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LOON MOUNTAIN'S RIVERWALK EXPANDS, ELEVATING NEW HAMPSHIRE'S PREMIER MOUNTAIN DESTINATION

*Phase II expansion will provide a new grand entrance, a number of larger units for extended families & groups
Phase II also includes a new Grand Ballroom, which will be able to accommodate from 10 to 400 people, and
The Seven Birches Winery expands & a second restaurant opens named the Rhythm Tap & Grille*

LINCOLN, NH – Nestled in New Hampshire's majestic White Mountains, Loon Mountain has been the preferred ski destination for families across the Eastern United States for generations. Celebrated for its rich skiing history, snow-laden winters and unrivaled outdoor activities, the area is more than just a winter wonderland. With the landmark establishment of RiverWalk Resort at Loon Mountain in 2016, luxury accommodations met mountain adventure, delivering an unparalleled experience for discerning travelers.

While winter's allure initially beckons many to the neighboring towns of Lincoln and Woodstock, the enchantment of all four seasons keeps them rooted. From slopes adorned with spring wildflowers to the iconic fall foliage that captivates millions annually, New Hampshire's White Mountains offer an ever-evolving canvas of nature's beauty.

It is no surprise that many, driven by a pursuit of adventure and a rejuvenated appreciation for nature, have increasingly considered relocating, retiring, or at the very least looking for ways to spend more time in this magical area.

This renewed appreciation, bolstered by recent global events and a collective desire for a balanced lifestyle, has made the allure of owning a second home amidst this natural splendor stronger than ever.

Responding to this demand, RiverWalk Resort announced the groundbreaking of its Phase II development in early 2022. Marking this significant expansion, an Expanding Extraordinary groundbreaking ceremony was held in May of last year, attended by state representatives, business leaders and local stakeholders.

Set for completion in Spring 2024, RiverWalk Resort will expand to a total of 145 luxury units, along with a host of new amenities and services. RiverWalk's General Manager Renee Blood shared, "We are thrilled with the progress our extraordinary team of contractors have made

over the last 17 months on our Phase II expansion and cannot wait to open the doors to our new grand entrance next Spring. In addition to providing a number of larger units for our extended families and groups, we are especially excited about our new Grand Ballroom, which will be able to accommodate from 10 to 400 people. Our vision from the beginning has been to create a one-of-a-kind event venue in the White Mountains that provides a classically elegant setting with functional flair, ideal for destination weddings, group events, corporate retreats and more. We are also very excited about the opening of our larger production winery, day spa, and to be introducing our second restaurant, the new Rhythm Tap & Grille. This new venue will be an upscale American grille-style destination eatery with an indoor/outdoor bar overlooking the Pemigewasset River, across from Loon Mountain. It will be located just off the new lobby and will feature our on-site locally crafted Rhythm ciders and beverages."

One of the most prominent new features of Phase II is the aforementioned Seven Birches Winery expansion. While the current tasting and production rooms have been a staple in RiverWalk since its inception, the new facility will expand to over 10,000 square feet, encompassing two floors in the new building. Winery owner Mark LaClair stated, "We could not be more excited nor more ready to move into our final destination winery inside the expansion of RiverWalk. For seven years we've anticipated this eventuality and are now ready to take our winery and cidery to the next level. Our new production facility will be more than five times the current size and allow us to bring production up to 20,000 cases of wine annually. It will also greatly increase our production capacity in order to meet retail demand for our Rhythm Cider brand. The showpiece of our new facility is certainly the brand new 4,000-square-foot tasting room, including a private club lounge. The new tasting room overlooks the four new tower tanks in the production area, which lies on the floor below."

Historically, the RiverWalk land played a pivotal role in New Hampshire's logging and paper mill industry.

Today, the vision of developer Dennis Ducharme, realized with partner Billy Curran, has transformed this heritage site into a resort that currently employs over 100 dedicated individuals, all committed to delivering unparalleled hospitality.

RiverWalk's unique fractional ownership plan offers deeded rights to one-sixth of a unit, translating to eight weeks of vacation each year. Ducharme emphasized the flexibility of their offering, stating, "While eight weeks may be more than some are able to utilize themselves, our rental program ensures owners can generate income during their absence. And for those seeking a year-long haven, full units are available. We're proud to have some of New England's most esteemed individuals as part of our community and invite others to join as Phase II progresses."

