Contact: Marguerite Mathews [info@pontine.org](mailto:info@pontine.org) P: 603.436.6660 [www.pontine.org](http://www.pontine.org)

#### 4. ACTIVITIES

**Santa's Village**, Jefferson: *H0, H0, H20--grab your bathing suit and go! Water slides, climbs and interactive play areas for the entire family.* Contact: Christian Gainer, [christian@santasvillage.com](mailto:christian@santasvillage.com) P: 603-586-4445 [www.santasvillage.com](http://www.santasvillage.com)

**Attitash, Bartlett:** *An exciting NEW adventure attraction, the Mountain Coaster at Attitash offers an exhilarating and scenic ride as it carries you up Attitash before descending on a thrilling 2,600 foot ride down the mountain, dropping 324 vertical feet through banked curves and dips.* Contact: Doug Tulin, [dtulin@attitash.com](mailto:dtulin@attitash.com) P: 603-374-2600 [www.attitash.com](http://www.attitash.com)

**Whale's Tale Water Park, Lincoln:** *Summer fun water park is adding on a new section called "Shipwreck Island." The addition will consist of multilevel structures with more waterslides, water shooters, water sprayers, and a large ship that will dump hundreds of gallons of water at once onto the people below it.* Contact: Jeb Boyd, [jboyd@whalestalewaterpark.net](mailto:jboyd@whalestalewaterpark.net) P:603-475-8810 [www.whalestalewaterpark.net](http://www.whalestalewaterpark.net)

**Star Island, Rye:** *For over one hundred years this island has been the destination for adults and families alike looking for a respite from their busy mainland lives. Offering tours of this island's significance on the arts, natural history, world affairs, science and spirituality.* Contact: Priscilla Hodgkins, [phodgkins@starisland.org](mailto:phodgkins@starisland.org) P:603-430-6272 [www.starisland.org](http://www.starisland.org)

**The Flying Yankee Hobo Railroad, Lincoln:** *1 of 3 stainless steel, diesel/electric, air conditioned, streamlined, articulated passenger train delivered during the Depression in 1935. The Flying Yankee is the only one that will ride the rails again and is being restored and can be seen at the Hobo Railroad.* Contact: Patricia Taylor, [flyingyankee@usa.net](mailto:flyingyankee@usa.net) P:603-661-3317 [www.flyingyankee.com](http://www.flyingyankee.com)

**Bretton Woods, Bretton Woods:** *Bretton Woods is now home to one of the longest, year-round Canopy Tours in the United States. The tour descends over 1,000 vertical feet and consists of a series of tree-top zip lines, suspension bridges, and hiking trails. The tour concludes with the Williwaw Racing Zip, a dual, side-by-side zip line running right into the base area. The Williwaw Racing Zip can also be enjoyed without participating in the entire Canopy Tour.* Contact: Steve Nichipor P:603-278-8938 [www.omnihotels.com](http://www.omnihotels.com)

**Littleton Main Street, Littleton:** *\$3.5 million renovation to its downtown infrastructure and includes brand new sidewalks, granite curbing, crosswalks with pedestrian friendly bump-outs, and Victorian style light posts. With this and the easy access to the majestic Ammonoosuc River and RiverWalk Trail, Littleton is a great place to bring your group on your next tour!* Contact: Chad Stearns [cstearns@littletonareachamber.com](mailto:cstearns@littletonareachamber.com) P: 603-444-6561 [www.littletonareachamber.com](http://www.littletonareachamber.com)

**Fadden's General Store & Maple Sugarhouse, North Woodstock:** *Tour of the sugarhouse including a maple syrup sample, meal plan at Peg's Restaurant, and the self-guided tour of the General Store and Maple Museum. Minimum group size of 20.* Contact: Jim Fadden, [jimfadden@aol.com](mailto:jimfadden@aol.com) P: 603-745-8371 [www.nhmaplesyrup.com](http://www.nhmaplesyrup.com)

