



## Active Pursuits

### Biking

Spring, summer or fall, there are always cars with bike racks in the Windham Hill parking lot. Road bikers delight in the aerobic benefits offered by numerous, though partially avoidable, local hills (Lance Armstrong excels in hill country, you can too!). Mountain biking opportunities also abound, both at the local ski areas as well as other gravel and off road routes we can steer you toward. Bike rentals are available at several area sports equipment outlets (see if you can get them to spill their favorite secret local routes). And for the truly serious biker, two tour companies now offer inn to inn trips which include Windham Hill.

#### Mount Snow - Mountain Biking

Route 100

West Dover VT 05356

T: +1 802 464 4040

W: [www.mountsnow.com](http://www.mountsnow.com)

Set in the Green Mountain National Forest, Mount Snow offers 45 miles of mountain bike terrain consisting of single-track, old town roads and ski trails that challenge all ages and abilities of riders in a classic Vermont setting. The Main Base Area is the hub for mountain bike operations and services. The Crosstown area, located 1 1/2 miles from the Mount Snow Base area, provides the family or new rider with a comfortable introduction to the sport. The terrain difficulty includes 25% beginner, 25% intermediate and 50% advanced. Hours: Weekdays 9:30am - 3:30pm; Weekends 9am - 4pm.

#### Mountain Riders

Junction Route 30 & Route 100

Rawsonville Vermont 05155

T: +1 802 297 2847

F: +1 802 297 3138

W: [www.equipesport.com](http://www.equipesport.com)

Bike sales and rentals. Local bike tour Map. Open seven days Junction of Route 30 & Route 100 in Rawsonville Vermont.

#### Tours - Backroads

T: +1 510 527 1555

F: +1 510 527 1444

W: [www.backroads.com](http://www.backroads.com)

If you're really into biking and would find a six day (5 night) first class foliage season bike trip appealing, check out this offering from Backroads. The last two days are spent at Windham Hill Inn. Business Hours: Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Time.

#### Tours - Bike Vermont

T: +1 802 457 3553

F: +1 802 457 1236

W: [www.bikevt.com](http://www.bikevt.com)

In 2002 we will be teaming with Bike Vermont to offer spring and summer tours in Southern Vermont. Trips will begin in Saxton's River and will conclude with a two day visit to Windham Hill. Business hours: 9am - 5pm EST.

#### West Hill Shop

49 Brickyard Lane,

Putney VT 05346-9752

T: +1 802 387 5718

F: +1 802 387 2682



W: [www.westhillshop.com](http://www.westhillshop.com)

The connoisseur's bike shop. Sales and knowledge, not rentals. "We are mostly a bicycle shop, in length of season and dollar volume. When we started in 1971, it was half bikes and half skis. Bicycling has grown, and x-c skiing has shrunk. Even in bad weather you can ride, but without snow it's tough to ski. Ever noticed that?" Open every day from 10:00 to 6:00, except our Sunday hours are 11:00 to 5:00. Located in Putney, Vermont, at Interstate 91's Exit 4, adjacent to the northbound off ramp, opposite the Putney Inn.

## Boating

### [Battenkill Canoe, Ltd.](#)

RR 2, Box 2445,  
Arlington VT 05250  
T: +1 802 362 2800

W: [www.battenkill.com](http://www.battenkill.com)

Offers a variety of canoe trips. From Daytrip canoe rentals on the Battenkill to fully-supported 2 to 10 day exclusive outdoor vacations with stays in cozy Vermont country inns. From quiet water to white water, no other outfitter offers our special combination of trips. On Route 7A just south of Sunderland.

### [Equipe Sport - Boating](#)

Junction Route 30 & Route 100  
Rawsonville Vermont 05155  
T: +1 802 297 2847  
F: +1 802 297 3138

W: [www.equipesport.com](http://www.equipesport.com)

Source for both sale and rental of Perception kayaks. Also provide paddles, life vests and stuff you need to strap boats to your car for the ride to the pond. Free demos are conducted Friday afternoons (call first) and provide a great way to try out a number of different boats. Open seven days Junction of Route 30 & Route 100 in Rawsonville Vermont.

