

SUTTON LODGE FOR THE FAMILY THAT SKIS TOGETHER

Husband-wife team takes over, renovates Le Montagnard, Auberge/Hôtel et Chalets



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Husband and wife Simon Sanscartier and Maxime Désourdy are expanding their Eastern Townships operations in more ways than one.

On Feb. 9, they welcomed their third daughter, Ollie — baby sister to 18-month-old Alexis and three-year-old Raph.

The other big development is that they have become hoteliers, taking over the picturesque mountain domain of Le Montagnard, Auberge/Hôtel et Chalets, about two kilometres from Mont Sutton.

It has a variety of well-maintained lodging — simple, but fully renovated over the past year. The attractions are its considerable leisure facilities and majestic Eastern Townships location, high on a hill overlooking a northern stretch of the Appalachian Mountains. It's all about tranquility and gorgeous boreal views.

The scene: Le Montagnard covers a large swath of land, and there is a lot to do. In winter, guests can use the hot tub, a hiking trail that borders the Sutton River, an outdoor fireplace, and a yard for toddlers' tobogganing or simply romping in the snow.

In summer, playtime is about the heated outdoor pool, soccer, badminton and volleyball. Indoors, the auberge has a game room and there is a wellness aspect with the new sauna.

There's no stopping the dynamic couple behind this property. The blueprints are done for an outdoor barbecue kitchen that will cater to pool-side parties, and a lounge for après-ski drinks and bites.

Le Montagnard soon will run group bus tours through the Townships' vineyards, micro-breweries and antique routes. When available, there will be a shuttle to Mont Sutton.

“Our relatives are all skiers and Maxime and I are both racers, so we're excited to be connected with Mont Sutton,” Sanscartier said. “We really enjoy hosting families and we absolutely want to keep Le Montagnard affordable.

“It's also the perfect environment for unique events in a beautiful natural setting. Maxime is passionate about hospitality, and we already have hosted several weddings and corporate retreats.”

Lodging: With accommodations for about 120 people (up to 160 in a tight squeeze), Le Montagnard is super flexible for small or large parties of visitors. The main lodge has two suites and the annex buildings have 12 studios and nine condos, plus there are four large chalets for between 10 and 36 people.

Almost every unit has a fireplace, and a balcony overlooking the forest and the mountains.

“All of our studios, chalets and condos have full kitchens,” Sanscartier said. “This is a money-saver, and so important for families who want to cook ‘at home.’ “

Guests can order a continental breakfast of croissants, bagels, yogurt, fruit muesli and cheeses, either served or delivered to their



Le Montagnard, Auberge/Hôtel et Chalets, with considerable leisure facilities and a majestic Eastern Townships location, is about two kilometres from Mont Sutton. LE MONTAGNARD, AUBERGE/HÔTEL ET CHALETs

room in a basket (\$12.95 p.p.).

Every space at Le Montagnard is well maintained and thought out, with good bedside lighting, wine glasses, and bathrobes for that dash to the hot tub or pool. Everything is new — flat-screen TVs, beds and bedding, and the bathrooms have been updated.

Désourdy also has a way with interior decoration. The lodgings are done in serene grey and white, with velvet, suede and linen textures adding warmth, and vintage ski photography recalling Sutton's great mountain traditions.

Mont Sutton: The family-friendly destination will have activities for spring break in March, such as a treasure hunt on the trails and a ski-week camp.

Bar Le Tucker, Sutton's après hangout, has karaoke on some Wednesdays and, until the season's end, open mic on Thursdays and live music on Fridays. March 4 is the bar's anniversary,

IF YOU GO

Le Montagnard, Auberge/Hôtel et Chalets: 888-538-9966, 450-538-9966, montagnard.ca; 264 Maple St., Sutton. Limited accessibility. Pet-friendly, \$40 per visit.

Price: Without skiing at Mont Sutton, lodging starts at \$180 per night, Sun.-Thurs., for up to four people. With kitchens/kitchenettes. Rates include in-room coffee. Weekend prices can be higher. Third night offered at 50 per cent discount, except for Christmas. Laundry available at a fee.

Mont Sutton package: 866-538-2545, 450-538-2545, montsutton.

so a party with prizes and surprises is on the calendar.

Mont Sutton also has great programs for first-timers who can get comfortable with traditional downhill; telemark, the strenuous heel-up sport; and even the trendy snowscoot, a standup, single-ski scooter. Boutique Expéri-

ence has boot-fitting, equipment and head-to-toe clothing.

Sutton is a broad mountain with a huge variety of terrain, including 45 per cent of its trails snaking through the trees. The area's ambassadors can guide newcomers to the best glades, steepes and cruisers.

com. Ski-Dodo-Ski package at Le Montagnard (weekdays), with 1½ day's skiing/snowboarding and breakfast at the mountain, starts at \$115 p.p., double occ., in a Montagnard Studio. For more skiing, Ski-Dodo-Ski starts at \$212 p.p., double occ., at Le Montagnard for 2½ days of downhill and two nights' lodging. Ski-Dodo-Ski available at five other Sutton lodges, from \$115-\$142 p.p.

