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the fun experiences people looking to ski New England can enjoy.

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Ocean views, Eddy the Yeti, and a mountain rollercoaster are just a few of

From Connecticut to northern Maine, skiing and snowboarding in New England is an

iconic, distinct experience. But with so many mountains and resorts to choose from

in each state, sometimes it's tough to decide where to go. There are many tried-and-

true options throughout the region, but if you're looking to ski New England and

The Yeti, a monstrous, furry, white creature said to live in the forest and roam the

mountains, has found a home at Sunday River in Newry, Maine. The resort's Yeti,

however, is less fearsome and more magical — "Eddy the Yeti" is a huggable, friendly

creature who can be found greeting visitors at the base area. Skiers and boarders can

even visit Eddy's "special home" on the Enchanted Forest Trail on North Peak. He's

Lodge. Catch him while you can, because as legend has it, Eddy is a rather shy

also been known to pay a visit to reserved Family Dinners at the mid-mountain Peak

enjoy a unique adventure, here are some fun and one-of-a-kind ski mountain

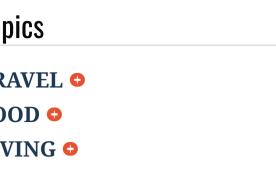
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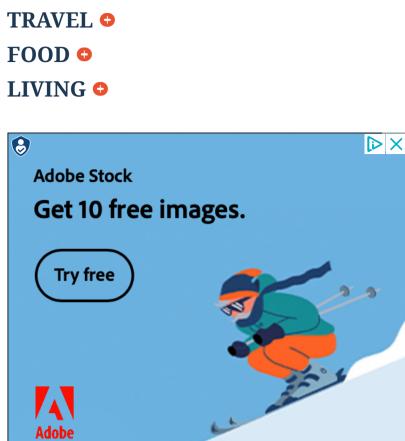
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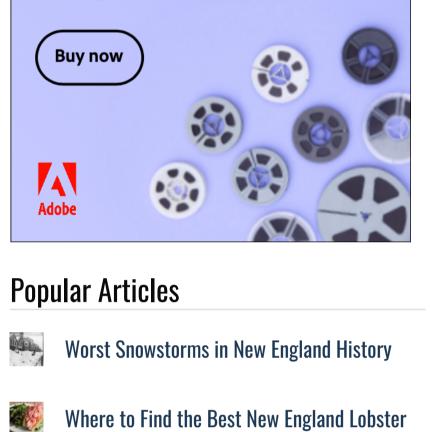
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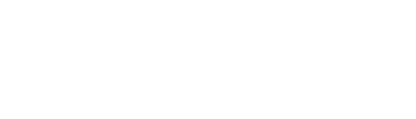


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Ocean View Skiing | Camden Snow Bowl

As the only East Coast ski area with an ocean view, Camden Snow Bowl in Camden, Maine has appropriately taken on the mantra "Ski the Sea." When one thinks of skiing in New England, the seacoast and Atlantic Ocean aren't typically what come to mind, which is what makes this small, family-friendly ski area so fun and unique. 90

## minutes north of Portland, Camden Snow Bowl has 20 runs on Ragged Mountain, a

1,100-foot summit (with the best ocean views), and a toboggan chute. The 440-foot chute is two feet wide, and has a vertical drop of more than 70 feet, propelling toboggans at speeds up to 45 mph. It's the only chute of its kind left in New England, making it a worthy non-skiing adventure. Rollercoaster Rides | Okemo Mountain Resort Some mountains have toboggan chutes, others have rollercoasters. Okemo Mountain Resort, located in Ludlow, Vermont, is one of the larger Green Mountain State resorts, with 121 trails, 20 lifts, and 667 acres of open skiing area. It's known for smooth conditions and trails for all skill levels, making it a great destination for the family.

Lesser known, however, is Okemo's winter rollercoaster experience — the Timber

Ripper Mountain Coaster. Riders in the two-person, sled-like cars control the speed of the scenic trip through the forest and along the mountain, with its 375 vertical-foot descent and 3,100 feet of tracks. Speeds can reach up to 25 mph. Take a break from

the slopes to enjoy an exhilarating ride.



backcountry skiing beyond the resort boundaries. But for those who have always

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but skiing above them is a truly unique experience.

dreamed of being the very first skier down the mountain, Sugarbush created the "First Tracks Cabin Cat" adventure, which takes 12 passengers in the "Lincoln Limo" — a luxury cabin with a flat screen TV and cozy seating — to the best terrain, before the lifts have even started operating (available for advanced skiers and riders only). They'll even provide hot coffee and granola bars!