### **Vermont Canoe Touring Center, Inc.**

PO Box 6242  
Brattleboro Vermont 05301  
T: +1 802 257 5008

Vermont Canoe Touring Center takes every opportunity to share with you our love of adventure and river life - the sights and sounds of nature as well as our favorite waterway haunts and swimming holes. Come spend a day with us, or head out on your own to explore the river's secrets. Group programs arranged - Canoes and Kayaks for sale - Canoes and Kayaks repaired. Visit us along the Connecticut River. Late April to Memorial Day Weekend open weekends weather permitting, Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend 9 am til' dusk - 7 days. Labor day to Columbus Day - weather permitting. Veterans Memorial Bridge at West River, 451 Putney Road (Route 5) Brattleboro.

### **Waterways - Gale Meadows Pond**

W: [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com)

A 195 acre shallow pond just north of Bondville. Wooded shoreline, partially submerged woods on north end. Ideal for viewing wildlife and aquatic vegetation, lots of beaver activity. This is our favorite spot for a spur of the moment afternoon paddle. North on River Road from Route 30 in Bondville. Left on Gale Meadows Road in .8 miles, another left in .9 mile just before bridge.

### **Waterways - Lowell Lake**

W: [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com)

After Gale Meadows, you'll find a very similar experience at Lowell Lake, just east of Londonderry off Route 11. Smaller at 102 acres, the shoreline is similarly undeveloped (mostly) and beaver activity abounds. North on Lowell Lake Road 3 miles east of Londonderry off Rt 11. In .7 miles, right at the T-junction.

## Fishing

We'll have to admit, this is not an area where we are experts. Fortunately, there are a couple of nearby resources that can help. We DO know that a few bass lurk in the depths of Frog Pond, behind the Inn. An intrepid fly casting guest even caught one once, but this is definitely not the stuff from which "A River Runs Through It" was made! A good place to start rooting around for Vermont fishing information is the web site

of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. There you'll discover that 600 Rainbow Trout yearlings were used to stock the West River (right down the hill from us!) at Jamaica this year.

### **Taddingers**

T: +1 802 464 6263

F: +1 802 464 1223

W: [www.taddingers.com](http://www.taddingers.com)

Taddingers is a fully endorsed ORVIS guiding and outfitting service. We guide the famous Upper Deerfield River watershed, for half day and full day programs. Taddingers is located on Route 100 N., Mount Snow, VT, next to the Haystack Mountain access road.

## **Fitness Center**

We believe the great outdoors right on our doorstep provides ample opportunity for a workout, but for those who prefer to sweat it out at a gym, here's the gym that's the closest to the Inn.

### **Equinox Fitness Spa**

3567 Main Street Route 7A, Manchester Village VT

T: + 1 800 362 4700

W: [www.equinoxresort.com](http://www.equinoxresort.com)

Avanyu Spa at The Equinox offers rejuvenation in the midst of Vermont's Green Mountains. Featuring a state-of-the-art Fitness Center and nourishing treatments with local flavor, the spa aims to refresh both body and soul with numerous overnight and day spa packages.

### **Curves For Women**

464 Putney Rd Brattleboro VT 05301

T: +1 802 257 1000

F: +1 802 257 2432

W: [www.curves.co.uk](http://www.curves.co.uk)

A Curves 30 minute fitness and health club is a ladies-only gym that provides a total body workout, with both aerobic exercise and strength training.

### **Outer Limits Health Club**

72 Cotton Mill HI Brattleboro VT 05301

T: +1 802 257 2348

W: [www.outerlimitshealth.com](http://www.outerlimitshealth.com)

The facility offers a full complement of exercise equipment, both free weights and machines along with a large variety of cardiovascular equipment. They have a general weights room and cardio area along with a women's only room.

## **Golf**

### **Gleneagles Golf course at the Equinox**

Manchester Village VT

T: +1 802 362 3223

W: [www.equinoxresort.com](http://www.equinoxresort.com)

The Gleneagles Golf Course at The Equinox, a repeat recipient of Golf Magazine's prestigious Silver Medal Award, combines a dramatic blend of the past and present in a picturesque mountain setting. Gleneagles is an 18-hole, par 71, 6,423 yard championship quality golf course originally designed by the legendary Walter Travis and updated by Reese Jones. Manchester Village

### **Mount Snow - Golf**

T: +1 802 464 4254 / +1 800 240 2555

W: <http://www.mountsnow.com/course.html>

The Mount Snow Golf Course is consistently rated one of the top five in the state by Golf Digest. Designed by Geoffrey Cornish, our 18-hole championship course has also been named one of the top 10 resort courses in the country by SKI Magazine. The front nine is spread over scenic expanses and the back nine winds its way through wooded terrain. Water comes into play on 11 holes and 41 sand traps are strategically located around nearly every hole. The course sits 2,000 feet above sea level.

