The Highlands Inn

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The Highlands Inn, a lesbian resort in the White Mountains of N.H., is at the centre of a huge estate of woods and hills.

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Bethlehem, N.H., is a two-hour, 45-minute drive from Montreal. Take Highways 10 and 55 to the U.S. border, then Interstate 91 and 93 to Exit 40 for Littleton/Bethlehem.

The Highlands Inn: Route 302, Bethlehem, N.H., 603-869-3978, www.highlandsinn-nh.com. Rates are \$110 to \$220 U.S. for two, including breakfast and use of guest facilities.

All rooms have private bathrooms, televisions and air conditioning; some also have fireplaces and double jet tubs. The Cottage, with one bedroom, a kitchenette and deck costs \$180 for two or \$200 for three. Pets are an additional \$10 per night. Honeymoon and wedding packages are available. Discounts of 10 to 20 per cent for advance bookings.

The Highlands Inn announces itself with a permanent "no vacancy" sign on a country road through the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

It sounds odd to turn away potential guests, but this cozy country lodge does not want casual, walk-in patrons. It is a resort for lesbians, and it is one of only a handful in the United States and Canada. Since New Hampshire legalized same-sex marriage on Jan. 1, the L-word has spread like wildfire.

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