Brian Willette, vice president of sales, highlighted the overwhelming success of Phase I and the continued demand. "We have had an exciting launch to our pre-sale campaign, which began in August 2022. Aside from the obvious excitement, we find, with a project such as RiverWalk, the real success story is how we are growing because of the continued support of our owner base. Over the past few years, we created a community of owners that not only love to call RiverWalk home but have invited their friends and family to also take part through ownership."

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Below, and continued on page 3, is a brief description of lodging that SKIER NEWS staff has experienced and highly recommend.

Mountain Club on Loon

Since it is slopeside, The Mountain Club on Loon Resort and Spa is the closest you can stay to the main slopes without pitching a tent next to the gondola. The property recently completed a \$9 million renovation and now guests can enjoy all new clubrooms, studios and suites. Whether delighting in the awe-inspiring views of Loon Mountain or countless other White Mountain peaks, your everyday world is a distant memory within minutes of arriving at The Mountain Club on Loon.

The property is located slopeside on a bluff overlooking the Pemigewasset River in Lincoln. The Mountain Club provides year-round experiences and a carefree ambiance

ideal for families, couples and groups alike. Enjoy the thrills of navigating 55 mountain trails right outside your door on Loon Mountain and enjoy many other local activities as well.

The Mountain Club is New Hampshire's only ski-out lodging. In addition, for your convenience, guests receive complimentary covered garage parking. The award-winning Spa and Wellness Center features professional services along with an indoor lap and heated pool, complete cardio and workout rooms. Fitness classes, racquetball/squash, indoor basketball, steam and sauna, lockers and towels.

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EXIT 32 LODGING HAS GREAT CHOICES NEARBY in NORTH WOODSTOCK or LINCOLN, with DEALS for EVERY BUDGET

Continued from Page 2 are further descriptions of Exit 32 lodging that SKIER NEWS staff has experienced and highly recommend. There are more on Page 4 as well.

Mountain Club on Loon (continued)

Room amenities include fully equipped kitchens, complimentary Wi-Fi, coffee makers, and hair dryers. Some rooms feature balconies and whirlpool tubs. Indulge in pampering treatments at the on-premise Viaggio Spa and Wellness Center. Enjoy delicious cuisine at the Black Diamond Pub and Seasons Restaurant. Alternatively, experience the simple delights of pool time with your family or a tranquil soak in a hot tub under a starlit sky.

Easily accessible, The Mountain Club is located just over three miles off Interstate 93, which makes it a convenient two-hour drive from Boston. Escape to the breathtaking White Mountains area to a fun-filled place that is a destination all its own, with a relaxing setting and attentive service.

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Visit: www.mtnclub.com or call 1-800-229-7829.

Kancamagus Lodge (see their ad on pg. 2)

The Kancamagus Lodge offers clean, comfortable and cozy rooms at reasonable rates in a lodging complex that includes a bar and dining on the premises. It is within walking distance to fine shops and outlets, all with sales tax-free shopping.

It is one mile from Loon and only minutes from Cannon Mountain and Bretton Woods. The Lodge is located on the eastern edge of Lincoln and only a few minutes to Loon.

For this winter they are offering a great deal with a Midweek Winter Lodging Pass. You buy the pass, starting at \$500, and it is good for seven nights. You can use it for a one midweek night stay or any number of midweek nights until your seven midweek nights are completed.

This is a great bargain, and with on-site sports bar and restaurant, it is ideal.

The property was again awarded a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence for their outstanding service.

All of their 34 rooms are attractively decorated with comfortable king or two queen beds, television, telephone, fridge, air-conditioned for the summer, and all rooms are non-smoking. All rooms have easy access to their beautiful indoor pool facility and game room. There are four room types from which to choose

CJ's Penalty Box Sports Bar and Restaurant are fun places to eat and reflect on your great day on the slopes. Brittany's serves breakfast and dinner just steps from your guest room door with great mountain views. CJ's has appetizers and sandwiches in a fun Sports Bar atmosphere with a special most nights. It is the area's only sports bar.

For a great stay in Lincoln, please find the Kancamagus Lodge online at www.kancamaguslodge.com or please call them for information at (603) 745-3365.