### Stratton Mountain Country Club

Stratton Mountain VT

T: +1 802 297 2200

W: [www.stratton.com](http://www.stratton.com)

A 27-hole golf course open to the public and resort guests. Call for tee times and rates.

### Tater Hill Golf Club

6802 Popple Dungeon Rd.

North Windham VT

T: +1 802 875 2517

W: [www.taterhillgolfclub.com](http://www.taterhillgolfclub.com)

Tater Hill Golf Club is conveniently located between Londonderry and Chester, Vermont, just off Route 11. This course is a well maintained Vermont mountain course with scenic views and beautiful flower gardens. A full amenities proshop, restaurant and lessons are available. Just off Rt. 11 between Londonderry and Chester

## Hiking

We have a four mile trail system here at the inn, a good place to get started. Nearby are two state parks and the Green Mountain National Forest. Once you've tried our trails, we can offer enough other hiking ideas to keep you feeling good about eating those wonderful Windham Hill dinners all week. Here are some of our favorites in the local area:

- At the Inn
- Jamaica State Park
- Townshend State Park
- Townshend Dam  
Recreational Area
- Little Rock Pond
- Stratton Mountain from  
the Kelly Stand Road
- Grout Pond
- Putney Mountain
- Stratton Pond
- Lye Brook Falls
- Shattrack Mountain
- Bromley Mountain

## Horseback Riding

### Horses for Hire

Rawsonville VT

T: +1 802 297 1468

W: [www.horsesforhire.net](http://www.horsesforhire.net)

English style trail rides through the beautiful green mountains. Horses and ponies available by appointment, weather permitting. Half day trips available. 893 South Road, Peru, VT. Two miles east of Bromley Ski Area, turn right onto South Road. Then 3/4 of a mile on the left is Horses for Hire's yellow mailbox. There is not a sign, just look for the bright yellow mailbox!

### Mountain View Ranch

Danby VT

T: +1 802 293 5837

W: [www.mountainviewranch.biz](http://www.mountainviewranch.biz)

Winter Trail Rides – the one hour trail ride will take you through some of the most beautiful winter woods and farmland in Vermont with amazing 360 degree mountain views. The 2 1/2 Danby Farm Tour ride traverses the incredible scenic backroads of Danby. It features mountain views, horse and dairy barns, ancient cemeteries, and changes to trot. Our horses are extremely gentle, a pleasure for beginner and expert riders alike. All guests receive basic instruction and time to get acquainted with their mounts.

## Skating

### Grafton Ponds - Skating

Grafton VT 05146

T: +1 802 843 2347

W: [www.graftonponds.com](http://www.graftonponds.com)

There is a pond at the Grafton Ponds Nordic Center, and when conditions are right, it is great for skating. Best to call in advance to check on conditions. Open Sat. & Sun. from Thanksgiving through President's week. Appts. can be made by calling our phone number. Located just south of Grafton center on the Townshend Road (abuts the Grafton Village Cheese Company).

### **Riley Rink**

Hunter Park Road  
Manchester VT 05255  
T: +1 802 362 0150  
W: [www.rileyrink.com](http://www.rileyrink.com)

Riley Rink, Southern Vermont's largest indoor facility, featuring the areas only Olympic-sized ice rink. Riley Rink accommodates public and private ice skating times with a fully stocked skate rental and retail shop. Enjoy viewing the action from our warm room overlooking the rink. Our concession stand offers home cooking with a variety of hot and cold foods, drinks, candy and desserts.

## **Skiing – Cross Country**

As you might expect from an inn on 160 acres of Green Mountain hillside, we DO offer Cross Country Skiing right here at Windham Hill ([go here to download a trail map](#)). We mark about 10 km of trails with our snowmobile. If you yearn for the elegant tracked trails only possible with professional grooming equipment, there are many local options (Windham Hill favorites listed below), most well within a half hour's drive. For current conditions at most Southern Vermont XC ski centers go here.

For those interested in back country skiing, there are many more options in nearby State Parks and the Green Mountain National Forest.

