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GUNSTOCK MOUNTAIN RESORT WELCOMES YOU to WINTER FUN

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GILFORD, NH – Welcome to winter. Last year up and down the Eastern Seacoast, you only heard how cold it was and how much snow there was. That kind of news will keep any non-skier inside the house. However, you are different. You are skiers. You are hearty. You love the cold. Forget what the Department of Transportation and news reporters say, you know they do a great job clearing the highways. So when you see the freshy report, your heart starts to race. You pack your stuff, call the boss and tell him you are not coming in tomorrow or maybe for the next few days.

Gunstock has been welcoming in winter since 1937, and this year the entire team is ready to celebrate everything winter. The Gunstock team has invested another \$1.2 million in your fun this year. They know you do not make a decision on where to play based on the fact there is a new snowcat (Gunstock gets them all the time) or increased snowmaking (the area did that this summer, too). You want to play where great conditions are guaranteed, and the whole gang will have a great time. So when you get back home and back at work or school, you are the one with the big grin on Monday and are looking forward to the next adventure.

The closest major resort in New Hampshire, Gunstock is just 90 minutes from Boston and the perfect choice to play and celebrate being outdoors this winter. With inspiring views of Lake Winnepesaukee at every turn and the longest ski day in the state, you can ski or ride for up to 11.5 hours each day. That is because when the sun goes down, Gunstock turns on the lights so you can play under the stars as well.

Gunstock locals can be seen heading into one of five glades that keep even the tree-skier in your family happy. Gunstock also offers 32 miles of cross-country and snowshoe trails. This year the Nordic center will have FatBikes for cyclists to enjoy the trails, too. If you have your own

FatBike, you can pack that in the car and enjoy the trails before, during or after the fun you had on the Alpine side. The entire family can laugh on the Thrill Hill tubing park with the longest runs in the state of New Hampshire, or fly on your tube into the BigAirBag.

Freestylers love the 12-acre Blundersmoke park that lights up at night. It is a perfect place to let the more adventurous members of the family ski or ride, so you can enjoy Gunstock's long cruising trails or enjoy a great meal at the newly renovated and re-inspired Powder Keg Pub. Gunstock actually does a bunch of research provided by their guests, and a big part of the experience that a family has while on vacation is food. Everyone loves a great place to eat with a creative menu. This year, Gunstock is amping up the food service with a brand new food court, expanded service in the Powder Keg and a redesigned experience at the Stockade Lodge. The Food and Beverage department just brought in a sous chef from Colorado, so be prepared for some great tastes and options along with the tried and true favorites of burgers and chicken fingers. There will also be an increased offering of heart healthy and gluten free options for this winter.

With every vacation, whether it is a day trip, weekend getaway or week long escape from daily life, the Lake Winnepesaukee Region has a solid offering of places to stay. Choose options like 5-star lakefront accommodations, B&B's, rustic cabins with wood-fired hot tubs, hotels and motels. In addition, find national chains such as Marriott, Hilton and Holiday Inn or 700 listings on Home-Away. There are truly more places to stay near Gunstock than almost any ski area in New England. The variety combined with the food offerings make central New Hampshire a great place to stay and explore. One of the great benefits is that over 5 million people visit the Lakes Region in the summer, which means the winter is considered the counter season for vacationers, and great lodging

deals can be found. So skip the stay-cation concept and get out of work to enjoy a near-cation. There are no additional baggage fees for a New Hampshire vacation. Your inspired mind, body and soul will be better for the time spent with family and friends.

Last year it was reported that over 169 million vacation days were forfeited. Why rush home? Go on up, play and stay one more day.

Getting the best deal for your vacation dollar is always a focus. If you are looking for the best bang for your buck, head to the Gunstock website where the best ticket deals are. No longer do you have to scour the Internet for coupons and codes. Make your plans to book a hotel online at www.Gunstock.com. Then buy your tickets in advance and voila. You are ready to pack and take the short drive to Gunstock. So say hello to Gunstock and welcome to winter. Celebrate why you love New England. Head out and play this winter.

Gunstock is located in Gilford, N.H., and is one of the state's largest recreation areas. The first ski area in New England to have a chairlift, Gunstock boasts 1,400 feet of vertical, 227 acres of skiing. Gunstock's new Adventure Park has the largest Aerial ropes and zip line course in New England. In addition, ZipTour at Gunstock has the longest zip lines in the continental U.S.

Book your stay online at www.gunstock.com with the Lakes Region's most comprehensive online lodging service. Hundreds of lodging types from cabins with fireplaces to grand lodges and hotels are available.