**New Hampshire Bowl and Board Demos, Webster:** *The making of wood bowls, boards, utensils and so much more at New Hampshire Bowl and Board. Demonstrations of how bowls and boards are made are for groups with advanced reservation.* Contact: Paul, [paul@nhwoodbowls.com](mailto:paul@nhwoodbowls.com) P: 603-648-9566 [www.newhampshirebowlandboard.com](http://www.newhampshirebowlandboard.com)

**Mount Washington Cog Railway, Bretton Woods:** *Celebrating its 140th birthday with new choices! Groups can choose between taking the historic steam locomotives or the new eco-friendly biodiesels up the track. Groups are also invited into the all-new Marshfield building which offers more seating and restrooms at the Peppersass Restaurant. The Mount Washington Cog Railway is the second steepest mountain climbing train in the world and the only one built entirely on a trestle.* Contact: [groupsales@thecog.com](mailto:groupsales@thecog.com) P: 603.278.2256 [www.thecog.com](http://www.thecog.com)

**Lake Sunapee Cruises, Sunapee:** *Each cruise lasts about two hours and includes a narration by the captain about the surrounding sites; features two decks and an open air walkway. Dinner cruises are also available for groups!* Contact: Marybeth Fenton [mvk@tds.net](mailto:mvk@tds.net) P: 603.938.6465 [www.sunapeecruises.com](http://www.sunapeecruises.com)

## 5. ARTS & CULTURE

**Currier Museum of Art, Manchester:** *The museum has made several changes over the past few months, including new objects in the contemporary, modern and glass galleries. Special exhibits include: Spotlight New England work by sculptors George Sherwood, Alexander Calder, and Mark di Suvero, named "Delicate Balance" artists' work is displayed both indoor and outdoor featuring two new sculptures for the inaugural display within the Winter Garden.* Contact: Jeffrey Smith, [jsmith@currier.org](mailto:jsmith@currier.org) P: (603) 669-6144 ext. 113 [www.currier.org](http://www.currier.org)

**The Fells, Newbury:** *One of New England's finest examples of an early 20<sup>th</sup>-century summer estate, The Fells contains a 100 ft perennial border, beautiful views of Lake Sunapee, and much more. Self guided tours are offered of the historic Main House and also of the gardens and the John Hay Ecology Trail.* Contact: Mary Kronenwetter [mkronenwetter@thefells.org](mailto:mkronenwetter@thefells.org) P: 603.763.4789 ext. 4 [www.thefells.org](http://www.thefells.org)

**90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the John Paul Jones Museum, Portsmouth:** *Opening July 15<sup>th</sup>, 25 cents admission at John Paul Jones Museum in Portsmouth. The museum was the first in Portsmouth and also was the residence which John Paul Jones kept during the civil war overseeing the construction and outfitting of the USS America.* Contact: Sandra Rux, [info@portsmouthhistory.org](mailto:info@portsmouthhistory.org) P:603-436-8420 [www.portsmouthhistory.org](http://www.portsmouthhistory.org)

## 6. MISCELLANEOUS

**Grand North:** *The Grand North is a new membership organization bringing tourism to the northern most parts of the White Mountains to the Canadian border. With things to do such as spas, state parks, antiquing and so much more.* Contact: Samantha Kenny, [Samantha@ncic.org](mailto:Samantha@ncic.org) P: 603.788.2700 [www.northnh.com](http://www.northnh.com)

**Jericho Mountain State Park, Berlin:** *The newest member of the New Hampshire State Parks, Jericho Mountain State Park offers miles of trail riding for ATV, snowmobiles, bike trails, and much more. Guests can also enjoy swimming, fishing, canoeing, and picnicking.* Contact: Samantha Kenny [Samantha@ncic.org](mailto:Samantha@ncic.org) P: 603.788.2700 ext. 40 [www.nhtrails.org](http://www.nhtrails.org)