

# English Rose Inn

## Country Roads

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Since the house's founding in 1829, the English Rose Inn has evolved into a mini-museum filled with ornaments and antiques.

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The English Rose Inn appears too precious to be a mainstay of the rugged country of northern Vermont, but it has been welcoming sportsmen for decades.

The inn, in Montgomery Center, is a sweet yellow cottage close to the Jay Peak Ski & Summer Resort and the Catamount and Long Trails. It attracts skiers and hikers with its fine food and gracious accommodations.

The core of the English Rose was built in 1829, and the venerable old house speaks of its many historical eras. It has evolved into a

mini-museum filled with hundreds of ornaments ranging from cute curios to authentic antiques.

No space is left unadorned. The bookshelves, piano and door frames hold colourful collections of porcelain figurines, ornate perfume bottles, fancy dolls dressed in lace, gold-trimmed decorative plates and fringed lamps.

"I put \$50 in my pocket every Wednesday for five years and headed out to the flea markets and antique auctions," said Mary Jane Bouchard-Pike, who runs the English Rose with her husband, Gary.