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PUTTING the "NEW" in NEW HAMPSHIRE – HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

LINCOLN, NH – While skiers may wait to the last minute to get their gear ready for the ski season, New Hampshire resorts have been getting ready since spring 2015. Throughout the Granite State, mountains have added equipment, upgraded their facilities and improved their overall resort experience. While New Hampshire's mountains are known for their diverse terrain that can accommodate families with young children as well as the competitive winter athlete, the state's resorts are also known for their fun après-ski and dedication to produce the very best experience in the East.

These are some of the big changes you will find this winter when you ski New Hampshire.

Bretton Woods

Bretton Woods has a new Competition Center for junior aspiring racers and has added 15 new HKD SV 10 snowmaking tower guns along the Cascade trail.

Cannon Mountain

Cannon is spending \$4 million on their Mittersill enhancement project, now in Phase II. They have new snowmaking installed on Baron's Run, and it is planned for Skyline and Ridge Run. The Taft Training Slope is newly cut, and 13 trails and glades have been officially named. To aid in cruising, a Prinoth Bison Winch Cat was added for perfectly groomed steeps.

Cranmore Mountain Resort

At Cranmore in 2016, the weekly event, Cranapalooza, will have a completely new

format. Visitors on Saturday nights will find a DJ in Schneider Square, outdoor games and activities, tubing racing, s'mores, fire dancers, magicians and clowns on select nights. They have added new snow guns to their fleet.

Gunstock Mountain Resort

Gunstock provides guests this year with \$1.2 million in investments to the resort's summer and winter operations. They added a 100 percent high efficiency and low energy snowmaking system with new Impulse, Focus and Super Pole Cat snowmaking technology. They also invested \$250,000 in food service upgrades, including a new food court in the base lodge, increased capacity in the PK Pub and a new food experience in the Stockade Lodge.

King Pine & Purity Spring Resort

King Pine has greatly expanded opportunities for learning with private lessons, featuring video analysis by certified instructors of students' skiing. They also have a Ski with a Race Coach adult clinic program. In addition, there is a women's Tuesday afternoon program, where you can meet others in a relaxed, women only setting. King Pine also offers private and group lessons for kids as young as 3.

Loon Mountain

Loon has assumed management of TV-22, and this winter will broadcast the latest in weather, snow conditions and upcoming events as well as original content and a new morning show. As of 2015 Loon has become a member of the MAX Pass, a pass that in-

cludes 5 days of skiing or riding at 22 mountains in North America. On the mountain, improved snowmaking includes additional KLIK hydrants to open more terrain earlier in the season. They also renovated the Camp III lodge at the base of North Peak and have a major expansion of Loon Mountain Sports retail facilities. Tesla drivers will find two charging stations and one EV charging station installed in the Children's Center parking lot for drivers of Teslas or other electric vehicles.

Mount Sunapee

Mount Sunapee has invested more than \$600,000 towards resort improvements for the year. They have added \$100,000 worth of new rental equipment. The area also purchased new, energy efficient snow guns to help maintain Mount Sunapee's Top 3 average for snow quality and grooming in the East. Food enthusiasts will enjoy the new Spruce Lodge Café, which was totally refurbished.

Pats Peak

Pats Peak has invested over \$1 million in capital improvements for the 2015-16 season. They have added a new Pisten Bully Park Pro Snowcat, the latest tool in specialized, innovative grooming technology and known as, "the perfect tool for creativity and perfection in the park." Their rental fleet now includes all new skis, twin-tip skis, snowboards, boots, poles and helmets. For snowmaking enhancements, there are eight new high efficiency Snow Machines, Inc. snow making guns and 10 HKD new, low energy snow making towers.

Ragged Mountain Resort

Ragged is nearing completion of its first phase of their ski-in/ski-out development with the one- to three-bedroom Cardigan Cabins planned to be available sometime during the 2015-16 season. A new glade on Spear Mountain was cut, which adds five more skiable acres between Spear Mountain and Barnyard Lift.

Waterville Valley

Waterville's Sugar Shack Glades have been thinned and will feature a new natural terrain park with the addition of the Fun Run, a series of manmade and terrain based obstacles for skiers and riders of all levels. Adventurers will be challenged to navigate around the obstacles as they make their way down Valley Run. They also introduced a new, banked slalom course on High Ground. The rental fleet has been improved with the recent purchase of all new Burton snowboards and bindings. They also purchased 10 new top-of-the-line, energy efficient HKD SV10 snow guns. Also expanded is the grooming fleet with the purchase of a new Prinoth BR350 Snow Groomer.

Ski NH is the statewide association representing 33 alpine and cross-country resorts in New Hampshire.

For more information on ski areas, vacation planning and updated winter events at Ski NH resorts, call Ski NH at (603) 745-9396 or visit the Ski NH website at www.SkiNH.com

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