Winter in the Mountains

ON AND OFF THE SLOPES

Dining * Shopping * Lodging
Attractions * Real Estate * Services
Even with snow in the air... we are working on our tracks!

Next year we want to be able to announce:
“All Aboard ... Next Stop Highmount/Belleayre!”

That’s what we hope you’ll hear in the future as the Delaware & Ulster Railroad embarks on a major project to restore our tracks to Highmount and Belleayre Ski Resort.

What will it take for us to restore our tracks to Highmount?

7,000 Environmentally friendly cross ties, treated with “Copper Naphthenate”

28,000 New rail spikes

2,000 Tons of stone ballast

And lots of hard work and dedication by the team at the Delaware & Ulster Railroad!

For more information, visit www.durr.org
Route 28 | Arkville, NY 12406
We Wish Everyone a Joyous, Happy, and Healthy New Year!

BRAINARD RIDGE REALTY

WE HAVE ACTIVE BUYERS!!

We know it is important to have confidence in your real estate professional, with over 40 years of experience Brainard Ridge has the knowledge and understanding to give you unapparelled service and satisfaction!

Call us to list your property! 518 734-5333

CONDOMINIUMS AT THE ENCLAVE CLUB

Enclave Club Condominium amenities include year-round outdoor pool, Hot tubs, common areas, fitness room, boot and ski locker, fitness room, underground heated parking and Trailside location.

More layouts available. Please call us for a showing.

Chic and Inviting describes this beautiful Enclave Duplex Penthouse. Enjoy years of entertaining family and friends in large open dining area, relax in the striking living room with vaulted ceilings and gas fireplace. Spacious bedrooms extra den and stunning valley views.

Elegant 4 bedroom, 4 bath condominium with unobstructed Slope Side views! Natural light pours into the living room with stylish, comfortable furnishings, and gas fireplace. The dining area has plenty of room for friends and guests.

We are a full service real estate agency, builder, and developer of resort properties in the Northern Catskill Mountain region in Windham, NY. Whether buying, selling, renting, or building, contact us for ALL your real estate needs!

With over 40 years of combined experience, Irene and Patricia are here to help. Our team is dedicated to results!

Contact us today

518-734-5333 or brainardridge.com

237 South Street • Windham, NY 12496
BRIARS & BRAMBLES
Books

THE “GO-TO”
INDIE BOOKSTORE
IN THE CATSKILLS
Serving Windham, Hunter & Beyond

Opens Daily at 9 am
Large selection of books, gifts, puzzles, games & more
Gifts for every occasion: Baby, birthday, engagement, housewarming, hostess—we’ve got something for everyone and for every reason
Cozy children’s reading area
Special Orders, Shipping & Curbside available

Easy parking, conveniently located next to the Windham Pharmacy in Alpine Garden Village and near the Windham Path
61 Rt. 296 & South Street, Windham • (518) 750-8599
Visit our website www.briarsandbramblesbooks.com for more information or to shop on-line

BriarsandBramblesWindhamNY @briarsandbramblesbooks

The Main Street Community Center
is officially open!

We offer professional workspace with free wifi, cozy sitting areas, programs, classes & events for all ages

MAIN STREET
COMMUNITY CENTER
EST. 2020

5494 State Route 23 (across from GNH Lumber)
Windham, New York 12496 • 518-734-4168
For more information visit our website:
www.mainstreetcenter.org
@main_street_community_center
f/mainstreetcommunitycenter

www.catskillregionguide.com
Best Hot Tubs

Serving Windham, Hunter, Belleayre and All of the Catskill Area Resorts

Our hot tubs are truly the best in the industry.

We Sell and Display:
- Bullfrog Spas
- Strong Spas
- Aspen Spas

Perfect for year-round fun and relaxation.

Hot Tub Rentals are available for seasonal, weekly or weekend use. This is perfect for Airbnb rentals and home owners alike. Our rental rates are very reasonable too. Just plug it in and enjoy!

Weekly Hot Tub Maintenance Discounts available for yearly and quarterly contracts. We service all hot tub brands, and make your hot tub care-free for you and your guests to enjoy perfect fun-filled experiences.

5354 Route 23, Windham, NY 12496
Phone: (518) 734-9100 | Email: info@besthottubs.com

www.besthottubs.com
A-9 TRAILSIDE AT HUNTER MOUNTAIN $399,000
Priced to sell and in time for this Winter Season! Welcome to this beautiful spacious 2-bedroom unit with master en-suite at Hunter Mountain's Trailside Condominiums. This lovely association has a private, exclusive feel and is sited in an excellent location—walking distance to the slopes! The bright interior features lux details throughout such as high ceilings, efficient propane heating and central air, fully equipped kitchen with new stainless steel appliances, large living room with gas fireplace, new laundry and more! Private parking is steps away from your door. This property has everything you need—fully furnished and move in ready! Perfect property to use as a vacation residence, income property or even co-primary home. Close to Village of Hunter shopping, dining, Dolan’s public lake and more! 2 hours from NYC and 1 hour to Albany. MLS #139613

Contact: Bridget M. Leach
Cell (518) 947-8022
Office (518) 589-9000 x 226
Email bridgetmleach@aol.com
VILLAGE OF TANNERSVILLE AWARDED $10 MILLION REDC GRANT

ADAPTIVE SPORTS FOUNDATION AT WINDHAM MOUNTAIN

WINTER AT MINNEWASKA

ICE HARVEST FESTIVAL AT HANFORD MILLS MUSEUM: Winter’s Coolest Tradition

A GREENE COUNTY GARDEN IN JANUARY

CATSKILL KIDS CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

SPECIAL SECTION: WINTER IN THE MOUNTAINS

BELLEAYRE MOUNTAIN

HUNTER MOUNTAIN

PLATTEKILL MOUNTAIN

WINDHAM MOUNTAIN

OFF THE SLOPES

CATSKILL MOUNTAIN REGION GUIDE PHOTOGRAPHY PORTFOLIO: Ski & Ride the Catskills

THE GREAT OUTDOORS IN THE CATSKILLS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DONATE TO THE CATSKILL MOUNTAIN FOUNDATION

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS
Governor Kathy Hochul announced the 2021 Capital Region Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Grant to the Village of Tannersville. Lieutenant Governor Brian Benjamin was in Tannersville in November to announce the award. The annual $10 million award is “a cornerstone of the State’s economic development program, transforms downtown neighborhoods into vibrant centers that offer a high quality of life and are magnets for redevelopment, business, job creation, and economic and housing diversity.”

Led by the Hunter Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit economic development organization based in Tannersville, the Painted Village in the Sky DRI Proposal encompasses 14 projects with a total value of over $66 million, leveraging up to $43 million of private and philanthropic dollars. According to the proposal, DRI projects would more than double the Village’s job base and once all projects are at full employment would create $16.5 million in additional economic output annually.

Together the Hunter Foundation, The Royce Family Fund, and the Village of Tannersville have proven their deep commitment and skilled leverage of philanthropic dollars to support projects in the region.

Proponents note the impressive cooperation the region has seen between private, public, and philanthropic organizations collectively investing over $126 million in recent and upcoming projects, with assistance from the REDC DRI Award, proposed projects will be accelerated including but not limited to: affordable & workforce housing; festival grounds; Orpheum Theater upgrades, a mountain bike center & adaptive trails; a community center; expanded childcare center; a complete streets initiative; and a Kaaterskill Clove shuttle.

Through the proposal, the Hunter Foundation and the Village of Tannersville expressed intent and readiness with multiple shovel-ready projects creating an opportunity to catalyze considerable growth and stabilize the community for local families while infusing dollars into projects nearing completion.

Moving forward, the Hunter Foundation, serving as the grant administrator, will work with NYS Departments of State, in close partnership with Empire State Development, NYS Homes and Community Renewal, and the community through a series of engagement workshops to help prioritize and implement the proposed projects.
Windstar Realty Group

518-734-6600

Offices in:
Windham • Grand Gorge • Stamford

www.WindstarRealty.com

“Finding The Ideal Realtor Just Got Easier”
Adaptive Sports Foundation (ASF) is a non-profit organization that provides profound and life changing experiences for children and adults with physical and cognitive disabilities and chronic illnesses through outdoor physical activity, education, support, and community. Through participation in ASF programs many individuals experience, in some cases for the first time in their lives, that they have a new identity which is associated with a sport and not with their disability. The Adaptive Sports Foundation provides a variety of opportunities for children and adults with disabilities to discover a lifelong passion for outdoor physical activity.

The ASF’s Warriors in Motion® (WIM) program provides participating injured United States servicemen and women with a basic knowledge and practice of wellness and the importance of lifelong healthy living. Each event includes adaptive sports and nutrition instruction as well as other healthful practices such as yoga and stress reduction techniques. Over the course of the event, there is also time for the participants to connect with each other. We view the time that veterans spend together as an essential part of their healing. All Warriors in Motion programs are goal-oriented and empower warriors to take charge of their own fitness and wellness.

ASF Winter Competition Program
The Adaptive Sports Foundation’s competition program is open to advanced skiers or riders who are interested in developing their race skills and are seeking a group training atmosphere. The ASF Race Program provides a seasonal weekend racing program for skiers and snowboarders with cognitive or physical disabilities, whose aspirations are more recreational in nature. These athletes compete in the Special Olympics and Catskill Mountain series events through the United States of America Snowboard and Freeski Association (USASA). Some will go on to compete in regional and national races.

ASF has helped students gain the confidence, drive, and direction to participate in winter and summer sports with some even participating in the Winter Special Olympics, such as skiers Staci Manella (Sochi 2014) and Caitlin Sarubbi (Vancouver 2010).

ASF Summer Program
The ASF also offers a variety of summer sport opportunities including paddling, golf, hiking, road cycling, and mountain biking. These activities take place in a beautiful setting of Windham and the surrounding area. One of the newest summer programs is
GET READY TO RIDE

Potter Bros
Kingston, New York
EST 1945
SALES • SERVICE • RENTALS
57 City View Terrace, Kingston, NY 12401
(845) 338-5119 | potterbrothers.com

January 2022 • GUIDE 9
the Adaptive Skateboard Program, commandeered by ASF’s very own student, Zachary Elder. Different veteran programs include cycling, paddling, golf, and tennis.

The adaptive cycling and mountain biking program offers a unique and fully supported cycling adventure through the Catskill Mountains. The cycling program, held as three 3-day events, provides veterans with meals, lodging, transportation, equipment, and wellness coaching. Participants will develop safe cycling skills and the confidence they need to ride safely and legally through trails and on the road. The program teaches participants how to select and maintain bicycles for a variety of disabilities, learning bicycle safety, basic repair, riding skills, and crash avoidance techniques.

During the hiking program, also held as three 3-day events, participants will build adaptive wilderness traveling and hiking skills. Veterans with disabilities will develop confidence in their own leadership skills as they take active roles while traveling some of the most beautiful trails in the Catskill Mountains. The June excursions curriculum is built around half-day hikes from a central point. The more intensive August excursion curriculum has longer through-hikes. Providing veterans opportunities to get away from the distractions of modern civilization fosters self-reliance, respect, and a sense of responsibility.

The adaptive paddling three-day event is designed to explore the fundamental skills and safety concepts necessary to effectively paddle a kayak, canoe, or paddleboard through water. Participants learn skills for entering and exiting a boat, stability while paddling, and self-rescue methods. Paddling techniques will be addressed. Instructors will guide each participant through equipment selection and customization, adapting to individual abilities. Participants try a variety of sit-on-top and sit-in kayaks and canoes, as well as stand-up paddleboards. The group will explore different bodies of water, including lakes and rivers in and around Windham, NY and the Catskill Mountains.

The adaptive golf program includes one 3-day camp held at Windham Country Club in Windham, NY. Participants will receive lessons from local pros and play approximately 36 holes of golf during the camp. Also included is entry into the ASF’s Annual Charity Golf Tournament, offering participants an opportunity to gain confidence in their ability to play golf with non-disabled peers.

Lastly, the adaptive tennis program includes a three-day camp held in Windham, NY on tennis courts at Windham Ashland Jewett School, Highridge Club, and Wintergreen Club. Participants will learn the fundamentals of tennis and the rules of the game, and then participate in a friendly tournament.

