

What's New 2017

As the New Year is just around the corner, the State of New Hampshire is welcoming travelers in 2017 with some exciting new events and happenings. See below for a sampling of what's new in the Granite State in the New Year:

[Ragged Mountain Resort](#) - Danbury, NH

Ragged Mountain Resort launched a free Learn to Ski and Snowboard Program this winter season. Ragged is the only ski area in New England offering a free learn to ski and ride program which runs for the whole season. The program is designed for first time skiers and snowboarders who are looking to get into the sport with no risk to their wallet. Each participant can take three free beginner group lessons at any time during the season. The lessons include free lower mountain lift tickets and free equipment rentals. Lessons are available seven days a week, including holiday weeks, from 9 – 1.

For more information visit www.raggedmountainresort.com or call 603-768-3600 x 207.

[Waterville Valley Resort](#) - Waterville Valley, NH

[Green Peak Expansion](#)

Waterville Valley Resort will open the Green Peak Expansion, the Resort's first expansion in over 30 years. Green Peak adds 10 new trails and 45 new acres for novice and experienced skiers, and the resort is currently offering a Trail Name Contest through February 2017.

[U.S. Revolution Tour](#)

After a five-year hiatus, the U.S. Revolution Tour will return to the East coast for slopestyle competitions for free skiing and snowboarding on January 8-13, 2017 at Waterville Valley.

[Celebrating 50 Years of Firsts](#)

To celebrate the resort's 50th anniversary, Waterville Valley Resort will have a series of fun events celebrating 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's in style. Events will take place from December 31 – March 18, 2017.

For more information visit www.waterville.com or call 603-236-8311 x 3204.

[AVA Gallery and Art Center](#) - Lebanon, NH

Under the direction of its new Executive Director, Trip Anderson, AVA will open a new Members Gallery in its former Stone Carving Studio. AVA Gallery and Art Center will also officially open its new "Bente Torjusen West Sculptural Studies Building" in a celebration tentatively scheduled for May 2017. The building will feature a stone carving studio, a woodworking studio, a metal working studio (with forge), and a core studio with bench space and ceramics workstations. When completed, it is expected the building will be LEED Gold certified; inclusively accessible and fully ADA compliant; and with its solar array, nearly net zero energy efficient.

For more information visit www.avagallery.org or call 603-448-3117.

[Inn at Pleasant Lake](#) - New London, NH

The Inn at Pleasant Lake's first new chef in 19 years, Chef Bryan Leary, will be offering cooking classes and a weekly Thursday night "Family Style" dinner. Every Thursday, the restaurant will offer a three course dining experience meant to foster community and conversation. Meals will be eaten together on communal tables to encourage guests to meet new people.

For more information, visit www.innatpleasantlake.com or call (603) 526-6271.

[Gunstock Mountain Resort](#) – Gilford, NH

Gunstock Mountain completed the addition of a new Mountain Coaster valued at \$2.6M, which opened in August and is scheduled to be open for its first winter this 2017. The new Mountain Coaster is nearly 4,100 feet long, with speeds up to 25 mph and a ride that lasts about six minutes.

For more information, visit www.gunstock.com.

[Jackson XC](#) – Jackson, NH

Jackson XC offers state of the art grooming on trails designed to suit every taste and ability, maintaining 150 km of trails. This year, 6km/4 miles of new trails have been added as part of a \$400K capital campaign. This is the largest trail expansion/improvement project in the organization's history.

For more information, visit www.jacksonxc.org.