



THE CATSKILLS

WINTER DEVELOPMENTS

[Windham Mountain Club](#) is building on last year's transformative rebranding, further elevating its winter experience with upgraded public spaces at the club, including a renovated lobby area for guest services and the introduction of "The Shop," an upscale retail outlet. Mid-mountain dining will include "Rocco's," an Italian market, and the scenic "Peaks" coffee bar at the summit. Members will also enjoy exclusive amenities like a state-of-the-art fitness center, a dedicated adventure concierge, and dining options inspired by the Italian Alps, further establishing Windham Mountain Club's reputation as a premier year-round destination. Marking its 75th anniversary, [Belleayre Mountain](#) in Highmont is elevating the guest experience with an expanded Discovery Lodge, providing enhanced services and more space for skiers. The season will also introduce an innovative learning area near the summit with a new moving carpet and a scenic plateau to inspire new skiers and riders with sweeping mountain views and a supportive space for developing their skills. [Plattekill Mountain](#) in Roxbury is now providing an exciting snow tubing experience, making it ideal for families and friends eager to embrace the winter scenery. This winter, skiers can explore "Whiskeys Way," a new intermediate trail perfect for riders of all skill levels. With the addition of the new trail, Plattekill Mountain now offers 41 trails for outdoor winter enthusiasts. This winter, [Holiday Mountain](#) is elevating the experience with over \$5 million in improvements and three new trails, including "Hackledam," the steepest in the Catskills. The upgrades include a rebuilt quad chairlift spanning 2,700 feet, extensive enhancements to the snowmaking system, and new fiber optic installations to enhance race timing on their newly added Giant Slalom race trail. With expanded night skiing, upgraded parking, and a revamped learning center tailored for terrain-based learning, Holiday Mountain will offer an elevated experience for skiers and riders of all levels.

[The Henson](#) is a newly opened 16-room boutique hotel located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, offering a luxurious yet tranquil escape for guests. The hotel features elegant and thoughtfully designed spaces, from a sky-lit living room and a meditative library to a roof deck with panoramic mountain views. Guests can also unwind in the hotel's sprawling garden with a fire pit or enjoy the honor bar. The recently opened [Gray Willow Brewery](#) offers a cozy, rustic atmosphere with a focus on craft brews made from locally sourced ingredients. Formerly the Brennan Schoolhouse Inn in Earlton, the inviting taproom features wooden decor and outdoor seating with stunning mountain views, and serves small-batch IPAs, stouts and seasonal brews inspired by the region's natural beauty.

DESCRIPTION

The Catskills beckon with the promise of discovery, natural beauty, legendary hospitality and attractions on and off the beaten path. At [Plattekill Ski Mountain](#), visitors can enjoy skiing, an alpine racing program, and snow tubing. With 39 trails and a vertical drop of 1,100 feet, the mountain offers diverse terrain for skiers of all abilities. Also in the Catskills, [Hunter Mountain](#) is a well-known hotspot for winter activities, featuring slopes for everyone from beginners to experienced skiers, while nearby [Windham Mountain Club](#) offers another fantastic destination

with 54 trails, six terrain parks, and snow tubing. At the base of Hunter Mountain, the [Jagerberg Beer Hall and Alpine Tavern](#) serves as a popular après-ski hangout for both locals and visitors. It's the perfect spot to relax and enjoy a drink after a day on the slopes.

Outside of winter sports, the Catskills are known as a haven for wellness, with many spas and health centers located throughout the region. The [YOI Wellness Center](#) in Monticello represents the human quest of maintaining youth, and is one of the only Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy & Acupuncture wellness destinations in the U.S. that offers a truly authentic, comprehensive and completely customized experience.

A booming farm-to-table and craft beverage scene has helped the Catskills earn its reputation as a serious culinary destination worldwide. Many chic restaurants can tout their relationships with local farms and purveyors, but very few can boast of having them in view of the dining room. [The Tavern](#) at [The Arnold House](#) in Livingston Manor has been a staple in the region for 50+ years, serving a taste of nostalgia with a side of homemade charm. [Silvia](#) in Woodstock uses a wood-fired grill to prepare their meats, hearty vegetables, and dishes that put the region's farms to great use. The city of Tannersville is home to a charming main street lined with shops and restaurants. Local favorites include the casual comfort-food emporium [Mama's Boy Burgers](#) in Tannersville, using grass-fed, grain-finished, hormone-free Black Angus beef from a family-run farm just six miles away to craft their famous burgers. The rustic and elegant restaurant at [Deer Mountain Inn](#), also in Tannersville, is a beautiful setting for dinner, blending old mountain charm with on-trend fine dining. Sample from locally sourced, country-inspired fare like trout and hedgehog mushrooms during the chef's seven-course tasting menu, while enjoying handcrafted cocktails by the fireplace. [Union Grove Distillery](#) in Arkville is a driving force behind Delaware County's ever-expanding craft cocktail scene. Their [Vly Creek Vodka](#) is the delicious result of combining wheat with apples run through a local antique apple press and fermented into cider, giving the vodka a subtle hint of fruit.

WHERE TO STAY

The ultimate wellness escape can be found at the [Piaule Catskill](#), which has 24 luxury cabins designed with Scandinavian and Japanese influences, and features a glass wall in each cabin to immerse guests within the area's natural surroundings. The spa boasts a sauna and hot pool with a mineral plunge and wellness offerings such as forest bathing, Reiki, and yoga sessions. [Emerson Resort & Spa](#) in Mount Tremper is also a top wellness escape, featuring a 6,913 square-foot spa complete with tailored treatments and spiritual healing classes such as Chakra Renewal and Chakra Rest through Reflexology. Additional notable accommodations across the Catskills include [Urban Cowboy Lodge](#) in Big Indian, [Hotel Lilen](#) in Tannersville, [The Chatwal Lodge](#) in White Lake and [Scribner's Catskill Lodge](#) in Hunter.

GETTING THERE

- 1.5-2.5 hours from NYC
- 6-7 hours from Niagara Falls
- 4-6 hours from Montreal
- Air service via NYC; accessible from Route I-87 (NYS Thruway) and Route 17 (I-86)

COUNTIES

Delaware, Greene, Sullivan and Ulster

MAJOR CITIES & TOWNS

Bethel, Callicoon, Catskill, East Durham, East Meredith, Ellenville, Hancock, Hunter, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Margaretville, Monticello, Mount Tremper, Narrowsburg, Phoenicia, Roscoe, Tannersville, Windham, Woodstock and Kingston

CLIMATE

The diverse climate of New York State has four distinct seasons. In the Catskills, cold, snowy winters create a wonderland of magnificent scenery in mountain villages, resorts and ski centers. The weather is moderately cool and sunny in springtime and autumn, when spectacular fall foliage attracts thousands of visitors. Summers are comfortable and warm, with daytime temperatures averaging in the mid-70s to mid-80s (degrees F.) and cooler evenings.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more travel ideas and information, visit iloveny.com or the Catskills' regional website: visitthecatskills.com.

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