Considered one of the top adaptive sports programs in the country, the ASF has been on the cutting edge of adaptive sports programming and has provided what participants have often described as “life changing experiences.” Since 1984, the ASF has provided 79,000+ adaptive lessons which allowed 13,253 individuals to lead healthier and more active lives.

For more information about the Adaptive Sports Foundation, please visit adaptivesportsfoundation.org.
So Ready For This.

Ski and Ride at more than 20 New York Ski Areas FREE*. The Ski+Ride Passport is available to any 3rd or 4th grader, so get out and enjoy winter this year. Visit ISKINY.com to learn more.

* $41 processing fee applies. Restrictions apply. See iskiny.com for details.
The Park Preserve is located on the dramatic Shawangunk Ridge in Ulster County, New York. The Ridge, which rises more than 2,000 feet above sea level, dominates the Park Preserve and the pastoral valleys below it. The Park Preserve has an extensive trail network that traverses the landscape. This network includes 35 miles of carriage roads and 50 miles of footpaths that provide access to countless natural attractions.

Winter is an excellent time to explore the Park Preserve, as the landscape changes and cross-country skiing opportunities are plentiful. The cross-country skiing opportunities at Minnewaska are outstanding. Minnewaska offers over 26 kilometers of machine-groomed trails for all ability levels, providing both classic and skate skiing opportunities. The breathtaking vistas throughout the groomed trail network are amazing. Be sure to bring your camera to capture some of the unique winter landscapes, ice formations and animal tracks. Park Educators offer regularly scheduled winter ecology and recreational snowshoe outings throughout the winter, as conditions warrant. Numerous snowshoeing opportunities are available on footpaths and ungroomed carriage roads, but snowshoeing is not permitted on the groomed cross-country ski trails. Hiking, walking, dogs and fat tire biking are not allowed on Minnewaska’s groomed cross-country ski trails.

Groomed Cross-country Ski Trails

Lake Minnewaska Carriage Road: This two-mile loop, which is the starting point for all other trails, consists of a mixture of hills and relatively level areas of terrain. It features outstanding views of the 34-acre Lake, as well as the Catskills and the Wallkill Valley, from vistas close to the trail.

Upper Awosting Carriage Road: This approximately three-mile long trail slowly climbs in elevation as it reaches its southern end at the pristine Lake Awosting. Lake Awosting is the largest of the sky lakes at 93 acres. With fewer turns and more level terrain, less experienced skiers may find this trail a good match for their abilities.

Lake Awosting Carriage Road: A short, but somewhat steep section of this carriage road is groomed and acts as a connector route between the modest Upper Awosting Carriage Road and the more challenging Castle Point Carriage Road. It features lakeside views of the remote Lake Awosting.

Castle Point Carriage Road: At just over four-and-a-half-miles, this route is the longest single trail that takes you to one of the highest points in the park at 2,193 feet in elevation. This route showcases some of the most spectacular views, featuring numerous cliffside, panoramic views of the Palmaghett Ravine, Wallkill and Hudson Valley, and the Catskill Mountains. More experienced skiers will enjoy the hills and turns on this most scenic route. An approximately ten-mile loop can be skied by combining this trail with the two prior routes.

Hamilton Point Carriage Road: This cliff-hugging route, which connects the Lake Minnewaska and Castle Point Carriage Roads, offers stunning views of the western wall of the Palmaghett Ravine along nearly its entire length. At nearly three miles, this nearly straight route includes gradual hills as well as more flat areas. Farther along the carriage road, the Hamilton Point vista showcases views of the majestic Hudson Valley, as well as unique crevice-filled rock formations in the foreground.

Millbrook Mountain Carriage Road: If you’re looking for a shorter ski with lovely views, this two-and-a-half-mile route offers a combination of gradual hills along a modestly twisting route. A magnificent vista overlooking the Palmaghett Ravine is located 0.8 miles from the northern end of this route. Look for a large, white, quartz boulder perched on the edge of the cliff here. This glacial erratic, named Patterson’s Pellet, was transported here by a glacier thousands of years ago. At the southern end of this trail, skiers willing to remove their skis are rewarded with the expansive view from atop the famous white cliffs that are visible from New Paltz.
Scenic footpaths perfect for snowshoeing, mostly in the Peter’s Kill Area

**Bullwheel Footpath:** This gradually climbing, half-mile-long trail brings hikers past the site of a former ski lift located here in the 1970s. It connects with the High Peter’s Kill Footpath, offering visitors the opportunity to walk a loop which includes the High Peterskill, Yellow Connector and Red Loop Footpath. This loop is approximately two-and-a-half miles in long.

**High Peter’s Kill Footpath:** This route features a mixture of terrain from streamside and level to steep hills with cliff edge views. For the adventurous, an approximately five-mile-loop can be walked which brings hikers past Awosting Falls. The return trip follows along the modest Awosting Falls Carriage Road. This footpath can be accessed from both the Peter’s Kill Area and the Awosting Parking Area.

**Red Loop Footpath:** At just over three-quarters of a mile, this pretty route features a steep hill which leads to a lovely, stream-edge section of trail before climbing more gradually back up hill through a quiet forest. Connect this trail with the Bull Wheel or Yellow Connector Footpaths, also in the Peter’s Kill Area of the Park Preserve, to create longer loops.

A perfect winter escape, Minnewaska State Park Preserve is uniquely located less than 13 miles from the New York State Thruway exit 18 in New Paltz, closer to New York City than the Catskills. After spending your day skiing or snowshoeing on the extensive trail system in this spectacular 24,000 acre Park Preserve, you can enjoy a wide selection of restaurants, local theater, wineries and other amenities within less than a half hour drive in the local communities around the park preserve boundaries.

The new Lake Minnewaska Visitor Center provides a central area for visitors to gather and embark on their Minnewaska adventures. The Visitor Center features a fireplace for winter warming, dramatically improving our visitor experience.

Park staff works closely with the local not for profit organization the Shawangunk Nordic Ski Association, which is a good resource to obtain current conditions from skiers’ perspectives. The Park Preserve has hosted public ski races and clinics with the expertise of the Shawangunk Nordic Ski Association members providing lessons and race administration. Minnewaska State Park Preserve also hosts Section 9 high school ski races in the winter.

**Helpful Tips and More Information**

Please be prepared for your outing, always be in tune with the weather forecast, and bring enough food and water. Bring your cell phone and make sure it is charged. Carry a map and let someone know where you are heading, especially if you are alone on your outing. Minnewaska’s webpage provides updated ski conditions visit parks.ny.gov/parks/minnewaska or call the Park Preserve office at 845 255 0752.

---

**Winter Gear for Everyone!**

Cross Country Skis, Snowboards, Snowshoes, Sleds, Ice Traction, Warm Clothing, Winter Boots and More!

Thank you for supporting the Catskill Mountain Foundation

Please enjoy

$10 off your next $50 purchase

Kenco Outfitters
Expires 01/31/2022. One per customer.

1000 Hurley Mountain Road • Kingston, NY 12401 • Tel. 845-340-0552 Visit KencoOutfitters.com
Ice Harvest Festival at Hanford Mills Museum
Winter’s Coolest Tradition

Ice harvests were once an essential part of winter in rural communities. Before there was refrigeration, ice was needed to preserve agricultural products and to keep food cold in the warmer months. For 2021, Hanford Mills Museum celebrated this rural tradition with online events by Hanford Mills and their nonprofit partners, as well as resources you can enjoy any time. Hanford Mills is thrilled to be able to once again present an in-person Ice Harvest next year on February 5, 2022.

“T o farmers, ice was a winter crop and a way to generate income in the winter,” says Liz Callahan, the Executive Director of Hanford Mills Museum. She said they have been watching the weather and assessing the quality of the ice on the Mill Pond, just as farmers did a century ago. Staff shovel snow from the ice to encourage a good crop of clear ice.

“Safety is the priority. Ice must be at least eight inches thick for visitors to fully participate in ice harvesting,” she said. “But there is a slate of fun activities people can enjoy regardless. With the cold weather returning, we are hopeful for a good harvest.” In the past ten years, ice depth has ranged from 7-20 inches.

With enough ice, visitors can borrow ice cleats and walk on the frozen Mill Pond and use an ice saw to cut ice, and other historic tools to maneuver the ice up a ramp. The ice blocks, which typically weigh 50 pounds, are then transferred to the ice house by bobsled. The ice is stacked in the ice house, insulated with sawdust from the Mill. Callahan says the ice will last until the fall.

The ice must be 8 or more inches deep before the public is allowed on the frozen pond. If there is 6-8 inches of quality ice, Hanford Mills staff will cut ice, and visitors can transfer the ice from the pond to the ice house. Visitors can check hanfordmills.org about ice harvesting conditions or call 607 278 5744.

The Ice Harvest Festival is sponsored by the SUNY Delhi Hospitality Management Department, WSKG, and Five Star Subaru. The Ice Harvest Festival is also made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts.

About Hanford Mills Museum
Hanford Mills Museum operates an authentic water- and steam-powered historic site, which includes a sawmill, gristmill and woodworking shop. The mission of Hanford Mills Museum is to inspire audiences of all ages to explore connections among energy, technology, natural resources and entrepreneurship in rural communities with a focus on sustainable choices. Hanford Mills is listed on the National and New York State Registers of Historic Places.

Children 12 and under receive free admission. Admission for adults and teens is $9; senior admission is $7. Hanford Mills Museum members receive free admission. Discounts also are available for teachers, first responders, veterans, members of the military, EBT cardholders, and AAA members.

Hanford Mills is located at 51 County Highway 12 in East Meredith, at the intersection of Delaware County Routes 10 & 12, just 10 miles from Oneonta, and 15 miles from Delhi. For more information, visit hanfordmills.org or call 607 278 5744.
Sometimes You NEED TO STEP OUTSIDE, Get Some Fresh Air, AND SKI!
A Greene County Garden in January

By Margaret Donsbach Tomlinson

Beneath its cover of snow, mulch or decaying leaves, a garden is more active in winter than you might think. Repeated freezing and thawing breaks up rock, sand and organic matter, gradually building soil and freeing plant nutrients. This process can heave bulbs right out of the soil if they are too shallowly buried. Rock borders or pathways may sink over the course of a winter, as water in the soil freezes, expanding around the rock, and then shrinks during thaws.

Though dormant, the root systems of hardy biennial and perennial plants survive, and prove it in spring by sending up green shoots. Spring bulbs like daffodils, tulips and crocuses make most of their root growth during the late fall and early winter. Some plants actually generate their own warmth through a process called thermogenesis, caused by the respiration of mitochondria inside the cells. A prime example is the Eastern skunk cabbage, _Symplocarpus foetidus_. Its early spring flowers, pushing up through the snow, can warm to as much as 20° Celsius above the surrounding temperature.

Many fruit trees actually require a period of near-freezing weather to flower well and produce fruit. Apples, cherries, plums and peaches all need a certain number of “chill hours” to perform well. Calculating chill hours precisely is complex, but they can be loosely defined as hours when the temperature ranges between 30° and 45° F. Different fruit tree varieties have different chill requirements. The Empire apple, developed at Cornell University in the mid-1900s, requires about 500-700 chill hours, and is well suited to Greene County where, depending on location, we get roughly 1500 chill hours each winter. Peaches, generally better suited to warmer climates, vary widely in their chilling requirements. My favorite white peach tree for our climate, China Pearl, needs at least 900 chill hours. Contender, a yellow peach often recommended for our area, needs 1050.

Soil organisms migrate deeper when the ground freezes. Earthworms burrow below the freezing zone and wind themselves into balls—they will also do this in dry soils during the summer, where a digging gardener may find them and marvel at the tangle a single worm can make. Beneficial soil bacteria and fungi can remain active even in frozen soil and continue breaking down organic matter, although at a slower rate.

As gardeners retreat indoors to pore over seed catalogs or dream of translating photos in garden books into our own gardens, we can also remind ourselves that winter is an integral part of the gardening year. Spring will come, with summer on its heels, all the richer after winter’s time of rest and preparation.
The Catskills region abounds with hardy four-season produce and Pure Catskills is your source for finding those farm-fresh products.