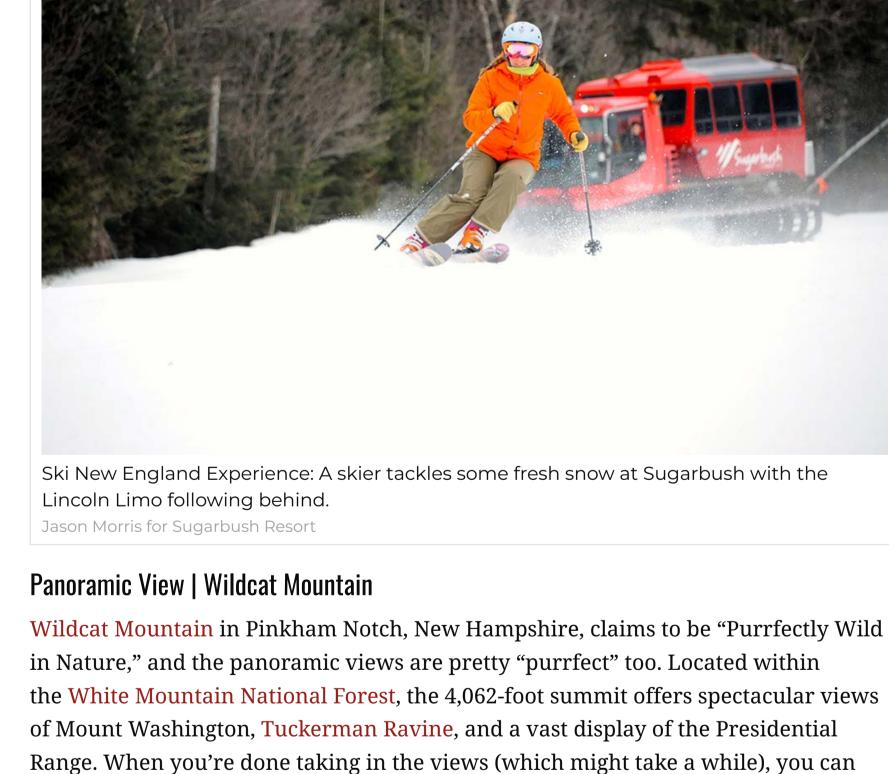
and mini-pipe), and 13 operating lifts. Additionally, Sugarloaf Mountain serves up the

only lift-serviced, above-treeline skiing in the East. Skiing along the trees is special,

Located in Warren, Vermont, Sugarbush Mountain Resort offers a wide variety of

skiing experiences, with two mountains, three terrain parks, six peaks, 16 lifts, 28

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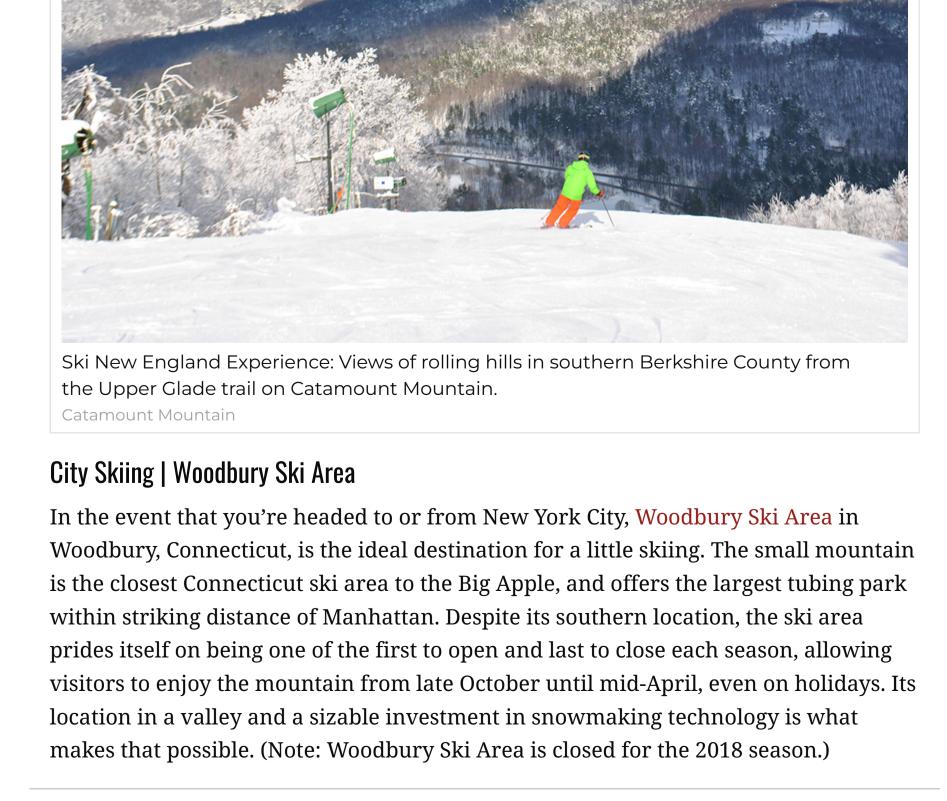
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terrain park, and five lifts.

areas still operating in the Northeast, and one of the largest ski areas in the Berkshire/Taconic Mountains. Totaling 2.5 miles, Ridge Run to Upper and Lower Promenade is the longest trail in the Berkshires, and Catapult — rated a doublediamond — is one of the steepest trails in the Northeast.