Sutton tourism: 800-565-8455, 450-538-8455, suttontourism.ca. Eastern Townships tourism: 800-355-5755, easterntownships.org.

TV TIMES TONIGHT - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25											MOVIES	SPORTS	TALK
	B	W	E	V	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	
2 SRC	10	4	4	2	En direct de l'univers (N)		Hôtel Portofino (N)		Le porteur (N)		Le téléjournal (N)	Doc humanité (N)	
3 CBS	282	21	21	87	Entertainment Tonight (N)		54th Annual NAACP Image Awards (N)				48 Hours (N)		
5 NBC	280	23	18	84	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Wall		Weakest Link		Saturday Night Live (N)		
6 CBC	206	13	13	6	NHL Hockey Ottawa Senators at Montreal Canadiens (N)						NHL Hockey		
8 CJOH	229	-	-	10	W5 (N)		Auntie Jillian (N) (SF)		✘ Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: A Game of Cat and Mouse ('19)				
9 MATV	-	9	9	9	Cap sur 2030		Mon île, mon		Le temps	Mieux comprendre	Endorphine	Fierté d'ici	Paroles d'auteurs
10 TVA	115	7	7	4	6:30 ✘ ** Gratte-ciel ('18) Neve Campbell, Dwayne Johnson. (P)			✘ * Déchainée ('18, Act) John Gallagher Jr., Jennifer Garner.					TVA Nouvelles (N)
12 CTV	70	11	11	7	W5 (N)		Auntie Jillian (N) (SF)		✘ Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: A Game of Cat and Mouse ('19)				
17 TQc	138	8	8	3	6:00 Les enquêtes de Morse		Cette année-là (N)		Marie-Mai Immuable (N)		✘ *** Hunger Games: la révolte, partie 1		
22 ABC	281	22	22	86	Extra (N)		NBA Countdown (N)	NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Philadelphia 76ers (N)					
33 PBS	-	57	-	88	Still Open All Hours	My Hero	Secrets of Westminster		Death in Paradise		What to Do When Someone Dies		
35 Noovo	114	5	5	5	6:30 ✘ ** Iron Man 2 ('10, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr.. (P)			✘ *** Annihilation ('18, Sci-Fi) Jennifer Jason Leigh, Natalie Portman.					
44 FOX	283	46	36	85	College Hoops (N)	College Basketball	Indiana at Purdue (N)			College Hoops (N)	FOX44 News at 10	Big Bang	
46 GBL	234	3	3	8	The New Reality (N)	Global News Special	Private Eyes		Nurses		Salvage Kings		
57 PBS	-	24	40	89	Les Miserables: The Staged Concert							Peter Frampton	
62 CITY	207	14	14	14	NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Vancouver Canucks (N)						Hudson & Rex		
A&E	615	39	-	90	5:30 ✘ ** Jack Reacher: Never Go Back		✘ ** Jack Reacher ('12, Act) Rosamund Pike, Tom Cruise.						
AMC	293	-	-	209	6:00 ✘ *** The Breakfast Club ('85)		:15 ✘ ** Uncle Buck ('89, Com) Amy Madigan, John Candy.						
APTN	23	10	58	16	NHL Hockey Ottawa Senators at Montreal Canadiens (N)						✘ ** Fast & Furious 6 ('13) Vin Diesel.		
CBCNN	502	48	48	18	The Fifth Estate		The Nature of Things The True Survivors		CBC News Live (N)	Marketplace	The Nature of Things The True Survivors		
CD	129	20	20	36	Gold Rush: sprint hivernal		La vraie poursuite d'Octobre rouge		La vraie poursuite d'Octobre rouge		✘ ** Méchant malade ('03)		
CNN	500	36	27	81	CNN Newsroom With Jim Acosta (N)		Obama: In Pursuit of a More Perfect Union (N)				Obama: In Pursuit (N)		
CRVM1	300	-	-	211	Movie	:25 ✘ Gulliver Returns ('21, Ani) (P)			✘ ** The Marksman ('21, Act) Jacob Perez, Liam Neeson. (P)		Liam Neeson. (P)	:50 ✘ *** Nobody	
CTVDR	30	34	-	92	Bones		Bones		Bones		East New York		
CTVSc	90	32	-	101	6:30 ✘ *** John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum ('19, Act) Halle Berry, Keanu Reeves.			✘ ** Terminator: Dark Fate ('19, Sci-Fi) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton.					
CV	135	44	35	44	Appelez l'experte		Tous pour un chalet		J'ai dit oui à la robe		17 ans et maman 2		
DISC	636	37	37	102	6:00 BattleBots		BattleBots				BattleBots		
FAM	556	-	-	64	Crime Scene Kitchen		Domino Masters		✘ Life With Luca ('23, Fam) Ashley Leggat, Michael Seater.				