Visit our website for information on Farmers’ Markets • U-pick Farms • Farmstands Events • Tips on Buying Local • Recipes and more!

purecatskills.com
Meet Bobcub, our mascot here at Catskill Kids Creative Writing Club, our shared space to exchange stories, poetry and artwork.

Come back each month to read about our wondrous region—stories of mastodons and mammoths that once roamed in your backyard. And of the saber tooth tigers that stalked them before charging across what might have been the parking lot of your local Wendy’s to grab a fast bite of their own.

In addition to stories of nature past and present, we’ll also share the myths, legends and real-life stories of the many generations of people who have made this region their home—or in some cases their home away from home. (Or in some cases, some who loved it so much, they never left and stayed to haunt these hills.)

First question, why a bob cat?
Think of all the possible animal logos for Catskill Kids Creative Arts Club—beavers, racoons, coyotes, otters, salamanders, bats or bees.

And why not a black bear? Not sure who’s counting, but according to some sources there are over 1800 black bears scratching their backs against the trunks of Catskill trees. Tipping the scale at 400 to 600 pounds the black bear should far outweigh their puny neighbors, the bobcats, who weigh in on average at 19 pounds—about the size of a beagle, the healthy kind that doesn’t snack on Ben & Jerry’s or lay at your feet while you play video games all day.

I chose the bobcat because some sources say that this small, elusive* critter gave the Catskills its name. It seems that when the Dutch arrived in the 1600s, a lot of thirsty felines were lapping up the water from local streams, and so they dubbed the area Kaaterskill, “Wildcat Creek”.

*elusive- hard to find—like a bobcat by day

Where did the bobcat come from, and when did its ancestors arrive on this continent?
Oh, say, about 2,000,000 years ago (give or take a few millennia), Bobcub’s ancestor the Eurasian lynx, along with other wildcats who had been living side alongside (and devouring!) the mega-fauna* of Beringia, crossed over the land bridge into North America.

*Mega-fauna: big beasts that during the last Ice Age included humongous mammoths, wooly rhinos and arctic camels

Now let’s fast forward from 2,000,000 years ago to about 2,000—to a time long after our species had followed our tetrapod* relations to this continent via the same Beringia land bridge.

*tetrapod: four-legged animal with a backbone, including whales, snakes and birds—don’t believe me about the snakes, go ahead, Google it for yourself!

Imagine the thousands of miles these wildcats had to trek to arrive in our region. One recent archaeological discovery has shown how one bobcat ancestor had made human friends along the way.

Check out this bear tooth and marine shell necklace that was discovered around the neck of a small four-legged skeleton. At first it was believed to be a pup, but later tests proved it was a bobcat kitten that

Photo by Alfred Balch
A burial find had been buried by a member of the Hopewell tribe in a sacred mound—an unusual place of honor alongside the people of the tribe.

Are you interested in this archaeological find?
Then check out this online article!
https://www.archaeology.org/issues/201-features/top10/3955-illinois-hopewell-bobcat-burial

Imagine the cuteness of the cub in life and how someone might have loved it—perhaps a child or a chief, perhaps someone who stopped to scratch behind its perky ears. Imagine the bear who once used those teeth to munch a fish from the same water where those shells might have been gathered. Imagine who made this necklace, and what was their connection to the baby bobcat? Did they find it abandoned, and feed it drops of milk or bits of meat or fish?

Facts are fun to discover, and even more fun when you use them as a starting point on a journey of your own imagination.

E. Merwin is an award-winning author of fantasy, fables and verifiable ghost stories, including Nightmarish New York, her most recent of ten spooky titles written for Bearport Publishing and its popular series for young readers.

WHAT IF?

Writer’s Challenge:
What if while hiking in the woods, you sense you are being watched. You turn to see a bobcat kitten gazing at you. What might you do or say, and more surprisingly how might the bobcat kitten react? If it hops to the ground and follows you, where might you lead it—or if you follow it, where might it lead you?
To what new dimension, what time in the past or future, what place real or imagined?
And now at the heart of all stories beats a problem.
What problem do you and the cub face, and most importantly how will you solve it?
Some of us tell stories in words, some of us in pictures and some of us do both.
Illustrate your story or draw a map of your journey with the bobcat cub—work on your own or in collaboration with a creative friend!

Artist’s Challenge:
Create your own Catskill Kid logo. Choose any Catskill animal—even better one that represents you.
Are you a bit of a loner who like the moose prefers to be alone?
Or are you more social like an otter? Or like a beaver perhaps you like to redesign your habitat?
If you’re also a hard worker who works well with others and is a vegetarian, then the beaver really is a good match—although you probably don’t nibble on sticks.
List your own personality traits, then research various animals of the Catskill Mountains to find your match. Google up some images, then create your own logo!

Do you want to share your creativity with other young writers and artists?
Send your original stories and pictures to info@catskillkids.com along with a parent or caregiver giving their permission to share them online at www.catskillkids.com!
**MOUNTAIN STATS:**
- Longest Run: 12,024’
- Vertical Drop: 1,404’
- Total Skiable Acres: 175
- Snowmaking: 96%
- Uphill Lift Capacity: 12,980 people/hour

**ELEVATIONS:**
- Belleayre Summit: 3,429’
- Sunset Lodge (summit lodge): 3,325’
- Overlook Lodge (mid mtn. lodge): 2,542’
- Discovery Lodge (lower mtn. lodge): 2,025’

**TRAILS, PARKS & GLADES:**
- 50 Trails, 5 Glades, 1 Terrain Park, 1 Progression Park & 1 X-Course
- 22% Easiest Trails
- 58% More Difficult Trails
- 20% Most Difficult Trails

**CROSS COUNTRY TRAILS:**
- 9.2 km of trails. The cross country trails are free to use and are only open with natural snow. They are not patrolled or groomed.

**WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION:**
- Lodges: 8:00am - 5:00pm | Lifts: 9:00am - 4:00pm
- Tickets: 8:00am - 3:00pm | Rentals: 8:00am - 4:30pm

It is strongly recommended that tickets be purchased online in advance for specific day(s) of planned skiing to ensure you will have a ticket. Walk-up ticket sales will NOT be available during holiday periods. Walk up tickets are not guaranteed and may be available in limited quantities at the discretion of management.

BELLEAYRE STAFF

Your experience at Belleayre is thanks to the hard work of staff members like Jasen Bellomy and Bruce Transue

JASEN BELLOMY
From: Billerica, MA

At 18, my ski industry career started out as a lift operator at Waterville Valley, NH. I then decided to move forward and join the U.S. Marine Corps. I was trained to maintain missile defense radar systems which led me to work for Raytheon. The work was both complicated and interesting, but the serious downfall was working in an office environment every day.

Wanting to be outdoors, I returned to the ski industry as a snowmaker for Peak Resorts/Crotched Mountain. It was there that I transitioned from snowmaker to lift maintenance. From there I went on to work for Windham Mountain, then Saddleback Lift Maintenance for 4 years and then on to Sugarbush.

My journey has now led me to Belleayre Mountain in Highmount, NY under a new position as Mountain Operations Manager, where I manage multiple departments encompassing snowmaking, lift maintenance, lift operations, building maintenance and grooming.

I am looking forward to what is in store for me this season at Belleayre!

BRUCE TRANSUE
From: Bethlehem, PA

It’s been a long journey in the ski business. Like so many, the sport of skiing hooked me from the beginning. After learning how to ski at Blue Knob, a small ski area in Pennsylvania, I was drawn to all things skiing. It was during an attempt to scratch the skiing offseason itch that I picked up a copy of Ski Magazine and read about colleges with coursework focused on ski area management and business. In 1978, I made this article more than words on a page and enrolled at Lyndon State College in Vermont’s Northeast Kingdom.

Starting at Burke Mountain, I quickly gained first-hand experience with the many roles needed to keep a ski area running. From cooking to snowmaking, I worked any job needed and gained an appreciation for all the hard work carried out behind the scenes.

After graduating, I took a position at Hunter Mountain, New York expecting to work there for a year or two. One or two years turned into 37, one wife, three sons, one daughter, and a passion for skiing and the outdoors bringing us all closer together. Now six grandchildren later, the sport continues to work its magic with the latest generation learning to ski across the country from upstate New York to Minnesota and Lake Tahoe.

In 2018, I received a call asking if I was interested in the general manager role at Belleayre. It was a difficult decision, but one I have zero regrets about. Three years later, I’m just as excited to work at Belleayre. Belleayre’s atmosphere and potential are truly one of a kind and I look forward to helping it thrive in the future so that skiing at Belleayre can continue to create lasting memories for all who visit it.
HUNTER MOUNTAIN

MOUNTAIN STATS:
Base Elevation: 1,600’ (above sea level)
Summit Elevation: 3,200’ (above sea level)
Vertical Drop: 1,600’
Skiable Acres: 320 (up from 240)
Number of Lifts: 13 (up from 12)
Number of Trails: 67 (up from 58)
Number of Glades: 4 Gladed Areas
Number of Terrain Parks: 4 Freestyle Areas

PERCENTAGE OF TERRAIN:
Beginner: 25%
Intermediate: 30%
Advanced: 30%
Expert: 15%

WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION:
Monday-Friday: 9:00am - 4:00pm | Saturday & Sunday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Ticket Sales Winter Hours:
Saturday - Sunday: 8:00am - 4:30pm | Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Holiday Periods: January 15-16, February 19-20
Holiday Hours: 8:30am-4:00pm

Please visit https://www.huntermtn.com/explore-the-resort/about-the-resort/winter-experience.aspx for Hunter’s COVID Health & Safety policy

HUNTER MOUNTAIN
64 Klein Ave. | Hunter, NY 12442
800-HUNTERMTN | 800-486-8376 | huntermtn.com
PLATTEKILL MOUNTAIN

MOUNTAIN STATS:
Summit Elevation: 3,500’
Base Elevation: 2400’
Vertical: 1,100’
Number of Lifts: 4
Triple Chair, Double Chair, Two Carpet Lifts
(Learning Center and Tubing Park)
Longest Trail: 2 miles
Average Snowfall: 175”

Snowmaking: 75%
Terrain Park: 1
Number of Trails: 38

PERCENTAGE OF TERRAIN:
Easier: 20%
Difficult: 40%
More Difficult: 20%
Most Difficult: 20%

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!
Please visit https://www.plattekill.com/covid-19/ for Plattekill’s COVID Health & Safety policy

HOURS OF OPERATION

SKIING & SNOWBOARDING
Friday-Sunday 8:45am-4:15pm
Martin Luther King Holiday:
Open January 17, 2022
Presidents’ Holiday Week:
Open Daily February 21-25, 2022

SNOWTUBING
Saturdays & Sundays through
March 13, 2022: 11am-5pm
Holidays: Open Daily
January 17, 2022
February 21-25, 2022

469 Plattekill Rd. | Roxbury, NY 12474
607 326 3500 | plattekill.com
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!
Please visit https://www.windhammountain.com/covid2122/ for Windham Mountain’s COVID Health & Safety policy

HOURS OF OPERATION

SKIING & SNOWBOARDING
Monday through Friday
9:00am – 4:00pm
Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays
8:00am – 4:00pm

TUBING PARK
Saturday Sessions (non holiday):
11:00am – 1:00pm, 1:00pm – 3:00pm
3:00pm – 5:00pm, 5:00pm – 8:00pm

TUBING PARK, CONT.
Sunday Sessions (non holiday):
11:00am – 1:00pm, 1:00pm – 3:00pm
3:00pm – 5:00pm

Holiday Sessions:
January 1: 11:00am – 8:00pm
January 2: 11:00am – 5:00pm
January 17: 11:00am – 5:00pm
February 20-26: 11:00am – 8:00pm
March 5-6: 11:00am – 5:00pm

MOUNTAIN STATS:
Top Elevation: 3,100’
Vertical Rise: 1,600’
Slope Length: 300-12,000’
Total Acres: 732
Acreage: 285 skiable acres

Number of Trails: 54
Terrain Parks: 6
Snowmaking: 97% of trails
Uphill Capacity: 19,890 passengers/hour
Number of Lifts: 11
1 high-speed 6 passenger, 2 high-speed quads, 2 triples, 1 double, 5 surface
Located just two and a half hours north of New York City, Windham Mountain is a place to get lost and found again, to find tranquility and stunning adventure close to home. As a premier destination in the Catskill Mountain Region of New York, Windham Mountain creates a welcoming community for families and friends seeking a fun, recreational, or peaceful escape to the mountains.