The New Hampton Inn on Main Street, Lincoln

Last Spring the new Hampton Inn celebrated their Grand Opening. This new property brings the Hilton brand to Main Street in Lincoln and provides all the benefits travelers have come to expect.

Guests will receive a free hot breakfast, Hampton style. Other amenities in this new property include their modern fitness center and indoor pool. They have pet-friendly accommodations, with fees and other rules applying, for those traveling with their four-legged friends. They also offer contactless arrivals with a digital key.

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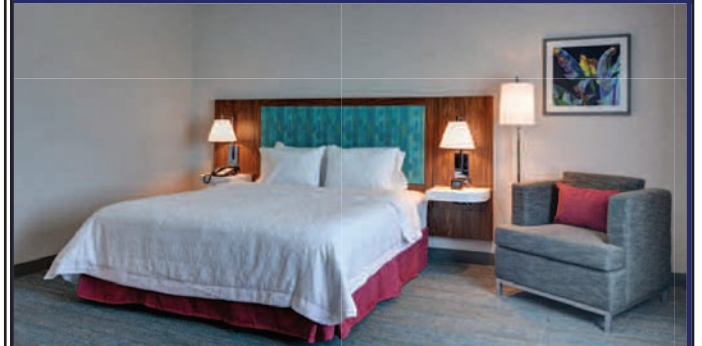
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They are in walking distance to ski shops, general shopping, bars and restaurants. They are minutes from Loon and close to Waterville and Cannon.

They are located at 58 Main Street, Lincoln, please call them at (603) 745-7224 or email info@aonhg.com

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Please read about two more great area properties, The Woodstock Inn Brewery in North Woodstock, and the award winning Holiday Inn Express in Lincoln, on Page 4.



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Woodstock Inn Brewery

How about having a couple of fresh brewed beers and not having to be concerned about driving back to your hotel room? That is one of the benefits of staying at the Woodstock Inn Brewery. What a great concept. Add to that bar games, great food and you have a recipe for success.

Woodstock Inn Brewery is a multifaceted tourist destination at the basecamp of the White Mountains in North Woodstock, N.H.

For over 40 years, visitors have been drawn to the all-inclusive location, which features an inn with over 40 uniquely styled rooms, suites, and houses. It also includes an award-winning restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, multiple bars and live entertainment.

The Brewery is the highlight of the business. What started as a brewpub in 1995 has expanded over the years and now includes a new state-of-the-art 30-barrel production facility, installed in the spring of 2023. Tours are available every day at noon.

“Welcoming locals and visitors to our corner of New Hampshire is what we love to do,” said Scott Rice, owner of Woodstock Inn Brewery. “We can’t wait to introduce our wonderful property to new friends and families and to see those returning for another experience with us.”

Scott added, “When I look back on how our business has

grown since we opened, I think about all of the dedicated employees who helped us get here. Our customers are special, too. I never imagined people would be taking our beer with them to do things like hike a mountain to celebrate their accomplishment at the top, and then tag us in the photo. We are fortunate.”

With so much to offer, Woodstock Inn Brewery is the ideal location for your destination, whether it is a wedding, corporate event, special party or a spur-of-the-moment getaway. With signature beers, award-winning food, entertainment and all of the beauty of New Hampshire to share, all that is missing is you.

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Holiday Inn Express, Lincoln

The renovated hotel earned their new name with a beautiful remodel. Since transitioning from the Comfort Inn, and then the Express Suites, everything has been upgraded at the Holiday Inn Express from the Free Express Start Hot Breakfast Bar to the bedrooms.

The hotel is easily located off of Exit 32, left on Hwy 112 (The Kancamagus Highway) and at the next light, Railroad St., make a left. You will find the hotel quietly nestled a few hundred yards back from the highway on your left. It is also convenient to the famed Ice Castles. The slopes are ten minutes away.

Find Express essentials like their real breakfast of champions, the kind that is complimentary and waiting for you every morning. They have a whole buffet full of offerings ready to help kick start your day.

Recharge in their recently renovated rooms and power up while you power down. You will find bedside power outlets to recharge your devices and a pick of pillows and a plush duvet with a quiet place to settle down so you can recharge yourself for your next day on the slopes.

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