

## The New Hampshire Update, Released for Winter 2016

The New Hampshire Update is a communication tool designed to keep you updated on what's new in New Hampshire's tourism industry.

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### Anniversaries

**The Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum celebrates 25 years, Warner.** During the month of May, the museum marked their 25th anniversary. This unique facility features art, baskets, pottery, bead and quill work and archaeological artifacts made by Native Americans. Guided tours begin with a short introductory video and continue through the museum's galleries. Group guides provide insightful information about the artifacts in each gallery and answer questions from the group. Contact: Lynn Clark, [director@indianmuseum.org](mailto:director@indianmuseum.org) P: 603-456-3244, [www.IndianMuseum.org](http://www.IndianMuseum.org)

**The Annual Moose Festival marks its silver anniversary, Colebrook & Pittsburg.** This North Country tradition, held at the end of August, celebrated their 25th year this summer. The event features hot air balloon rides, live music and more. Contact: Kristen Silfvenius, [nccoc@myfairpoint.net](mailto:nccoc@myfairpoint.net) P: 603-237-8939, [www.moosefestival.com](http://www.moosefestival.com)

**Kellerhaus Chocolates turns 110, Laconia.** Kellerhaus is an icon of New Hampshire and the Lakes Region. The chocolate shop has been serving ice cream and chocolates since 1906 and welcomes groups year-round. A trip to Kellerhaus can include tastings and chocolate demonstrations, or groups can choose to indulge in an Ice Cream Smorgasbord. The rich ice cream and toppings guests use to make their own sundaes are crafted fresh daily. Contact: Mary Ellen Dutton, [info@kellerhaus.com](mailto:info@kellerhaus.com) P: 603-366-4466, [www.kellerhaus.com](http://www.kellerhaus.com)

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## Activities

**Go "Behind the Scenes" with a new suggested itinerary, Concord.** DTTD has developed the 'Behind the Scenes Interactive Tour' which provides groups an opportunity to go behind the scenes at some of New Hampshire's top destinations. The tour includes hands on activities such as art lessons, hot glass blowing, and wine blending workshops. Download state itineraries from [www.visitnh.gov/group](http://www.visitnh.gov/group) or call to request an updated Group Activity Guide. Contact: Laura Harty, [laura.harty@dred.nh.gov](mailto:laura.harty@dred.nh.gov) P: 603-271-2665, [www.visitnh.gov](http://www.visitnh.gov)

**The Manchester Historic Association now provides step-on guided tours of the city, Manchester.** Take a step on or self-guided tour of the state's largest city. Once the largest textile producer in the world, Manchester is now home to a thriving culinary presence, an art museum featuring the works of world renowned artists, sporting events, and live entertainment. Contact: John Clayton, [jclayton@manchesterhistoric.org](mailto:jclayton@manchesterhistoric.org) P: 603-622-7531 x 223, [www.manchesterhistoric.org/millyard-museum](http://www.manchesterhistoric.org/millyard-museum)

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## New Businesses, Exhibits, Expansions, and Renovations

**Milly's Tavern expands as Stark Brewing Company and opens distillery, Manchester.** Milly's Tavern opened in the Manchester Millyard under the new name of Stark Brewing Company. In addition to brewing beer, they now distill their own line of vodka. Groups can take a private tour with one of Stark's expert brewers to learn the art of crafting beer and the local products used to make them. Groups can also enjoy a beer pairing lunch or mixology class in Bo's Lounge and Function Room. Contact: Peter Telge, [petertelge@starkbrewingcompany.com](mailto:petertelge@starkbrewingcompany.com) P: 603-625-4444, [www.starkbrewingcompany.com](http://www.starkbrewingcompany.com)

**Surf Seafood adds seating to accommodate groups of 70, Portsmouth.** Located in historic downtown Portsmouth, The Surf Room is perfect for groups of up to 70 people to enjoy some of the freshest seafood the region has to offer. Contact: Kris Gaudreau, [kris@surfseafood.com](mailto:kris@surfseafood.com) P: 603-334-9855, [www.surfseafood.com](http://www.surfseafood.com)

**A new Maple Lodge and two climbing walls open at The Polar Caves, Rumney.** The Polar Caves opened two new attractions this year. Groups can stop in at the Maple Lodge to learn about the maple sugaring process, or for the more adventurous kids, climb the 172-foot Polar Ascent and Granite Polar Climbing walls. Contact: Rob Arey, [rob.arey@polarcaves.com](mailto:rob.arey@polarcaves.com) P: 603-536-1888, [www.polarcaves.com](http://www.polarcaves.com)

**The Highland Lake Inn completes event venue renovations, Andover.** Completed renovations of their 180 year old Andover Barn located next to the Northern Rail Trail and offers a seating capacity for up to 200 guests. Groups can arrange a catered lunch, enjoy swimming, boating and fishing, or hike the paths of the Northern Rail Trail. Contact: Pecco Beaufays, [innkeeper@highlandlakeinn.com](mailto:innkeeper@highlandlakeinn.com) P: 603-735-6426, [www.highlandlakeinn.com](http://www.highlandlakeinn.com)