For the 2021/2022 winter season, Windham Mountain continues to offer an “Above and Beyond” experience, with expertly groomed trails, state-of-the-art facilities, high-quality gear, and prioritization of capacity limits for valued guests over large-volume crowds—that means less time standing in line, and more time doing what you love!

Capacity Calendar and Lift Tickets
A “Green & Red” capacity calendar will again be in effect for winter 2021/2022 with limitations on the number of guests we can accommodate during peak visitation periods. On “green days,” there are no anticipated capacity restrictions. Advance purchase of lift tickets are recommended and on-site ticket purchase will be available. On “red days,” capacity restrictions will be in place. Available lift tickets for red days must be purchased in advance online only as no “day-of” purchases at ticket windows will be available. Season passholders have unrestricted access on green and red days. IKON passholders may visit on red days with a valid product.

Guests purchasing a lift ticket at Windham Mountain for the first time will redeem QR codes from confirmation emails by scanning them at self-service ticket kiosks. Guests who have reloaded tickets onto their RFID cards via windhammountain.com may proceed directly to the lift. Windham Mountain operates via cashless transactions. Acceptable forms of payment include: credit/debit cards, Windham Mountain Gift Cards, the option to set up “Resort Charge” on RFID cards and season passes, which allows your purchases to be charged to your credit card automatically once a card is on file. Guests can also take advantage of “Snow Dough," which is cash without the hassle at the register: pre-load money onto any card or pass and leave your wallet at home.

Windham Mountain’s Ski and Ride School
Windham Mountain’s Ski and Ride School develops skiers and snowboarders of all ages and abilities. Group and private lessons for all ages are available for skiing and snow-
boarding. Advance reservations are required and can be made online. For children ages three to twelve, Windham Mountain Kids will help any child get the most out of the skiing and snowboarding experience, whether it’s their first time on snow or they’re seasoned shredders. This year, Windham Mountain is so excited to introduce Base Camp, our renovated, brand-new kids’ facility featuring state-of-the art resources geared towards helping young skiers and snowboarders to become the best they can be. Advance reservations for rental equipment is required for the season, as no on-site purchase of rental equipment will be available. Reservations can be made online. Rental packages do not include lift tickets, tickets must be purchased in addition to rental gear.

**Dining Options**
Refuel, warm up, and enjoy your après ski experience with Windham Mountain’s fantastic on-mountain dining options. At Seasons, enjoy American cuisine and two bars with panoramic mountain views, or take in a casual, cafeteria atmosphere with grab and go options from Mountain Express. Don’t miss the European-inspired Umbrella Bar, with up to eight craft beers on tap, a full bar, and wine selections enclosed in a heated area with views of the slopes. Wheelhouse Mountain Lodge offers breakfast, lunch, snacks, and cold beer inside or on the deck with an awesome Catskills view. New for the 21/22 season, visit Coffee Corner for grab and go coffee, snacks, and food. BBQ, tacos, and waffles to-go are available on the base patio.

**Tubing Park**
The Tubing Park will be open Saturdays from 11 am to 8 pm and Sundays from 11 am to 5 pm, with additional holiday hours. Snow Tubing tickets are available in sessions for $25.00 per ticket per session. The 2 hour session on Sunday is only $15.00. Five tickets for one session costs just $100. See page 24 for Tubing Park operating hours.

Advance reservations are strongly recommended as session capacity will be limited, and ticket availability cannot be guaranteed. Guests may arrive early to purchase tickets for a later session and return at their designated time.

**COVID Policies**
As Windham Mountain welcomes guests back for the 2021/2022 winter season, the health, safety, and well-being of guests, staff, and the Windham community remains a top priority. Masks are recommended for all guests and staff when indoors. Masks are required in the 3500 Club and Windham Mountain Sports, regardless of vaccination status. Guests who are unvaccinated are required to wear masks when indoors at all times, except when eating or drinking while seated indoors. At Base Camp, masks are required during check-in and check-out procedures for all guests and staff, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are not required outdoors or while riding chairlifts. Visit windhammountain.com for more information about Windham Mountain’s COVID-19 policies.

Whether you are a longtime sports enthusiast or seeking fun and relaxation in the company of family and friends, Windham Mountain provides a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment for all. Visit windhammountain.com for to book lodging and for more information on upcoming events. Elevate your experience and find your land in the sky, we can’t wait to see you.
Windham Mountain is a place to get lost and found again, to find stunning adventure close to home, and to be reminded of how good it feels to be alive with family and friends in the fresh air. We offer a winter experience focused on guest satisfaction with reduced capacity on premium days. That means less time standing in line and more time doing what you love. Join us year-round for more fun activities and some of the best views the Catskills have to offer.

Plan your Above and Beyond experience at: www.WindhamMountain.com
Off the Slopes

Need a place to stay, have a meal, maybe do some shopping or visit a spa, or indulge in a bit of après-ski? We’ve got you covered. Check out these businesses in the Catskills who LOVE winter as much as you do, and are ready to help you out!

THE ARTS

Woodstock Art Exchange & Pablo Glass Studio
1396 State Route 28
West Hurley, NY 12491
woodstockartexchange.com
646 256 9688

Come and be blown away by the Pablo Glass Studio and Woodstock Art Exchange, right on Route 28 in West Hurley! Glassblowing (open to the public) and our gallery and giftshop make us a unique and entertaining weekend destination. Hours: Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 to 6. Call 646 256 9688 for more information.

Catskill Mountain Foundation’s Piano Performance Museum
7971 Main Street
Hunter, NY 12442
catskillmnt.com
518 263 2063

The Catskill Mountain Foundation’s Piano Performance Museum is the home of the Steven E. Greenstein Piano Collection, a one-of-a-kind collection of historic pianos and musical artifacts. A destination unlike any other in the United States, the Piano Performance Museum offers a unique glimpse into the development of pianos in Europe and America over the past four centuries. Open on Fridays and Saturdays by appointment only. Email ppm@catskillmnt.com or call 518 263 2063 to make an appointment for your visit.
DIFFERENT ADVENTURES FROM MILD TO WILD

NEW YORK ZIPLINE CANOPY TOURS
ziplinenewyork.com

Soar up to 600’ above the forest floor at almost 50 MPH on the Skyrider Tour - one of the longest and highest zipline tours in North America. Experience the forest canopy like never before via multiple ziplines and rope bridges on the family friendly Mid Mountain Canopy Tour.

(518) 263-4388
ziplinenewyork.com

ONLY 2 HOURS FROM NYC!

INTERSTATE 87
Exit 20 Northbound
Exit 21 Southbound
Delaware & Ulster Railroad
43510 State Highway 28
Arkville, NY 12406
durr.org
800 225 4132
See you in 2022! Now that winter is upon us, we are continuing to work on our tracks. Next year we want to be able to announce: “All Aboard … Next Stop Highmount /Belleayre!” The Delaware & Ulster Railroad is embarking on a major project to restore our tracks to Highmount and Belleayre Ski Resort. What will it take for us to restore our tracks to Highmount? 7,000 environmentally friendly cross ties, treated with “Copper Naphthenate”; 28,000 new rail spikes; 2,000 tons of stone ballast; and lots of hard work and dedication by the team at the Delaware & Ulster Railroad.

Hanford Mills Museum
51 Co Rd 12
East Meredith, NY 13757
hanfordmills.org
607 278 5744
Hanford Mills Museum operates an authentic water-powered sawmill, gristmill, and woodworking shop in East Meredith, NY. Guided tours offered May 15-October 15. On February 5, Hanford Mills will hold an Ice Harvest, recreating a Catskills winter tradition. Before mechanical refrigeration, ice was cut from frozen ponds and then used to keep food and agricultural products cool in the warmer months. Please note for safety reasons, no photography is allowed while on the ice. The event is weather and ice dependent, so visit hanfordmills.org or call 607 278 5744 for updates.

New York Zipline Adventures
Located at Hunter Mountain Route 23A
Hunter, NY 12442
ZiplineNewYork.com
518 263 4388
New York Zipline Adventures offers incredible outdoor adventure tours ranging from ‘mild’ family-oriented outings to
a ‘wild’ adventurous experience and everything in between. Soar up to 600’ above the forest floor at almost 50 MPH on the Skyrider Tour - one of the longest and highest zipline tours in North America, or experience the forest canopy like never before via multiple ziplines and rope bridges on the family friendly Mid Mountain Canopy Tour. Just 2 hours from NYC.

**CAR DEALERSHIP**

Thorpe’s GMC  
5964 Main Street  
Tannersville, NY 12485  
thorpesgmncinc.com  
518 589 7142  
Thorpe’s unmatched service and diverse GMC inventory have set them apart as the preferred dealer in Tannersville. With a full-service team of sales and service professionals, visit them today to discover why they have the best reputation in the area. They offer one of the largest GMC inventories in New York, and their trained sales staff will help you every step of the way.

**CHOCOLATE**

Fruition Chocolate Works  
3091 NY-28  
Shokan, NY 12481  
fruitionchocolateworks.com  
845 657 6717  
Established in 2011, Fruition Chocolate Works is a small batch, bean-to-
bar chocolate workshop. At Fruition we begin by selecting ethically sourced and flavorful cocoa beans. Using traditional and modern techniques, we handcraft our award-winning line of chocolates and confections with an eye to detail. Stop by our retail cafe and gift shop, now open daily from 9 am to 5 pm, for chocolate, cafe drinks including Hot Chocolate, Mochas, and Bourbon Caramel Lattes, and shop for gifts and self-indulgences alike. We’re honored to have been internationally recognized as one of the best chocolate makers in the world, but we maintain our humble roots, and hope you will appreciate the passion, technique, and quality of ingredients that go into our chocolate and confections.

COFFEE

Higher Grounds Coffee Co.
61 NY-296
Windham, NY 12496
facebook.com/
highergroundswindham
highergroundssorder.com
518 734 4120

A small, quaint and cozy cafe featuring unique sandwiches, fresh baked goods, breakfasts, salads, soups, smoothies, ice cream seasonally, and of course, coffee and espresso! We work our hardest to put love and soul into our food. Our hope is that it translates into the taste, and you leave here feeling appreciated, comfortable and, most importantly, full and happy. Open daily from 7 am to 6 pm. Order online at highergroundssorder.com

COMMUNITY CENTERS

Main Street Community Center
5494 NY-23
Windham, NY 12496
mainstreetcenter.org
518 734 4168

The Main Street Community Center is intended to benefit all of the communities of the Mountain Top. The Main Street Community Center strives to build a caring, welcoming and inclusive environment for all residents and visitors alike. Centrally located in Windham, the building contains multiple rooms, including two bathrooms (one is handicap accessible), a large sitting area, a conference room, individual workspaces with computer monitors and a large screen TV, free WiFi, access to printers, and a studio for creative activities. The Artist’s Hideaway provides individual lockers for artists to safely store their supplies. There is plenty of on site parking. The Center has an ever increasing offering of classes, programs, and events for people of all ages.

Phoenix Web Collective
7947 Main Street
Hunter, NY 12442
phoenixwebcollective.com
518 628 5101

Mutual aid resource on the mountain! Our storefront features a Local Artist Shop, Makers’ Space, and our Free Mart—a place where
you can get gently used and vintage clothing, home goods, food, toys, books, music, movies, jewelry, electronics, and more for free or “pay-what-you-can.” We also host small events and workshops. Shop locally made artwork, or use our supplies to create your own. All are welcome!

