

## RAGGED MOUNTAIN - ARE YOU THERE YET? AND IF NOT, WHY NOT?

DANBURY, NH – It is not often that a ski area jumps out from the pack and makes a major statement in the marketplace. That is just what has happened at Ragged Mountain in Danbury, N.H. After just two short years under new ownership, New England skiers and riders have taken notice and returned, or tried Ragged for the first time, in great numbers. It may be the easy access and proximity to the Boston Metro area (just 90 miles away) combined with a skittish economy that is keeping skiers closer to home. It may be Ragged's affordable pricing in that same economy. It may not be the economy at all.

### FRIENDLINESS IS THEIR GAME

Everyone talks about outstanding customer service. For some it is just lip service, for others just a slogan. At Ragged Mountain, the entire staff really gets it. Drive into the parking lot, which is very close to the mountain, and you are greeted by a cadre of hosts who help you park, greet you with a genuine smile, and if needed, help you with your equipment. No one is telling them to do this; they are just that kind of people.

Okay, now you approach the ticket office, inside or out, where Brenda, Heidi, Jean, and Jane answer your questions and give you the best deal of the day: lessons. Josef Jung, Ragged's Austrian-born ski and snowboard school director, will put you with just the right hand-picked instructor to make your learning fun. If you need rentals needed, the staff is knowledgeable and helpful.

### DO YOU NEED A LIFT?

Ragged Mountain really has you covered in this department. Ragged has the only six-passenger chairlift in New Hampshire, and it will whisk you to the top in just five minutes. Now that is comfort and speed. Four other lifts, including a Wonder Carpet for beginners, are all you will need to explore the two mountain peaks and miles of terrain. In addition, the lift attendants are as friendly as the rest of the crew.

### THE REAL FUN BEGINS

When you have had all the friendliness you need, it is time to hit the slopes. Ragged has fun slopes for you to enjoy. Pick your mountain: Ragged Peak or Spear Mountain. Both have their own character and charm. The skiing is not on work roads or cross trails. It is very good New England fall line skiing — no side hills or double fall lines. Between the two mountain peaks are literally miles of glades to explore. The scenery is spectacular. You have to see it for yourself. With massive upgrades to the snowmaking system, a fleet of state of the art groomers, and a mountain crew that is very proud of their product, the conditions are as good as they can be.

### ARE YOU GETTING HUNGRY?

Not only has Ragged covered all the bases up to this point, the food is also outstanding and priced fairly. No brown bags needed here. Try Harvest, Ragged Mountain's answer to a cafeteria. Harvest offers traditional ski area fare such as very good hamburgers, fries, soups and chowders. Add to this specialty wraps and sandwiches, special meal of the day, and cappuccino and you will not go hungry. Upstairs you can choose

pizza the way you like it, direct from the wood-fired oven. There is also an extensive Bistro menu with everything from hot sandwiches, to fish and chips to even steaks. The Bistro is open Friday to Sunday evenings and is just as popular with skiers as with locals.

### APRÈS THE WAY YOU LIKE IT

Tallulah's Tavern is the place to end your day on the slopes. Entertainment on weekends, drinks with friends and a fun atmosphere make Tallulah's the place to "hang" as you rest those weary bones.

### SWEEPS THE PINK FLAMINGO

Many people know the term ski patrol uses when they "sweep" the slopes at the end of a ski day to make sure everyone is off the trails. At Ragged Mountain, while patrol is sweeping the trails, they are also hiding their pink flamingo mascot, Sweeps, for someone to try to find the next day. The person who finds Sweeps, brings it to customer service to receive a free ticket for another day (limit 2 per person, per season).

For more information on all the good times at Ragged Mountain, please visit [www.raggedmountainresort.com](http://www.raggedmountainresort.com) directly or via an easily found link on the homepage of [www.skiernews.com](http://www.skiernews.com)

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**ARE YOU HERE YET?**

Ragged Mountain offers big mountain fun without the big drive. Just 90 miles from Boston, Ragged Mountain has two exciting peaks, New Hampshire's only high speed six passenger chairlift, a Wonder Carpet for beginners, miles of glades to explore and an awesome all-natural terrain park called "Wild Woods". Combine all that with unbeatable scenery and you will discover why so many of your friends have switched to Ragged Mountain in the last two seasons.

**NOTHING CLOSE CAN EVEN COME CLOSE!**

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