**The Gundalow Company is now handicap accessible, Portsmouth.** The Gundalow Company built a new accessible dock and gangway eliminating all steps for easier access to the ships. The Gundalow Company has tours aboard a reproduction of the flat-bottom gundalow barge used in the 1700s. Cast a net and troll for plankton, learn how to tie the sailing knot, or try your hand at ship navigation. This is a unique way to learn more about the sights and history of the Piscataqua River. Guests are welcome to bring food and beverages to enjoy during their sail. Contact: Molly Bolster, [info@gundalow.org](mailto:info@gundalow.org) P: 603-433-9505, [www.gundalow.org](http://www.gundalow.org)

**North Country Marketplace and Salvage has a new name and location on Main Street, Colebrook.** The Marketplace is an indoor farmstand where local farmers sell their produce and goods. They recently opened under the new name of North Country Marketplace and are now located at 112 Main Street in Colebrook. Motor coach parking can be accommodated by calling in advance. Contact: Beverly White, North Country [Marketplace@gmail.com](mailto:Marketplace@gmail.com) P: 603-631-1221, [www.northcountrymarketplace.com](http://www.northcountrymarketplace.com)

**Strawbery Banke expands their museum with Piper Boatworks, Portsmouth.** In 2016 Strawbery Banke opened two significant additions to the 10-acre living history museum. In addition, Piper Boatworks of Rye has partnered with Strawbery Banke Museum to launch a pilot project providing groups with expanded maritime history-related exhibits, demonstrations, and workshops. Contact: Jon Brown, [jonbrown@strawberybanke.org](mailto:jonbrown@strawberybanke.org) P: 603-433-1110, [www.strawberybanke.org](http://www.strawberybanke.org)

**The Mount Washington Cog Railway gears up for its 150th anniversary in 2019, Bretton Woods.** In preparation of the milestone event, the Cog has added an additional engine and now departs every hour. They also completed renovations on their museum, café, and gift shop. The Cog Railway's owner Susan Presby was recently appointed to the US Secretary of Commerce Travel & Tourism Advisory Board. Contact: Elise Thompson, [groupsales@thecog.com](mailto:groupsales@thecog.com) P: 603-278-5404, [www.thecog.com](http://www.thecog.com)

**The Holiday Inn Concord completes renovations, Concord.** This 122 room hotel is the only property on Main Street in the state's capital and within walking distance to many shops, cafes, and museums. The property completed renovations on their guest rooms, lobby, and expanded their fitness center. Contact: Julie Perkins, [julie@chartwellhotels.com](mailto:julie@chartwellhotels.com) P: 603-573-4038, [www.ihg.com/holidayinn/concordnh](http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/concordnh)

**New Fairfield Inn & Suites, Plymouth.** This Marriott property features 85 guest rooms which include 18 luxury suites. The facility also offers a fitness center, a 24/7 Corner Market, a business center with printing capabilities, free breakfast and an indoor heated saline pool. Contact: Greg Welford, [gwelford@lafrancehospitality.com](mailto:gwelford@lafrancehospitality.com) P: 603-536-0100, [www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lcipl-fairfield-inn-and-suites-plymouth](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lcipl-fairfield-inn-and-suites-plymouth)

**New chocolate shop opens in the Monadnock region, Peterborough.** Vicuña Chocolate is a brand new culinary experience in the picturesque town of Peterborough. The shop is owned by Neely Cohen who won The Food Network's show Sweet Genius. Vicuña Chocolate offers chocolate demonstrations and tastings to groups. Contact: Neely Cohen, [neely@vicunachocolate.com](mailto:neely@vicunachocolate.com) P: 603-924-2040, [www.vicunachocolate.com](http://www.vicunachocolate.com)

**Gunstock Mountain adds mountain coaster valued at \$2.6M, Gilford.** The mountain coaster is nearly 4100 feet long and opened in August. Riders reach speeds of 25 miles per hour in this 6 minute adventure down the mountain. The coaster is scheduled to run throughout the year. Contact: Sue Gaudette, [sgaudette@gusntock.com](mailto:sgaudette@gusntock.com) P: 603-737-4311, [www.gunstock.com](http://www.gunstock.com)

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### **Ski Area Updates**

**Waterville Valley Resort is growing, Waterville Valley.** The Green Peak expansion will add 10 new trails and 45 new acres of skiing and riding serviced by a fixed grip chairlift. This is Waterville Valley's biggest expansion project in more than 30 years. Contact: Conrad Oldenburg, [coldenburg@waterville.com](mailto:coldenburg@waterville.com) P: 603-236-8311 x 3500, [www.waterville.com](http://www.waterville.com)

**New lodge at Windblown in New Ipswich, NH.** The Lodge, located at Windblown Cross Country Skiing & Snowshoe in the southwest part of NH, is a full service event space including a functional hall, commercial kitchen and outdoor spaces for your next gathering. It is available for rent from May to November and evenings during the winter months for holiday get-togethers. Contact: Julie Bluebell, [julie@windblownlodge.com](mailto:julie@windblownlodge.com) P: 603-878-0540, [www.windblownlodge.com](http://www.windblownlodge.com)

**Granite Gorge now offers night skiing and group rates, Keene.** The location is now offering a Group Special of 30% off any ski lift ticket and 20% off any snow tubing ticket anytime of the season, including Holidays. This offer is good for the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 seasons. The Gorge has 20 trails for all abilities open for day and night skiing, and an exciting tubing park. This year, they are extending the competition trail which adds 225' of elevation to that trail. Contact: Fred Baybutt, [info@granitegorge.com](mailto:info@granitegorge.com) P: 603-358-5000, [www.granitegorge.com](http://www.granitegorge.com)