**HOME & GARDEN**

**Best Hot Tubs**
5354 Route 23
Windham, NY 12496
besthottubs.com
518 734 9100
Best Hot Tubs Windham store serves the Hunter/Windham, NY and entire Mountain Top area, including the nearby ski resorts at Hunter, Windham and Belleayre. You will find the right hot tub for your lifestyle and all the accessories you need to make your summer and winter spa experience perfect. Bullfrog Spas are the only hot tubs personalized just for you with a complete array of unique, interchangeable JetPaks. Best Hot Tubs can help you design your perfect backyard and select the right Bullfrog Spa to feature, along with many other products and services.

**Gardens by Trista**
176 Polen Hill Road
Gilboa, NY 12076
gardensbytrista.com
607 588 6762
Gardens by Trista is a full service landscape company focused on providing...
each client with the individualized landscape or garden of their dreams. We know each property and client holds their own unique essence which we use to transform the land and its elements into their personalized landscape. We strive to fulfill the needs of each and every customer. Whether it be a complete design/build for new construction or help with an existing garden that needs a rejuvenation. We also have an extensive garden maintenance division to help keep your landscape and garden in pristine condition.

GNH Lumber
5477 Route 23
Windham, NY 12496
GNHLumber.com
518 734 3760 (Windham)

Additional location at 11513 NY-32, Greenville, NY 12083
518 966-5333 (Greenville)
Visit GNH in Windham or Greenville today! We’re your source for quality lumber, hardware, building materials, paint and stain, and construction tools and supplies. Do you want to create a one-of-a-kind kitchen sanctuary or bathroom oasis? Our expert design team is ready to help make your vision a reality. Compare our prices and services with other suppliers and discover for yourself why GNH has a reputation for the quality and customer service you deserve since 1937. We’ll see you soon!

Houst Hardware
4 Mill Hill Road
Woodstock, NY 12498
housthardware.com
845 679 2115
Shop local with Houst Hardware, independent and family owned for 88 years. For all your projects, Houst Has IT. Benjamin Moore Paints, Equipment Rentals, Tools, Plumbing, Electrical, Organic and Heirloom Garden Seeds, Organic Soils and Fertilizers, Housewares, Weber grills, Seasonal products, Camping and Toys. Everything you need for work and play.

Mountain Sheds
11111 Route 23
Windham, NY 12496
backyardoutfitters.com
518 588 9353 Call or Text
We sell portable CUSTOM buildings including Deluxe cabins, playhouse cabins, side porch cabins, utility sheds with or without a dormer package, mini barns, lofted barns, playhouses, garages, double wide garages, cabanas, chicken coops, and animal shelters. We have many buildings in stock for immediate purchase, or you may customize your building with many different options available. Currently our lead time for a custom building is four weeks, with free delivery within 30 miles of our lot. Sheds are open to browse seven days a week. Our lot displays many of our options, along with colors and sizes. These buildings are made locally by expert Mennonite craftsmen with high quality construction and materials. We offer a Buy or Rent-to-Own option with no credit check.

Mountain Comfort Food & Craft Cocktails
746 Main St. Margaretville, NY 12455 | (845) 586-4884
binnekilltavern.com | @BinnekillTavern on Instagram

The spiciest Apres Ski in the Catskills featuring tacos & tequila!
302 Main Street, Pine Hill, NY 12465
@TitoBanditos on Instagram
www.TitoBanditos.com
Pure Catskills
purecatskills.com
Pure Catskills is a regional, buy local campaign developed by the Watershed Agricultural Council to improve the economic viability of the local community, sustain the working landscapes of the Catskills and preserve water quality in the NYC Watershed Region. Pure Catskills works to promote hundreds of farm, forest and local businesses throughout Delaware, Greene, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster Counties in New York State. Search their website for local products, or pick up a copy of the Guide to Pure Catskills Products!

LODGING

Best Western Plus
Uptown Kingston
Off NYS Thruway Exit 19
503 Washington Avenue
Kingston, NY 12401
bwpkingston.com
845 338 0400 • 800 780 7234
A modern, full-service hotel located less than a mile from I-87. Situated within walking distance to the Stockade District and trendy uptown Kingston shops, restaurants and attractions. On-site amenities include First Capitol Bistro, a heated indoor saltwater
pool, and complimentary WiFi & breakfast. Explore all of the outdoor activities that the Catskills and Hudson River are famous for, including the Ashokan Rail Trail, Mohonk Preserve, and more, from one convenient location. Hiking enthusiasts will love the Mohonk Preserve Hiking Experience. Ski nearby at Belleayre, Hunter or Windham.

The Emerson Resort & Spa
5340 Route 28
Mt. Tremper, NY 12457
emersonresort.com
845 688 2828

The Emerson Resort & Spa is a hidden treasure surrounded by the splendor of the Catskill Mountains. With spacious accommodations in the contemporary Inn and log cabin style Lodge, Emerson guests enjoy our nature-inspired Spa, contemporary cuisine in our signature restaurant Woodnotes Grille, shopping in The Shops at Emerson and the World’s Largest Kaleidoscope. The Emerson is an idyllic location for intimate weddings and family reunions. Dogs are welcome.

Greenville Arms
11135 State Route 32
Greenville, NY 12083
518 966 5219
greenvillearms.com

Originally built in 1889, our historically registered Inn is situated on six acres of gardens, lawns, and woodlands. The Queen Anne Revival-style main house, renovated Carriage House, and recently constructed Cottage building are host to 16 guest rooms open year-round to guests. Every guest room is uniquely decorated with a blend of antiques and modern amenities. A hot, cooked-to-order breakfast is included with each room.

Catskill Mountain Foundation’s Mountain Cinema
7971 Main Street
Hunter, NY 12442
catskillmtn.org
518 263 4702

Top Hollywood, foreign, and independent films in Hunter, just a mile west of Hunter Mountain and a short drive from Windham Mountain. Available for rental; call 518 263 2072 for rates and more information.
Dante is a local freelance photographer based in Upstate NY, whose work has appeared in the Guide. Dante specializes in photography and video work both for branding and for weddings. Recent branding work includes Ben’s Insect Repellent brand and Union + Post in Windham. Dante can also be the person to help capture your special day. From start to finish he’ll be there to capture every moment for you to remember.

Francis X. Driscoll
Photography
Images of the Northern Catskills
francisxdriscoll.com
518 589 5600

A frequent contributor to the Guide magazine, Francis X. Driscoll is an award-winning nature photographer whose work involves total immersion in a setting so that he might capture that rare glimpse. His primary subject is the Catskill Forest Preserve. He shares his craft with others by leading hikes, conducting workshops and giving private instruction.

Catskill Mountain Printing Services
7971 Main Street
Hunter, NY 12442
518 263 2001

Your one-stop shop for fast, personal service for all of your printing needs. Graphic design services are available, and we can print green!

WRIP 97.9FM
wripfm.com
Streaming at rip979.com

WRIP 97.9 is the radio voice of the Mountain-top and Valley. Broadcasting 24/7 with the equivalent of 6,000 Watts of power, we are the only radio station covering the entire region between the Hudson Valley and Oneonta. WRIP is independently owned and operated. WRIP is heard on these FM frequencies: 97.9 in Windham and Hunter, 97.5 in Durham and Greenville, 103.7 in Catskill and Hudson, 104.5 in Stamford and Delaware County, and streaming worldwide at rip979.com.
Brainard Ridge Realty
237 South Street
Windham, NY 12496
brainardridge.com
518 734 5333
Specializing in Windham Mountain and the surrounding area for over 35 years. Visit our web site at brainardridge.com for a variety of listings both on and off the mountain: Homes, Townhomes, Rentals and Land. Whatever your needs we are here for you. Call us today!

Gordon Hunter Mountain Realty
6528 Route 23A
Hunter, NY 12442
gordonrealty.com
518 589 9000
Gordon Hunter Mountain Realty is dedicated to serving you when you’re looking for property in Upstate New York and Northern Catskill Mountains. Our professional staff specializes in properties near Hunter Mountain and Windham Mountain ski resorts, including Hunter, Tannersville, Jewett, Lexington, Prattsville, Windham, and Ashland. We know the Catskill Mountains and look forward to showing you all that is available to see, do and live in our wonderful world.

John S. Pumilia, Associate Broker
Shaw Country Realty
5359 State Route 23
Windham, NY 12496
516 909 1021
windhamnyproperties.com
With unparalleled industry knowledge, experience, and local expertise, I’m the Windham, NY Real Estate expert you’ve been looking for. Whether you’re buying or selling, I can help you get the best deal. I feel that having the right real estate agent means having an agent who is committed to helping you buy or sell your home with the highest level of expertise in your local market. This means also to help you in understanding each step of the buying or selling process. I am a member of the Columbia-Greene-Northern Dutchess Multiple Listing Service (MLS). This commitment level, along with my 35 years experience as a carpenter and contractor in residential construction has helped me build a remarkable track record of delivering results.

Carol Shaw, Broker/Owner
Shaw Country Realty
5359 State Route 23
Windham, NY 12496
518 734 3500
With offices in Windham and Hunter, NY, Shaw Country Realty has been your Mountain Top experts since 1985. Let Shaw Country Realty sell
your property or find your weekend escape: land, townhouses, condos, homes, commercial property and seasonal rentals. If you are looking to sell your home, please let us know. We can accommodate your needs and walk you right through the process. Local Counts! We use a wide network of local attorneys, banks, contractors, and other services. Why is local better? It’s simple... the personal touch from people know know the mountaintop area and its uniqueness. Keeping it personal and friendly is the Shaw way!

**Welch Realty**
7770 Main Street
Hunter, NY 12442
welchrealtyny.com
518 263 5161

Full service realtors serving northwest Greene County including Hunter, Haines Falls, Tannersville, Lanesville, Windham, Jewett, Lexington, Westkill, Spruceton, Hensonville, Maplecrest, Prattsville, and Palenville. They also serve locations in Albany, Ulster and Columbia counties. Welch Realty’s experienced professionals are a trusted source for residential and commercial listings, including vacation homes and cabins.

**Windstar Realty Group**
Locations in Windham, Catskill, and Grand Gorge
windstarrealty.com
518 734 6600

Offices open 6-7 days a week

Windstar Realty Group, “The Fastest Growing Realtor on the Mountaintop,” is a non-virtual full-service Real Estate Agency serving the Greene and Delaware County areas of NY from our Windham and Stamford offices. Our agency has an experienced Real Estate Attorney and the perfect blend of highly experienced Realtors and younger tech-savvy Realtors. We specialize in a true team approach: our agents work together to make sure our clients have the best experience. If you are looking to sell, purchase, or rent in the serene Catskill region, contact Windstar Realty Group.

**Catskill Interpretive Center**
5096 State Route 28
Mt. Tremper, NY 12457
CatskillInterpretiveCenter.org
845 688 3369

The Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center is your gateway to Catskills, where you can learn about the vast outdoor recreational opportunities in the area as well as discover Catskills communities and rich cultural and natural history.

**Windham Mountain Outfitters**
61 State Route 296
Windham, NY 12496
WindhamOutfitters.com
(518) 734-4700

Winter Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30am-5:30pm; Fri 8:30am-10:30pm; Sat 7:30am-6:00pm; Sun 7:30am-5:00pm

Open Late on Friday!
Binnekill Tavern
746 Main St.
Margaretville, NY 12455
binnekilltavern.com
845 586 4884

Binnekill Tavern, located in the center of Margaretville, is a warm, friendly tavern featuring “Mountain Comfort Food”. The dining room provides riverside views and a large copper fireplace. The kitchen expertly cooks modern tavern classics like Lamb Meatloaf, Pork Schnitzel, Shrimp Cocktail, burgers, homemade soups, daily seafood specials and much more. The Tavern serves an extensive list of inventive hand-crafted cocktails, local beers on tap and a well curated wine list. Open for dinner Thursday-Sunday from 4 to 8 pm, and lunch Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 pm. Country Casual. Reservations recommended.

Brandywine
11157 State Route 23
Windham, NY 12496
brandywinewindham.com
518 734 3838

For the past 35 years, this full-service Italian restaurant has offered great food and impeccable service. Share wonderful memories with your loved ones as we fill your table with delicious Italian cuisine. Born and raised in Southern Italy, owner Louis Caracciolo has mastered the art of
Italian cookery. We guarantee that we know the formula to capture the rich flavor of your favorite Italian dishes.

