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WOLFEBORO

New Hampshire

The Oldest Summer Resort in America

Fifteen years ago my husband and I stumbled upon a quaint little New Hampshire town that proved so inviting we have summered there ever since. We were so entranced, in fact, that we were married there, and now take every opportunity to make the leisurely drive with our two daughters.

Located on the east side of Lake Winnepesaukee, Wolfeboro, N.H., is roughly two hours north of the Massachusetts side of the Merrimack Valley. Self-described as "The Oldest Summer Resort in America," Wolfeboro welcomes visitors from far and wide who wish to enjoy the scenic beauty and tranquility of this quintessential New England town.

Summer travelers wishing to take in everything the town has to offer can begin their journey with an informative trolley tour that highlights the wonderful history and must-see stops of Wolfeboro. The New Hampshire Boat Museum, the Wright Museum of World War II history and the Libby Museum of natural history are just a few of the unique points of interest.

Seaworthy types can take their sightseeing to Lake Winnepesaukee and go for a cruise aboard the famous M/S Mount Washington.

The majestic, 230-foot ship stops in Wolfeboro, where dockside onlookers can watch the large vessel maneuver effortlessly into and out of port. Meanwhile, crowds may gather to the sounds of lively band music at the

nearby Cate Park gazebo, all the while enjoying their favorite ice cream from purveyors such as Bailey's Bubble or the Wolfeboro Dockside Grille & Dairy Bar.

In addition to the talented musicians in the park, Wolfeboro also proudly presents the Great Waters Music Festival on the Brewster Academy campus. From symphony to folk, Great Waters offers fine musical entertainment to audiences of all ages.



Top: Wolfeboro Center features great places to shop and dine. Spots overlooking the scenic town docks offer delightful water views. Bottom: The M/S Mount Washington, a 230-foot cruise liner, departs directly from Wolfeboro on site-seeing tours of Lake Winnepesaukee.

If shopping and dining interest you, look no further than Wolfeboro Center, where the landmark Black's Paper and Gift Shop offers everything from souvenirs to home décor, and establishments such as Details and The Ribbon Studio display specialty items that are undeniably distinctive and worthy of a look. Eating establishments abound throughout this small town, with popular breakfast and lunch spots such as Lydia's Café and the Downtown Market Grille, or signature dinner locales such as Jo Greens Garden Cafe, which offers desirable deck seating that overlooks the town docks. The premier place to stay for overnight visitors is The Wolfeboro Inn and its Wolfe's Tavern is another popular dining spot. Both inn and tavern have recently undergone multi-million dollar renovations.

The fit at heart won't want to miss the 12-mile, Wolfeboro-Sanbornville / Cotton Valley biking and walking trail that runs along three lakes, beautiful beaches and picturesque wooded areas. Swimmers can take a dip at one of several public beaches, including Brewster Beach and Carry Beach on Lake Winnepesaukee or Allen Albee Beach on Lake Wentworth.

Wolfeboro is a wonderful small town with breathtaking views and lots to offer. If you are in Wolfeboro for an extended period and wish to venture beyond the town, destinations such as Gunstock Mountain Resort, Castle in the Clouds and Weirs Beach are all within a reasonable driving distance and are fun for the entire family.

To learn more about this great destination visit www.WolfeboroOnline.com/Chamber or www.WolfeboroNH.us

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