# NEW ENGLAND SKI AREAS OFFER GREAT DEALS FOR CANADIANS



ROCHELLE LASH Checking In

Our best ski and snowboard friends throughout New England are extending a welcome.

Several downhill areas and lodging establishments in Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and upstate New York have special deals for Canadians, offering either at-par or discounted rates, for lift tickets or lodging, or both.

At the heart of heavenly woodsy environments and impressive mountain ranges, outdoor fans can go downhill skiing and snowboarding or explore cross-country skiing, snow tubing, skating and snowshoeing, as well as indoor fitness, terrific après-ski, creative cuisine and

family entertainment.

Here is a sampling of looniefriendly offers, which are extended on availability, and not usually for groups or during U.S. holidays.

## **VERMONT**

The terrific news this year is that Mad River Glen is offering Canadians lift tickets at par. This is a spirited, fiercely independent mountain with almost all-natural snow, intriguing woodsy skiing and a ban on snowboarding.

Visitors can pair Mad River Glen with cosy overnights at West Hill House B&B, which offers Canadians a 25-per-cent discount on four or more nights. Expect a full breakfast, afternoon cookies and fireplace life.

Stowe Mountain Resort had the strongest snow start of any northeast area with top-tobottom skiing and riding. If you buy tickets online at least 48 hours in advance you'll save 30 per cent. With Stowe now part of



Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa is a stylish full-scale getaway with discounts for Canadians. STOWEFLAKE MOUNTAIN RESORT & SPA

Vail Resorts, the Epic Pass is an amazing buy at US\$679-\$899, for the entire season at top areas in North America and/or Europe.

The 44th annual Stowe Winter Carnival, Jan. 13 to 27, will sparkle with such festivities as Ice Carving Competitions, ski movies, Kids Carnival Kaos and zany Snowgolf and Snowvolleyball tournaments.

At least 10 lodges throughout Stowe have discounts for Canadians with some date restrictions, multiple-night requirements or advance bookings. You'll often have a Best Rate Guarantee if you book directly through the Stowe Area Association at gostowe.com. The Stowe Motel & Snowdrift offers 20 per cent, and at the Sun & Ski Inn and Suites, it's 30 per

The historic Green Mountain Inn, owned by Montrealers Simon and David Gameroff, is a longtime friend of Canadians and also offers 30 per cent off on most Sundays to Thursdays, non-holiday. The Green Mountain Inn has a quintessentially refined New England ambience with warm decor and afternoon tea and cookies. It adds such resort features as an outdoor heated pool and whirlpool, a fire pit and the on-site Stowe Village Massage.

Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa has a Canada Special Offer of 20 per cent off, with a two-night minimum for Saturday arrivals and some date restrictions. It's a full-scale getaway with a cheery Vermont cottage look to the rooms, suites and townhouses. The highlight is a glorious outdoor heated pool, and extras include a comprehensive

spa with baths and treatments, snowshoe and dogsledding trails and après-ski and dining at Charlie B's.

Jay Peak and Burke Mountain boast the exceptional snowfall of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom and both have superlative snowsports experiences. Jay accepts loonie-at-par for lifts and for its amazing indoor Pump House water park, and both Jay and Burke accept par on 50 per cent of deluxe slopeside lodging.

### **NEW YORK**

If you book a package near Titus Mountain Family Ski Center in the Adirondack town of Malone, N.Y., you'll have at-par savings at participating hotels including the Red Roof Plus & Suites or Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Packages include tubing, lessons and rentals.

Less than two hours south of Montreal, Titus has 50 trails and glades and three terrain parks, as well as the Titus Teddy Learning Area and private lessons for kids.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire is beloved for its glorious White Mountains, family-friendly ambience and moderate prices, not to mention tax-free shopping, all about threeand-a-half hours from Montreal.

The Black Bear Lodge in Waterville Valley has a Voisins Canadiens deal for two nights in a family suite. The Nordic Inn Condominium Resort in Lincoln accepts Canadian cash at par for a three-night stay, and also arranges discounted lift tickets for outstanding ski areas: Loon Mountain, Cannon Mountain

IF YOU GO

Bear Lodge, Waterville Valley, promo code CANP, 800-349-bear (2327), blackbearlodgenh.com; Nordic Inn Condominium Resort, Lincoln, 603-745-2230, nordic-inn.com; Stonehurst Manor, North Conway, 800-525-9100, 603-356-3113, stonehurstmanor.com. Ski Maine: 207-773-SNOW (7669), skimaine.com; Sunday River Resort, Newry, Maine, 800-543-2754, sundayriver.com.

Ski New Hampshire: 603-745-9396, skinh.com; Black

**Ski Vermont:** 802-223-2439, skivermont.com; Mad River Glen Ski, 802-496-3551, madriverglen.com: West Hill House B&B, Warren, 802-496-7162, westhillbb.com; Yellow Farm House, Waitsfield, 877-257-5767, yellowfarmhouseinn.com; Jay Peak Resort, Jay, 800-451-4449, jaypeakresort.com; Burke Mountain Resort, East Burke, 866-966-4820, skiburke. com; Stowe Mountain Resort ski, 800-253-4754, stowe. com; Stowe tourism/lodging, 802-253-7321, gostowe. com; Stoweflake, 800-253-2232, stoweflake.com; Green Mountain Inn, 800-253-7302, greenmountaininn.com.

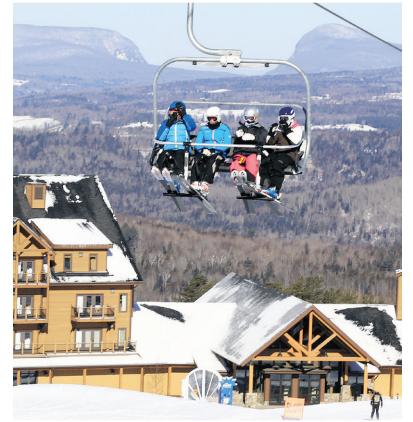
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and Bretton Woods.

The plush Stonehurst Manor in North Conway has a Bienvenue to Canadians mid-week lodging package, which includes a fine dinner and breakfast. Ask about discounts at Cranmore Mountain, Wildcat Mountain and Attitash.

The mammoth Sunday River Resort, one of the largest areas in New England, spans eight interconnected mountains. Less than four hours from Montreal, it has slopeside hotels (with outdoor heated pools) and skiing at discounted rates for Canadians, as well as night skiing, snow-tubing, skating and live music in a busy base village.

Watch for pop-up Canadian offers at Sugarloaf, another snowy giant in Maine, famous for above-the-tree-line-skiing.



Snowy Burke Mountain in Vermont is one of several U.S. resorts that accept loonie-at-par for lifts and some lodging. BURKE MOUNTAIN

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