**Casa Vallarta**
1571 Ulster Avenue
Lake Katrine, NY 12449
casavallarta.us
845 481 5318
We take pride in sharing with you our festive heritage and authentic Mexican styled foods from the port of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on the Pacific ocean coast. All our dishes are prepared with care and our promise of satisfaction. Large menu of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, appetizers, soups & salads, burritos, tacos, enchiladas, chimichangas, and fajitas, as well as beef, pork, chicken, seafood and vegetarian entrees. And don't forget the daily specials and dessert! All locations of Casa Vallarta are family owned and operated.

**Chef Deanna**
1645 County Highway 6
Bovina Center, NY 13740
chefdeanna.com
Weddings and special event catering, with delivery available for larger events! Chef Deanna has been on the cutting edge of the sustainable food industry for over 15 years. Surrounded by farmers and local food makers, Chef Deanna creates beautiful dishes using her Sicilian heritage and her love of everything sweet and savory.

**Gracie’s Luncheonette**
969 Main Street
Leeds, NY 12451
518 943 9363
graciestruckny.com
Gracie’s began in 2014 as a food truck serving up made from-scratch American classics. Our diner-style burgers, fried chicken sandwich, loaded fries and donuts are our signature menu items. All of our breads, pastries and desserts are made fresh in house every day. We make all of our own condiments and even our own cheese. We buy whole beef from Josef Meiller’s farm in Pine Plains, NY and we grind our own special blend for our burgers as well as cut our own steaks. We also cure and smoke our own bacon, pastrami and other meats. All eggs, dairy, produce and other meats are all sourced as locally as possible. Our potatoes for our French fries are even grown right in Catskill at Story’s Farm and hand-cut daily!

**Hunter Mountain Brewery**
7267 Route 23A
Hunter, NY 12442
HMBCatskills.com
518 263 3300
Over 15 home brewed beers on tap including seasonal ales, IPA’s, porters, stouts, lagers and more. Available for in house and take out in our 64 oz growlers or canned four packs. Weekly specials include taco Tuesdays, sushi Thursdays, and prime rib Fridays. Stop in for the best views and brews on the mountain top. Hours of operation: Monday through Thursday 2 to 8 pm, Friday-Saturday 12 to 10 pm, Sunday 12 to 9 pm.

---

**Rustic Elegance for Mountain Living**
Offering Custom Upholstered, Twig, and Shaker Furniture, Antler Chandeliers, Woolrich Clothing, Pendleton Blankets, Lamps, Linens and Wall Decor

Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday 10am-5pm
Rt. 28, Shokan, NY 845-657-9792
www.rustic-cabin.com
Jägerberg Beer Hall & Alpine Tavern
7722 Main Street
Hunter, NY 12442
jagerberghall.com
518 628 5188

Jägerberg Beer Hall & Alpine tavern serves updated versions of your favorite German and alpine classics. Located on Main Street in Hunter, directly across from Hunter Mountain Ski resort, Jägerberg is the perfect location for après ski or après hike food and drink. We feature imported German and local NYS beer and wine. Our cocktail menu features unique cocktails made with hard-to-find European spirits. We are currently offering indoor dining with social distancing rules enforced and full outdoor dining. Reservations are recommended. Reserve a table or order take-out on our website jagerberghall.com.

Jessie’s Harvest House
5819 Main Street
Tannersville, NY 12485
jessiesharvesthouse.com
518 589 5445

Jessie’s Harvest House Restaurant and Lodge is a welcoming & cozy place to gather, featuring a delicious menu of American-style cuisine and elevated comfort foods, with locally-sourced ingredients, a friendly tavern, and rustic country lodging. Family-owned & family-run, we love to share all the freshest foods our area has to offer! Indoor and outdoor dining available.

La Cabaña Mexican Restaurant & Bar
966 Main St.
Fleischmanns, NY 12442
lacabanarestaurantny.com
845 254 4966

Family owned and operated since 1993, La Cabaña is rich in tradition and authenticity. Our dinners are individually prepared with the freshest ingredients available. You’ll find all of your favorites on the menu, from enchiladas, burritos, tacos, chimichangas and flautas to chile rellenos, carne asada, nachos and quesadillas to traditional desserts such as flan, fried ice cream and churros. Vegetarian options are available. Closed Wednesday and Thursday.

Pancho Villa’s Mexican Restaurant
6037 Main Street
Tannersville, NY 12485
panchovillamex.com
518 589 5134

The Best Mexican Food this side of the Border! Pancho Villa’s is owned and operated by the Oscar and Patricia Azcue family. They have been proudly serving authentic Mexican food on Main Street in Tannersville since 1992. Rooted
in tradition, their passion is sharing great food and good company. All of the traditional Mexican favorites are served here, from enchiladas and burritos to chimichangas and flautas...plus great margaritas and daiquiris! Open every day except Tuesday.

Tito Bandito’s, located in the center of Pine Hill, is the spot to enjoy modern Mexican cuisine and hand-crafted cocktails. Our menu features traditional and inventive tacos, quesadillas, burritos, and much more. The bar serves local and Mexican beer on tap, specialty margaritas, and an extensive tequila list. Check out our specials and events online. Fun and casual. Indoor and outdoor seating. Take-out. Open Friday through Sunday for dinner, Saturday and Sunday lunch and dinner.

Watershed
53470 State Highway 30
Roxbury, NY 12474
watershedroxbury.com
607 326 6336
Coffee, cafe, cocktails, and community on Roxbury’s front porch, a gathering spot since 1845. Our building has a rich history of serving the community—and so do we. We welcome you to join the tradition! We are coffee experts, drawing on two decades of experience in pulling the perfect shot. Watch as our baristas work the Faema to bring you a carefully crafted cup with a generous pour. Our food takes the same care with simple, fresh ingredients. We source locally whenever possible and stand on the side of our organic suppliers.

Woodnotes Grille at the Emerson Resort & Spa
5340 Route 28
Mt. Tremper, NY 12457
emersonresort.com
845 688 2828, option 6
Contemporary cuisine, locally sourced and classically crafted, prepared with fresh ingredients and unforgettable flavors that hone in on the local spirit. Enjoy handcrafted cocktails made with high-end artisanal spirits and fresh squeezed juices, local beers and an extensive wine list. At Woodnotes Grille, every meal will be your favorite.
Conveniently located in Alpine Garden Village in Windham, Briars and Brambles Books is your go-to Indie Bookstore in the heart of the Catskill Mountains. Briars & Brambles Books is a dream come true for owner & part-time Windham resident, Jen Schwartz. Jen has combined her love of books with her experience as a long-time library volunteer and past library board president to create an inviting, knowledgeable and professional atmosphere. Jen’s hand-picked team includes: a rare-book aficionado, a former teacher with her own line of children’s decor, and a college student with remarkable curiosity. The Briars & Brambles team understands that being a bookseller involves so much more than simply “selling books” and is committed to providing unparalleled personal attention.

Operated by the Catskill Mountain Foundation and located next door to the Orpheum Film & Performing Arts Center, our shop features a curated selection of books and gifts from around the Region and around the world. Open Friday through Sunday and holiday Mondays from 11 am to 6 pm.

Pharmacy, photo finishing, health and beauty products, fragrances, snacks, drinks, newspapers and magazines, and more. Your go-to stop if you’ve forgotten that extra important something on your trip. For any special occasion, they carry cards, candy, decorations, and a wide variety of reasonably-priced gifts.

A locally owned and operated family business, Kenco’s doors first opened in 1982, and is committed to the proposition that hard workers need clothing and gear to match their ambition. Since then we have applied the same principle and grown to include clothing and footwear for working, outdoor adventure, and casual Catskill living. Kenco is the place to go to for knowledge and gear for your next outdoor Catskills adventure.
The Knitting Room
11111 State Route 23
Windham, NY 12496
theknittingroomny.com
518 768 1944
Co owned by long time friends May and Zairi, The Knitting Room is a yarn store specializing in locally produced and hand dyed yarn. Come touch gorgeous yarn and stay to knit or crochet over a cup of hot cocoa, latte or tea. We offer beginner and advanced classes, and help starting new projects. With gorgeous views of Windham Mountain and a great atmosphere, any afternoon spent at The Knitting Room is guaranteed good fun in fantastic company.

Moose Crossing
1 Reservoir Rd.
Shokan, NY 12481
rustic-cabin.com
845 657 9792
Casual, rustic and country Adirondack-style furniture, home furnishings, home decor, accessories, gifts and collectibles. Hand-crafted, Made-In-America sold wood furniture and furnishings for your home, lodge or cabin. Jewelry, blankets, pillows, rugs and clothing in Native American, Western and country motifs and styles. The best selection of nature-inspired items hand crafted from artisanal craftsmen located locally and from around the country.

Potter Brothers
Ski & Snowboard Shop
57 City View Terrace
Kingston, NY 12401
potterbrothers.com
845 338 5119
Family owned and operated since 1945, Potter Brothers is a specialty ski and snowboard shop with two Hudson Valley locations in Kingston (NY) and Fishkill (NY) and three on-mountain shops at Jiminy Peak (MA), Bromley (VT) and Killington (VT). At Potter Brothers you'll find premium gear, backed by superior service plus and rentals to ride your favorite mountains. Celebrating 76 years in business. Welcome to Potter Brothers.
The Shops at Emerson
5340 Route 28
Mt. Tremper, NY 12457
emersonresort.com
845 688 2828

Housed in a lovingly restored 19th century dairy barn, The Shops at Emerson is a unique shopping experience. Walk across hand-laid brick floors surrounded by original wood beams as you stroll from store to store. You’ll find a distinct selection of modern farmhouse décor and furnishings, women’s and men’s contemporary clothing, hand-crafted artisan kaleidoscopes, nostalgic toys, local food products, Catskills souvenirs and more. The Shops at Emerson is also home to the World's Largest Kaleidoscope and the Kaleidoshow, a visual and sound experience for all ages. Complimentary Wrapping.

Windham Mountain Outfitters
61 State Route 296
Windham, NY 12496
WindhamOutfitters.com
518 734 4700

Windham Outfitters offers top of the line outdoor gear and equipment for rental or purchase year-round activities. We have everything you need to enjoy the area whether it is skiing and boarding on the area’s slopes, or snowshoeing or cross-country skiing the wooded area trails. Whether you’re looking to rent or buy, we carry all the top industry brands in any size for a perfect fit for your goals and budget. Our outerwear and accessories are stylish, functional and comfortable. This full-service shop also does repairs and tune-ups. Open 7 days. Open late on Fridays!

W.T.S. & Company
Prattsville Plaza
14520 Main Street
Prattsville, NY 12468
whatthesoap.com
W.T.S. & Company is an eclectic, handmade gift shop, with a focus on NY makers—from jewelry to pottery, woodworking to fine art, candles, cards and crochet, we’ve cultivated a unique selection of NY made items! If local history, foraging, and nature are your passions, we have a fantastic collection of books you’ll love. Made on site by What.The.Soap., our handmade soaps, lotions and scrubs are second to none!

Catskill Center for Conservation & Development
43355 Route 28
Arkville, NY 12406
catskillcenter.org
845 586 2611

Since 1969, the Catskill Center has led the effort to protect and foster the environmental, cultural, and economic well-being of the Catskill Region.

SERVICES

Mountain Sheds
We carry many styles of customized sheds, including:
Deluxe Cabins, Garages, Lofted Barns, Small Barns, Utility Sheds, and Animal Shelters
Your gateway to establishing your business in any of the towns in the Catskill Mountains and Hudson Valley. Their team connects entrepreneurs, developers, site selectors, and corporate leadership with resources, municipalities, and investment incentives for job-creating businesses.

### SKIING

**Belleayre Mountain**  
181 Galli Curci Road  
Highmount, NY 12441  
belleayre.com  
845 254 5600  
Belleayre is a family-friendly mountain, located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, where you can find something for the entire family—long cruising trails, bumps, glades, parks, steeps, and a whole bunch of fun. There are 8 lifts (including a high-speed gondola and detachable quad), 174 skiable acres, 50 trails, almost 10 km of cross country trails, and 4 lodges. Lessons are offered at the mountain and can be purchased online. Choose from private lessons or beginner/novice group lessons for adults, teens, and kids.

