

Skiing in N.Y. state: Gore is well worth the drive from Montreal

Winter sports are top notch and nearby North Creek provides inns and lodges

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Gore Mountain has a substantial vertical drop and the most downhill terrain in New York state.

Photograph by: Gore Mountain

The Adirondack mountain range makes 'em big, and the two most impressive northern New York snow stations are affiliated: the stately Whiteface Mountain in Lake Placid, a 90-minute drive from Montreal; and edgy Gore Mountain, an hour south in North Creek, N.Y.

Gore is a surprise destination, little known to Montrealers, but well worth the approximately two-hour, 45-minute drive from Montreal.

It's both a terrific place for learning on cruisers and also a rockin' stash of glades, steeps and terrain parks.

Tree huggers will love the new glades on Little Gore and first-time freestylers can rumble at the Skier/BoarderX and the Ski Bowl Park halfpipe.

Gore also has splendid views from a daunting vertical drop of 773 metres/2,537 ft. (By comparison, Mont Tremblant's South Side's vertical is 645 metres/2,116 ft.).

Gore also has the most skiable acres in New York state. With 438 acres, it is smaller than Tremblant's three faces, which add up to 654 acres, but there still is a lot to both mountains.

Bottom line: Gore has significant elevation, long trails and a lot of edge for advanced slide-sports, plus it has a Kids' Club.

The charming town of North Creek nearby is home to a few inns and barVino — the stylized spelling indicates a stylish bistro — is a great place for wine and beer connoisseurs.

Gore Mountain: 800-342-1234, 518-251-2411; North Creek, N.Y. Children six and under ski for free and also stay for free at some lodges. Deals: Three lift tickets for the price of two, Dec. 21-22, Jan. 11-12, and Mar 8-9. January 2-10, discounts of 30 per cent on ski and stay.

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