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objective of a ski area is sport, not business) the Mad River Glen Cooperative was

Today, Mad River Glen has more than 1,800 individual skier-owners, making it a

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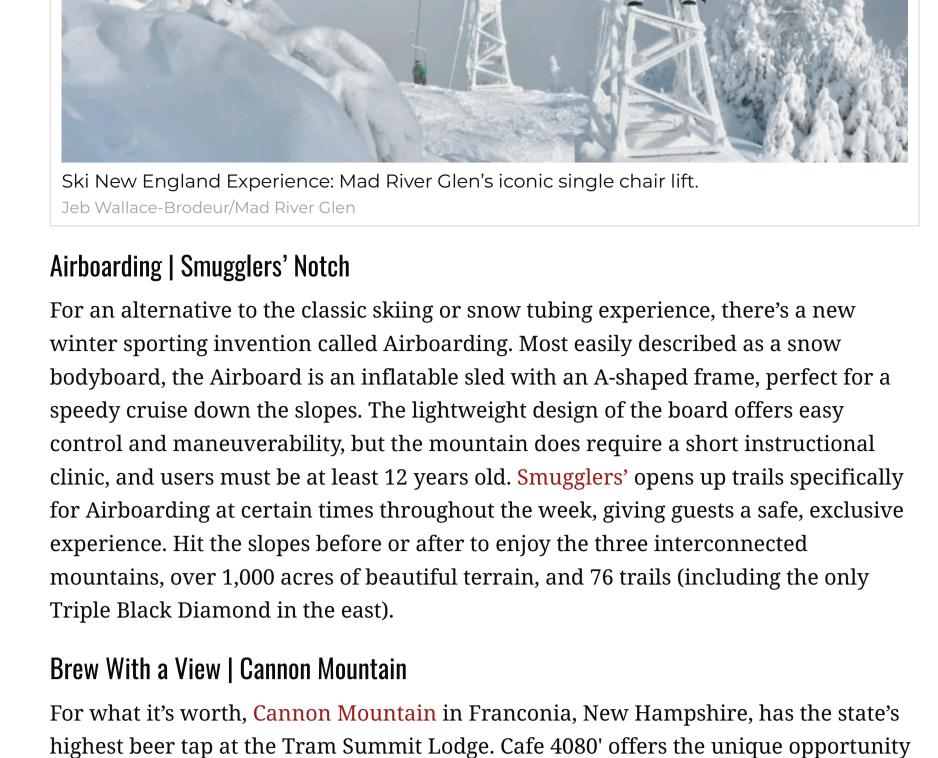
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to sip a brew... then ski at a 4,080-foot altitude. The cafe has a full bar, plus other

bragging rights (all while enjoying some pretty spectacular views from the summit).

In addition to the highest ski summit in New Hampshire, the mountain has 95 trails

and glades, 11 lifts, a 2,080' vertical drop, 282 acres of skiable area, and a variety of

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For those looking to ski in New England, the northern states are typically the target.

There is, however, a ski area in the southern region of Rhode Island that cannot be

overlooked. Yawgoo Valley Ski Area in Exeter is the one and only Rhode Island ski

experience, with almost entirely man-made snow. With 36 acres of skiable terrain

Mount Snow in Dover, Vermont, is within the Green Mountain National Forest and

was one of the first ski resorts on the East Coast. In 2008, Mount Snow opened the

East Coast's first All Park Mountain Face (one face of the mountain entirely dedicated

to a terrain park) called Carinthia at Mount Snow. The park system, with ten parks in

all, has nearly five miles of trails, complete with almost countless jumps, pipes, rails,

and a superpipe. With 589 acres of skiable terrain, 20 lifts, four mountain faces, and a

and two chair lifts, this is a smaller mountain, but well worth the trip if you find

## 3,600 foot summit, this mountain offers something for everyone.

Ski New England Experience: A snowboarder takes advantage of the park system at

Mount Snow. Pat Ryan/Mount Snow If you're looking to ski New England, many mountains and resorts are great destinations for enjoying both the slopes and alternative, fun adventures. What's your favorite unique New England ski experience? **SEE MORE:** 17 Ways to Have Fun in New Hampshire This Winter Best Cross-Country Skiing in New England | Where to Go The Best 5 New England Snow Tubing Parks

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A good story — but Catamount was once my home area, and I think you've got the

direction backwards: the long run you describe goes NY-MA-NY, not MA-NY-MA.

What you describe is possible only if you include the ride up; there's one lift that

i also enjoyed Catamount a number of times 20 years ago and one of the

things that was noticeable in the lodge area were staff members wearing a

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Good collection of mountains here, nice writeup. I'll take Butternut though.

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distictive cowboy theme, complete with jeans, bright shirts, oversize belt bucklescowboy hats and boots. I wonder if you remember that also. I finished up my skiing career in stowe and austria, and i have wonderful memories of darn near every place i strapped on skiis and tried to keep up with my wife and my daughter Reply **Leave a Comment** Logged in as Fotoula Pantazopoulos. Log out »

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