**I SKI NY**  
iskiny.com  
Ski Areas of New York, Inc. is dedicated to the continued growth of the New York snow sports industry by working on behalf of its membership to promote fair legislation, develop marketing programs, create educational opportunities and enhance the public awareness of snow sports throughout the State and region.

**Windham Mountain**  
9 Resort Drive  
Windham, New York 12496  
windhammountain.com  
1 800 754 9463  
Be Above & Beyond. Just two and a half hours north of New York City, Windham Mountain is a place to get lost and found again, to find stunning adventure close to home, and to be reminded of how good it feels to be alive with family and friends in the fresh air. Elevate your experience. Find your Land in the Sky, Above and Beyond. We’ll see you up here.

### SPAS

**The Emerson Spa**  
5340 Route 28  
Mt. Tremper, NY 12457  
emersonresort.com  
845 688 2828  
Welcome to a harmonious blend of nature, balance and restoration. It is our pleasure to introduce you to spa therapies inspired by the earth’s elements and the tranquility of the Catskills. The Emerson Spa provides a serene experience that combines our natural surroundings with the deep relaxation effects of stone therapy and custom design treatments to suit the health, lifestyle and desire of every guest. Please call for a reservation.

### WINES & LIQUORS

**Elevated Wine & Spirits**  
7261 Route 23A  
Hunter, NY 12442  
518 263 4184  
Hunter Village Wines & Liquors has been Elevated! We’re always expanding our selection of traditional, organic, biodynamic, and natural wines, plus bartender-selected spirits including single village mezcals and small batch bourbons. From Barefoot Chardonnay to Cru Beaujolais, from Fireball to Fred #5. A wine & spirits shop for anyone at any budget. Lots of local spirits too.
International Fortepiano Salon Series

Salon #8: Improvisation in Historical Styles: Reviving a Lost Practice
Hosted by Maria Rose and Yiheng Yang
Nicola Canzano, harpsichordist, organist, composer, founder of Nuova Practica ... and others!

Saturday, January 29, 2022 @ 2 pm EST

Interested in performing or presenting your own piano? Please apply to academyfortepianoinfo@gmail.com with a brief bio and description of the music and piano to be presented.

Informal online performances and discussions with fortепianо students and professionals anywhere, hosted by AFP faculty and guest artists around the world.

FREE!
REGISTER AT www.catskillmtn.org

More information: www.catskillmtn.org www.academyfortepiano.org
Ski & Ride the Catskills

Photo courtesy of Belleayre Mountain
Photo courtesy of Plattekill Mountain
Photo courtesy of Windham Mountain
The Catskill Mountain Foundation’s Piano Performance Museum reopens to the public on Fridays and Saturdays, from 11am to 3pm by appointment only. Please call the CMF Reservation Line at 518 263 2063, to make an appointment to visit the museum. We will return your call as soon as possible to confirm your appointment.

The docent tour is approximately 30 minutes. Appointments are available for a maximum of three people at a time. Masks are required and temperatures will be recorded at the door and visitors will be asked to answer a short questionnaire related to Covid 19. During the pandemic, visitors will be asked not to touch the pianos or other artifacts on display in the museum. CMF staff have established healthful guidelines for your visit to the museum to provide as safe an environment as possible for visitors and staff. We welcome you and look forward to showing you our extraordinary collection of historical pianos from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

NOW OPEN BY APPOINTMENT!

Doctorow Center for the Arts
7971 Main Street, Route 23A, Hunter, New York • www.catskillmtn.org

**Hours:** By Appointment Only, Fridays & Saturdays 11am-3pm.

Please email **ppm@catskillmtn.org** or call **518 263 2063** to request an appointment.

*The CMF Piano Performance Museum is funded in part by the Jarvis and Constance Doctorow Family Foundation*
The MOUNTAIN CINEMA in Hunter IS OPEN!*  
*Subject to change based on guidance from New York State regarding containment of COVID-19  
Please visit catskillmtn.org for updates

DOCTOROW CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
7971 Main Street  
Village of Hunter

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PLEASE visit catskillmtn.org or call 518 263 4702 in advance.  
Shows open on Friday & run through Sunday.

 Ticket Prices: $11 / $9 seniors & children under 11

View each week’s schedule and view trailers for our films online at www.catskillmtn.org

The movie theater at the Orpheum Film & Performing Arts Center in Tannersville will be closed until further notice.

YOUR SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY

To ensure the safety of our patrons and staff, we have instituted the following procedures:

• Masks are required except when seated to drink or eat unless proof of vaccination is provided
• You must wait to be seated
• The Theaters will be sanitized between showings: do not enter the theater until escorted.
• We strongly encourage you to purchase your tickets in advance. Please visit www.catskillmtn.org and click on the film you’d like to see to choose your showing and reserve your seat!

RESERVE THE THEATER FOR A PRIVATE VIEWING!  
Call 518 263 2001 for more information

www.catskillmtn.org • 518 263 4702
Winter in the Catskills is off and running!

As we get further into the winter and even colder weather settles across our region, ski areas will open more terrain, there will be more snow for backcountry skiing, and our hiking trails turn into great snowshoe and cross country ski routes as natural snow piles up in the mountains. Instead of staying in, winter in the Catskill Mountains is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy the mountains.

If you are going to be spending some time in the great outdoors this January there are some common sense things you can do to make your activities more enjoyable. Each year around this time, I like to go over these tips to maximize my own enjoyment of the outdoors in the winter and hopefully maximize your enjoyment too.

Catskill Park Updates now Available for the Catskills Online

Local recreational opportunities are always changing, and by visiting the Catskills Visitor Center’s Trail Conditions blog, you can stay on top of those changes. Staff at the Visitor Center are regularly posting updates related to the Catskill Park, Catskill trails, Catskill campgrounds and camping, Catskill boating, and more at catskillsvisitorcenter.org/trail.

Catskill Park Day Coming in February
Help Support the Catskills!

Organized annually by the Catskill Center, the 2022 Catskill Park Day will be held virtually on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. This day is an opportunity for supporters of the Catskills to have their voice heard in Albany and to make a difference in the support and funding that the Park receives. For more information visit catskillcenter.org/advocacy or call 845 586 2611.

Some Tips for Enjoying Outdoor Sports in the Winter

Hikes, cross country ski trips, and snowshoe trips can all be fun, adventurous and beautiful in the winter, but they do require advanced planning as there is less room for mistakes and errors on a winter excursion because of the cold temperatures, generally higher winds, snow, ice and limited daylight hours.

Keeping Warm

Always be prepared on any hike, ski or snowshoe trip to keep warm and sheltered with nothing more than what you are carrying with you. Do not count on a campfire or stove to keep you warm, and learn how to layer your clothing to maximize warmth. You must always stay alert to the dangers of hypothermia and frostbite—know the signs of both and learn how to treat them.
Daylight
Unlike the long hours of daylight for hikes in the summertime, winter days are very short and darkness can easily surprise anyone in the woods with its quick arrival. Always plan out your trips to maximize your use of daylight. Always carry a flashlight and headlamp in case you are stuck in the darkness and still need to make your way out to the trailhead.

Skiing and Snowshoeing
Hiking in the snow takes a lot of effort since most often hikers without snowshoes “post-hole” their way along a trail. That is, with each step, a hiker sinks into the snow creating what looks like a hole for a post with every step. Cross-country skis and snowshoes, on the other hand, keep you on top of the snow and let you travel further with less energy than trying to hike on your own. Skiing and snowing open up a whole new way to look at the trails of the Catskill Mountains too, with adventures around every corner.

Trail Markers
Luckily in the Catskills we do not have white trail markers, but even so, the familiar red, blue and yellow trail markers may be hidden by deep snows, especially on mountain summits. Having a map and compass is always a good idea, but it is a necessity in the wintertime to make sure you do not lose your way. Get yourself a printed map from the Catskills Visitor Center’s gift shop for your hikes and don’t rely on battery powered devices: cold weather causes them to lose a charge much faster.

Additional Tips and Tricks
Here are some additional ideas, tips and suggestions for winter hiking, skiing and snowshoeing trips:

Stay dry and waterproof. Make sure you manage your core temperature while hiking to prevent sweating, which gets your clothes wet and limits their insulative value. Wear gaiters to help keep your legs dry, and pop your hood over your head when trekking through overhanging trees to prevent snow from getting in at the neck and getting you wet.

Winter is the wrong time to think you need to pack lightly. Carry many insulating layers including a spare set of long underwear tops and bottoms—putting on dry, cold clothes may shock the system initially but you will feel warmer quickly.
Make sure your equipment works.
Finding out your water bottle is cracked when it is 10 below at lunchtime is the wrong time to learn about it.

Be aware that solid food items freeze.
Cut up those Snickers bars ahead of time; even cold cuts can freeze!

Drink constantly. You will not feel as thirsty in cold weather as you do during summer activities.

Know how to repair snowshoe and crampon/creeper bindings so a broken binding doesn’t become an emergency deep in the woods.

Don’t use those ski pole wrist loops! A downhill fall can wrench a shoulder if you go one way and your ski pole stays put.

Ideally know your winter hike ahead of time. Trail finding is tricky with deep snow so knowing the route well is a good idea.

Favor hikes with few stream crossings. Crossings are dangerous as both a water hazard and possibly soaking everything you are wearing and carrying. Even just getting your snowshoes wet can result in heavy globs of ice stuck on.

If you’re hiking with a dog: check their paws for icing, make sure they are staying adequately hydrated and warm.

Be especially careful if conditions are icy. Crampons and creepers only work if you stay on your feet.

If you are a beginner winter hiker, consider a group hike to learn more about trail conditions and preparation.

With proper planning, the right skills and the right equipment, winter is a great time to get out and enjoy the Catskills. One of the best ways to fight off cabin fever is to get out of the cabin and get into the woods!
Hike the Catskills with the Hiker Trash Husbands

For years, my husband and I have been trying to find ways to better communicate the love that we have for the outdoors and for hiking, to our friends and family who don’t necessarily get out as much as we do. One of the ways we discovered how to do that was to start a YouTube channel about our hiking adventures, with lots of hikes in the Catskills. Thus was born the idea for The Hiker Trash Husbands, which you can now find at youtube.com/thewritertrashhusbands.

For both of us, The Hiker Trash Husbands is not only a way to show friends and family our hiking adventures, but an effort to provide positive LGBTQ+ representation in the hiking world. We’re looking forward to showcasing our own hiking adventures, along with finding other queer outdoors folks to highlight. You can learn more by visiting hikertrashhusbands.com.

Visit the Catskill Park’s Visitor Center

Located at 5096 Route 28 in Mount Tremper, the Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center (CVC) is the official visitor center for the Catskill Park. Operated and managed by the Catskill Center, staff are available at the CVC with information, maps and all the advice needed to plan a Catskill adventure. The CVC is open every day, except for Tuesdays, from 9:30am to 4pm. Visitors can get their Catskill questions answered in person, receive tourism literature, and make purchases at the CVC’s shop that includes hiking maps, regional books, and much more. CVC staff are also available to answer questions about the Catskills and the Catskill Park via email at info@catskillcenter.org or phone at 845 688 3369.

In addition to tourism services, there are 1.5 miles of trails on the CVC’s grounds, including the 0.5 mile ADA accessible Interpretive Loop Trail, which are open to the public daily. The 80-foot tall Upper Esopus Fire Tower is also open daily to visitors, offering unrivaled views of the surrounding mountains and Esopus Creek valley. Picnic tables are available on site for those who wish to enjoy a picnic lunch.

Visitors can explore the ever expanding resources available online for the CVC on the web at catskillsvisitorcenter.org, the CVC’s Facebook page at facebook.com/catskillsvisitorcenter, and the CVC on Instagram at @catskills.visitor.center.

Catskill Park Updates now Available for the Catskills Online

Local recreational opportunities are always changing and by visiting the Catskills Visitor Center’s Trail Conditions blog you can now see updates related to the Catskill Park, Catskill trails, Catskill campgrounds and camping, Catskill boating, skiing, and more at catskillsvisitorcenter.org/trail.

