

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS for NEW HAMPSHIRE SKI AREAS

Millions of dollars spent to enhance skier experience

**NORTH WOODSTOCK, NH** – Following a memorable ski season filled with plenty of soft, natural snow, New Hampshire's ski areas rolled-up their sleeves and got to work improving their resorts for guests. Here are the resorts and their projects in the Granite State for this 2011-12 winter season.

**ATTITASH MOUNTAIN RESORT, BARTLETT**

The snowmaking system at Attitash was upgraded from diesel to electric compressors in order to reduce the amount of energy necessary to make snow. On the mountain, glades were thinned on both Attitash and Bear Peak mountains. In the lodge, guests will find the return of Ptarmigan's Pub upstairs along with renovated bathrooms.

**BLACK MOUNTAIN, JACKSON**

New air compressors were added to the snowmaking system, increasing capacity by 35 percent. The Sugarbush trail was landscaped and widened. The lodge received numerous upgrades, including remodeled bathrooms, new flooring in guest services, a new locker room, renovated third floor eating area, and expanded seating for the bar and dining area at Lostboy Pub.

**CRANMORE, NORTH CONWAY**

After spending \$6 million last summer, more improvements are underway. Forty new high-efficiency snowmaking tower guns were added. To keep surfaces soft, a new Prinoth Bison Groomer was added to the grooming fleet. Improvements were made to the base lodge, rest rooms, and food and beverage facilities. A substantial investment to upgrade rental equipment was also made.

**CROTCHED MOUNTAIN, BENNINGTON**

The fleet of Head ski and snowboard rentals was expanded to ensure plenty of inventory and the latest equipment for guests. The terrain parks received many new elements, as well as an all-new park for freestyle program participants. The lodge and cafeteria also underwent improvements.

**GUNSTOCK MOUNTAIN RESORT, GILFORD**

Gunstock spent over \$2.1 million on improvements over the past year. The newly installed Zip-Tour is also available for winter guests, allowing them to zoom down the mountain through the air above the treetops. Read more, page 3.

**GRANITE GORGE, KEENE**

A major base lodge addition was finished for this winter. Among the improvements are an expanded ticketing, rental and apparel area. Guests will also see new kitchen, dining area and bathrooms. The Lookout Lounge, with a full liquor



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license, will have an all-weather deck overlooking the mountain; on days with harsh weather, the deck has a canvas enclosure and heating. New computers were installed to improve the customer service experience. On the hill, significant trail work was completed with several trails being expanded and trees being removed to open-up the terrain. Additional snowmaking was added to the Sunset Trail and two new snow guns are added to the fleet. Those looking to enjoy some serious air time will enjoy the brand new Bag Jump, an inflatable landing area that allows skiers and riders to launch and land softly on the bag.

**LOON MOUNTAIN, LINCOLN**

Two new trails were added to the terrain at South Peak. Snowmaking improvements continued with the addition of 100 new tower guns on the main mountain and 67 new tower guns on South Peak. A new Bison X grooming machine was added to the fleet. The ski patrol has a new summit patrol building. Read more, page 7.

**MOUNT SUNAPEE, NEWBURY**

A new glade trail, Beck Brook Glades, was cut, bringing Mount Sunapee's total to nine gladed trails. Snowmaking was added to Outer Ridge Trail, which provides an alternate route off the Upper Ridge Trail. The mountain also became a Bur-

ton Learn-To-Ride Center, which includes a full complement of Burton rental equipment that is designed to make snowboard learning easier for guests. Read more, page 1.

**PATS PEAK, HENNIKER**

Guests will benefit from snowmaking upgrades at Pats Peak with the addition of eight new SMI Fan snow guns, two new HKD Turbo Fans and 3,000 feet of new snowmaking pipe. The Pats Peak Rental Shop is now a Burton Learn to Ride Center with 150 new kids and 200 adult beginner specific snowboards. All guests needing rentals will enjoy 250 new pairs of Dalbello Ski Boots. The Bear's Club Kids Program now has its own fleet of rental ski, snowboards and boots so families can bypass the rental shop and head direct to the Bear's Den. The terrain parks continue to grow with the addition of a progression park for those that are just getting started catching air, hitting rails and sliding boxes. A new Freestyle Camp will also be held on vacation periods. Other improvements include new carpets for the base lodge, and renovated bathrooms in the Sleigh Room.

**RAGGED MOUNTAIN, DANBURY**

Snowmaking improvements lead the way with the addition of 90 high efficiency, low-energy snow guns. To feed the additional snow guns, improvements were made to the water delivery system. A new Prinoth grooming machine was also added to make sure all the snow can be groomed smooth and welcoming for families. Read more, page 4.

**WILDCAT MOUNTAIN, PINKHAM NOTCH**

Work was completed on the Wildcat base lodge, including restroom renovations and improvements to the main deck. The ticketing system was integrated with Siriusware, which allows for a seamless connection for guests between Wildcat and nearby Attitash Mountain Resort. On the mountain, work continued on the snowmaking system including replacing older pipes.

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