HBO1	306	-	-	215	5:50 ✘ ** Black Adam ('22)		The Weeknd: Live at SoFi Stadium (N)			:40 Insecure	:15 Insecure	:45 Insecure	
HGTV	83	29	-	97	Love It or List It Vancouver		Home Town		Down Home Fab		Down Home Fab		
HIST	84	47	-	107	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		S.W.A.T.		S.W.A.T.		
MAX	142	48	32	32	6:00 ✘ ** Quatre gars et un balai ('02)		✘ ** La famille Stone ('05, Rom) Sarah Jessica Parker, Dermot Mulroney. (P)					:15 ✘ Portrait craché d'une famille mo...	
MUCH	570	35	-	112	✘ *** Unstoppable ('10, Act) Chris Pine, Denzel Washington.			The Simpsons		The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	
OWN	526	-	-	94	The Oprah Winfrey Show		Love & Marriage: Huntsville		Family or Fiancé		The Best of the Oprah Show		
PEACH	294	-	-	218	Atlanta Eats		Big Bang	Big Bang	Atlanta News First Saturday at 9pm (N)		Atlanta News First Saturday at 10pm (N)		
RDI	126	19	19	19	6:30 Découverte (N)	Le national (N)	Les grands reportages Cadeaux de la vie (N)		Le téléjournal (N)	La facture (N)	Le téléjournal (N)	Le national (N)	
RDS	123	33	33	25	6:30 Avant-match (N)	Soccer MLS CF Montréal c. Inter Miami CF (N)			L'antichambre (N)		Sports 30 (N)		
SC	73	205	205	205	:10 ✘ Edge of the World ('21, Adv) Josie Ho, Jonathan Rhys Meyers.			✘ Night Blooms ('21, Dra) Jennie Raymond, Nick Stahl. (P)					
SE	180	-	-	201	6:50 ✘ ** Black Adam ('22, Act) Aldis Hodge, Dwayne Johnson.			✘ Confessions ('22, Dra) David La Haye, Luc Picard. (P)					
SHOW	616	40	-	105	6:30 ✘ *** Atomic Blonde ('17, Act) James McAvoy, Charlize Theron.			✘ *** Mission: Impossible -- Fallout ('18, Act) Henry Cavill, Tom Cruise.					
SLICE	27	-	-	99	6:30 ✘ ** Nutty Professor II: The Klumps ('00, Com) Janet Jackson, Eddie Murphy.			✘ ** The Girl on the Train ('16, Thril) Haley Bennett, Emily Blunt.					
SN1	418	-	-	184	NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Vancouver Canucks (N)						NHL Hockey		
SNE	406	38	38	179	NHL Hockey Ottawa Senators at Montreal Canadiens (N)						NHL Hockey		
STARZ1	304	55	-	216	:05 ✘ *** Florence Foster Jenkins ('16) Hugh Grant, Meryl Streep.			✘ *** The 40-Year-Old Virgin ('05, Rom)		Catherine Keener, Steve Carell. (P)			
TCM	292	-	-	219	5:45 ✘ *** The Loved One ('65)			✘ ** Losing Ground ('82, Com) Seret Scott, Bill Gunn.			✘ ** The Watermelon Woman ('96)		
TLC	521	27	39	91	Loren & Alexei: After the 90 Days			Extreme Sisters		Extreme Sisters		Extreme Sisters	
TLN	700	-	-	250	Cook Like an Italian	Mexican	David Rocco's	Mangia Quebec	✘ *** Moneyball ('11, Dra) Jonah Hill, Brad Pitt.				
TOONE	85	49	-	57	✘ LEGO DC Comics Superheroes: Justice League -- Gotham...			:45 Transylvania	Batman: Animated	Superman: The	Justice League	Young Justice	
TOONF	87	45	34	53	Teen/:15 Teen	Teen/:45 Teen	American Dad	Family Guy	Les Simpson	Archer	American Dad	Family Guy	
TSN2	401	-	-	187	UFC Fight Night: Krylov vs. Spann (N)						SC		
TSN5	404	28	28	190	5:00 NASCAR Xfinity	Must See SC	NLL Lacrosse Vancouver Warriors at Saskatchewan Rush (N)						
TV5	145	15	15	29	Sam (N)		Mon petit restaurant (N)				Guides d'aventures		
TVAS	193	-	-	23	Hockey LNH Sénateurs d'Ottawa c. Canadiens de Montréal (N)						:45 L'après-match LNH (N)	:45 Hockey WHL	
TVO	22	-	-	71	Into the Blue (N)	:55 Ontario	World's Most	Ontario/ Indigenou	✘ Becoming Black ('19)			✘ David & Me ('14)	
VISN	65	-	-	159	6:00 Endeavour		Sardari		Aikam		Journey of Healing	Waqt 4 U	
WGN	295	-	-	222	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)		
WSBK	296	-	-	223	Big Bang	Big Bang	✘ Bachelor Lions ('18, Com) Mitchel Musso, James Maslow.					CBS News Boston Now on TV38 (N)	
YTV	25	-	-	65	6:00 ✘ Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs			✘ *** Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs ('09, Ani)			The Hardy Boys		
B – Bell TV; W – Vidéotron West Montréal; E – Vidéotron East Montréal; V – Vidéotron Illico													