Catskill Park Advisory Committee

The Catskill Park Advisory Committee (CPAC) was established by the Catskill Center in consultation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and is composed of representatives from local governments and organizations. The Committee is chaired by the Catskill Center and provides a forum to discuss issues of regional importance. The purpose of the Committee is to provide assistance, advice and guidance to the DEC, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection and other land managers in the management of the New York State Forest Preserve, the Catskill Park and the Catskill Watershed.

Meetings are held quarterly and are open to the public. If you’d like to learn more, join the mailing list or attend the next meeting, please contact the Catskill Center at 845 586 2611 or email them at cccd@catskillcenter.org with CPAC in the subject asking to be added to the mailing list.

Give Back to the Catskills

By supporting the work of the Catskill Center, you support: stewardship of our Catskill Park and its vast natural resources; the Center’s collaborative spirit as we convene, create partnerships and facilitate discussions that benefit the region; and the Center’s work to support education, arts and culture throughout the Catskills.

To support the work of the Catskill Center, become a member online through their website at catskillcenter.org/donate or donate by mail: Checks made out to the “Catskill Center” can be mailed to Catskill Center, PO Box 504, Arkville, NY 12406.

Jeff Senterman is the Executive Director of the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development in Arkville, NY, a member of the Board of Directors for the American Hiking Society, the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce. Jeff graduated with a degree in Environmental Science from Lyndon State College and worked for many years as an Environmental Planner in New England before coming back to New York and the Catskills in the nonprofit sector. To learn more about the work of the Catskill Center in the Catskills, visit catskillcenter.org.
CMF GIFT SHOP
6042 MAIN STREET TANNERSVILLE NY 12485

PAMPER YOURSELF

Start the New Year bathed with the luxurious fragrances of our hand and bath soaps from Greenwich Bay Trading. Nature’s botanicals nourish the senses with lush flowers, delectable fruit and aromatic herbs. French-milled, luxurious vegetable soaps enriched with botanical butters, oils & extracts in captivating botanical scents.

OPEN THURSDAYS THROUGH SUNDAYS
11:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
Shop online at kaatart.square.site
Calendar of Events

This is just a sampling of all of the events in the Catskills this January. To request that your event be included in future calendars, please email tafts@catskillmtn.org

Please call ahead or visit the website for each event to confirm details.

THROUGH JANUARY 8
Small Works
We could all use a little more heART! The annual celebratory Small Works exhibit is a community-favorite event. Sized to be smaller than 12” x 12” and priced from $25 to $300, there is something to fit everyone’s budget. Size and price make this a perfect gift for friends, family and you! Participating artists in this year’s exhibit include Sara Beames, Karen Butcher, Lisbeth Firmin, Elaine Grandy, Megan Irving, Ogden Kruger, Helane Levine-Keating, Ronald Macklin, Helene Manzo, Sheila McManus, Regina Quinn, Rhiannon Radu, Michelle Sidrane, Herrat Sommerhoff, Victoria van der Lann, Gerda Van Leeuwen, Ellen Wong, Peter Yamoka and more.
Location: Walt Meade Gallery, Roxbury Arts Center, 5025 Vega Mountain Road, Roxbury
Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-3pm
More Info: roxburyarts.org

THROUGH JANUARY 31
Online Meditation with Bushel
These are challenging, anxiety-making times. Coming together in stillness, silence, and meditation can help us keep grounded, connected, and nourished. Bushel is hosting two weekly online meditation sessions that include guided meditation, group interaction, and support. New sitters and seasoned sitters are welcome. Meditation sessions are free and open to all, but donations are welcome to support this program.
Location: Join via Zoom
Hours: Thursday mornings, 10-10:45am with Molly Yakusan Stevens; Monday evenings from 6-6:45pm with Laura Wood and Kristie Burnett
More Info & Zoom Link: bushelcollective.org/meditation-calendar/

THROUGH JANUARY 16
Selects @ CREATE
A new exhibit at CREATE curated by Daniel Aycock and Kathleen Vance of Front Room Gallery, in conjunction with Open Source Gallery. Artists selected for this exhibition are participating artists in the Open Source community, and present works ranging from conceptual projects, installations and formal investigations of pattern, line and space.
Location: CREATE Council on the Arts, 398 Main Street, Catskill
Hours: Friday-Sunday, 12-7pm
More Info: greenearists.org

THROUGH JANUARY 26
Delhi Farmers Market
The Delhi Farmers’ Market has moved indoors for the winter to the Delhi American Legion. Stop by for your fresh produce and products straight from the farm!
Location: Delhi American Legion, 41 Page Avenue, Delhi
Hours: Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm

JANUARY 8
The Score
The Score has been an area favorite for high energy Classic and New Rock, Funk and Blues for over 25 years.
Location: Windham Mountain Resort, 19 Resort Drive, Windham
Hours: 2-5 pm
More Info: windhammountain.com

JANUARY 9
F.W. Murnau’s The Last Laugh
An aging doorman is forced to face the scorn of his friends, neighbors and society after being fired from his prestigious job at a luxurious hotel. Silent Film with live accompaniment by Marta Waterman.
Location: The Rosendale Theater, 408 Main Street, Rosendale
Hours: 2 pm
More Info: rosendaletheater.org

JANUARY 13
Guster with special guest Ben Kweller
A versatile and literate East Coast alt-rock institution, Guster emerged in the mid-’90s with a quirky amalgam of acoustic folk and pop before adopting a more robust sound that blended Brit-pop grandeur with American trad-rock. Proof of vaccination is required for this event.
Location: Ulster Performing Arts Center, 601 Broadway, Kingston
Hours: 7:30 pm
More Info: bardavon.org

JANUARY 15
Met Live HD: Cinderella (Massenet)
Continuing a treasured holiday tradition, the Met presents a new installment in its series of abridged opera adaptations for family audiences. Laurent Pelly’s storybook staging of Massenet’s Cendrillon, a hit of the 2017-18 season, is presented with an all-new English translation in an abridged 90 minutes. Proof of vaccination is required for this event.
Location: Bardavon, 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie
Hours: 1 pm
More Info: bardavon.org

More Info:
bardavon.org
www.catskillregionguide.com
The Torpedoes
Windham Mountain presents The Torpedoes, a funky, fun, rock band. “All the rock without the volume.”
**Location:** Seasons Restaurant, Windham Mountain Resort, 19 Resort Drive, Windham
**Hours:** 3-6 pm
**More Info:** windhammountain.com

**JANUARY 22**
**Looking at American Landscapes: A Migrant Perspective at Mountain Top Arboretum**

Every influx of new immigrants has significantly altered American landscapes with the plants they have introduced, their farming and ornamental horticultural practices and their understanding and organization of green spaces. All this change has happened without a clear understanding of what these activities have meant to the land itself. A new understanding of the history of the American outdoors will lead to better design and more holistic and sustainable land use. Horticulturist and Landscape designer Wambui Ippolito is the 2021 Best in Show award winner at the Philadelphia Flower Show, the largest show of its kind in North America. Wambui was born in Kenya. She was influenced by her mother’s garden in Nairobi, her grandmother’s farm in the countryside and the natural landscape.

**Location:** FREE Webinar: sign up on the website.
**Hours:** 10-11:15 am
**More Info:** mtarboretum.org

**JANUARY 17**
**Writers’ Evening at Headwaters Art Center**

Join us as local writers present new works in progress. Both seasoned and new writers are welcome to share and join in discussion following each reading. This is a positive and nurturing group providing constructive feedback while assisting fellow writers in their creative journeys. Admission to Writers’ Evening is free, however donations are gratefully accepted to support this event and other Roxbury Arts Group programming.

**Location:** Headwaters Arts Center, 66 Main St, Stamford
**Hours:** 7-9 pm
**More Info:** roxburyartsgroup.org

**JANUARY 29**
**Met Live HD: Rigoletto (Verdi)**

The Met rings in the new year with the gala premiere of a bold new take on Verdi’s timeless tragedy from Bartlett Sher. The Tony Award-winning director resets the opera’s action in 1920s Europe. Baritone Quinn Kelsey brings his searing portrayal of the title role to the Met for the first time, starring alongside soprano Rosa Feola as Gilda and tenor Piotr Beczala as the Duke of Mantua, with leading maestro Daniele Rustroni on the podium. Proof of vaccination is required for this event.

**Location:** Bardavon, 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie
**Hours:** 1 pm
**More Info:** bardavon.org

**The Torpedoes**

Windham Mountain presents The Torpedoes, a funky, fun, rock band. “All the rock without the volume.”

**Location:** Seasons Restaurant, Windham Mountain Resort, 19 Resort Drive, Windham
**Hours:** 2-5 pm
**More Info:** windhammountain.com
Each year, the Catskill Mountain Foundation

• Presents and hosts more than 20 performances and lectures.
• Offers free or subsidized arts programs that are enjoyed by hundreds of local children.
• Offers works of over 40 regional artists, along with the a hand-curated collection of over 4,000 books.
• Hosts arts residencies bringing many artists to our community for extended stays.
• Is the home of the Piano Performance Museum, a rare collection of historic playable pianos.
• Runs a dozen studio arts programs, with students from around the U.S.
• Shows more than 100 films on our four screens in Hunter and Tannersville.
• Publishes the monthly Guide magazine, distributed throughout the Catskill Region and at New York State Thruway rest stops.

YES! I would like to help the Catskill Mountain Foundation in its mission to bring the arts to the Mountaintop

Please accept my donation of: $_____________

You may also make a donation online at https://bit.ly/2E3Exny

All donors are listed in our playbills and receive our weekly e-mail updates.

☐ Primary Address
Name 1:__________________________________________________________
Name 2 (if joint membership):_____________________________________
Address:________________________________________________________________________
City:________________________ State:_______ Zip:________
E-mail:___________________________________________________________
Phone:___________________________________________________________

☐ Secondary Address
Address:________________________________________________________________________
City:________________________ State:_______ Zip:________
☐ Check if this is a new address.

Please make your check payable to: Catskill Mountain Foundation
PO Box 924 • Hunter, NY 12442

Become an “Angel of the Arts”: Make this a monthly gift

I would like to donate $____________ monthly.

☐ Check Enclosed   ☐ Visa   ☐ Mastercard   ☐ AmEx

Card #__________________________ Exp. Date_________ CVV__________ Billing Zip Code_________________

Signature __________________________________________

You may be able to double your contribution if you work for or are retired from a company that has a matching gift program.

To make your match, simply obtain a form from your company’s Matching Gift Coordinator and send it along with your contribution.

Catskill Mountain Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation. All gifts are tax deductible as allowable by law.

Questions/More Information: Call 518 263 2001
WE’VE MISSED YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON!

MUSICIANS  ARTISTS
CHILDREN  AUDIENCES
TEACHERS  DANCERS  WRITERS
POETS  SUPPORTERS
COMMUNITY  FOUNDERS  STAFF  BOARD

IN-PERSON PERFORMANCES HAVE RESUMED!
visit catskillmtn.org for details

“All art has this characteristic – it unites people.”
—Leo Tolstoy
You Can Work from Anywhere... Why Not a Place You Love?

Start Your Online Business in Greene County, NY

Living and working in Greene County, NY is not only Affordable, Beautiful, and Commutable – it’s also a wonderful chance to establish an online business and bring your product or service to an unlimited customer base. People can now conduct business from virtually anywhere - using computers and/or mobile devices - and many entrepreneurs are choosing to base themselves in communities that provide them with abundant options to achieve both business success and work/life balance.

Get Started Today - Download our FREE ebook and learn:

- The new business requirements in NYS
- How to choose the right website platform
- Tips on how to make your products or services stand out online
- How to attract new customers and drive traffic to your website
- Logistics – how to handle shipping and returns
- How to formalize your business plan to obtain financing in Greene County, NY

startup.investingreene.com/start-an-online-business
EMERSON RESORT & SPA

WELCOME BACK...

TO WIDE OPEN SPACES
TO ROAD TRIPS
TO RECONNECTING
TO THE CATSKILLS™

CALL 845-688-2828, OPT. 0, FOR RESERVATIONS
Rt. 28 Mt. Tremper | emersonresort.com