### **Grafton Ponds - XC Skiing**

Grafton VT 05146  
T: +1 802 843 2347  
W: [www.graftonponds.com](http://www.graftonponds.com)

Grafton Ponds Recreation Center is open for professionally-groomed (track and skating) cross country skiing from Thanksgiving through March, weather permitting. Snowmaking capability typically extends the season on both ends, but best to call for current conditions. Appointments can be made by calling our phone number. Located just south of Grafton center on the Townshend Road (abuts the Grafton Village Cheese Company).

### **Stratton - XC Skiing**

Stratton Mountain VT  
T: +1 802 297 4114  
W: [www.stratton.com](http://www.stratton.com)

Stratton offers two cross-country skiing facilities: The Nordic Center at the Country Club, and The Sun Bowl Nordic Center. Both are groomed by a state-of-the-art Bombardier groomer to provide tracks and skating lanes on every trail. Both facilities rent equipment, with lessons available at the Country Club. Open daily, weather permitting

### **Viking Nordic Centre**

Little Pond Road  
Londonderry VT  
T: +1 802 824 3933  
W: [www.vikingnordic.com](http://www.vikingnordic.com)

Viking Nordic Centre is one of the oldest cross-country ski centers in North America. With 40 kilometers of trails we offer something for every skier. From the rolling gentle terrain of our inner trail system to the long loops through the woods of our outer trail system, beginners and experts can find terrain that will both please and challenge them depending on their desire. Daily in winter, conditions permitting. Trails close at 4:30pm. North from Inn on Windham Hill Road to Route 11. West (left) on Route 11 about 4 miles. Look for sign.

### **Wild Wings Ski Touring Center**

North Road  
Peru VT 05152  
T: +1 802 824 6793  
W: [www.wildwingski.com](http://www.wildwingski.com)

Small family oriented skiing. Through woods, along brooks. Snow pocket location. One way trails system alleviates congestion. Snow Cat grooming on 24km of trails. Follow signs approaching Peru on Route 11.

## Skiing - Downhill

We offer a very attractive alternative to those desiring to ski at a world class ski resort but would prefer not to live at one. From our scenic mountainside location, you can pick from four mountains, each less than 30 minutes away. From here, you can be on the slopes at nine or nine-thirty and not miss a bite of the gourmet breakfast we serve each morning.

### [Bromley Mountain](#)

Peru VT

T: +1 802 824 5522

W: [www.bromley.com](http://www.bromley.com)

Route 11 through Londonderry, then past Peru. 30 Minutes.

### [Magic Mountain](#)

PO Box 396, Londonderry, VT 05148

T: +1 802 824 5645

W: [www.magicmtn.com](http://www.magicmtn.com)

Windham Hill Road north to Rt 121 to Route 11. Left to access road. 20 minutes.

### [Mount Snow - Downhill Skiing](#)

Route 100, West Dover VT

T: +1 800 245 SNOW

W: [www.mountsnow.com](http://www.mountsnow.com)

Mount Snow is open 9:00 am to 4:00 pm midweek and 8:00 am to 4:00 pm weekends and holidays. Route 30, then south on Route 100. 40 minutes away.

### [Stratton - Downhill Skiing](#)

RR 1 Box 145

Stratton Mountain VT 05155

T: +1 802 297 4000

W: [www.stratton.com](http://www.stratton.com)

Open daily, weather permitting Northwest on Route 30, then left up the Stratton access road in Bondville. 25 minutes.

## Sleigh Rides

A very traditional and popular winter activity in this area is the sleigh ride. Several options which our guests have enjoyed in the past are listed below. A sleigh ride usually lasts one to two hours and involves climbing aboard a hay-filled, horse-drawn sleigh and then winding through scenic (and at night, moonlit) forest roads and open fields to a campfire and/or cabin where warm refreshments are served before the return journey.

Best call ahead to confirm what is actually being offered on the day you will coming, and to secure a reservation.

### [Adams Farm](#)

15 Higley Hill Rd.

Wilmington VT 05363

T: +1 802 464 3762

W: [www.adamsfamilyfarm.com](http://www.adamsfamilyfarm.com)

The Adams farm has been operating a successful sleigh ride business during the winter months since 1980. We offer afternoon and evening sleigh rides pulled by Belgian draft horses, through the maple sugar grove, up along the ridge of their mountain, to an old log cabin for a warm up by the wood fires before coming back down the mountain. At the cabin visitors warm up by the fire, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and some tunes from the player piano. The whole ride with the stop at the old log cabin lasts approximately 1 1/2 hours. Reservations are highly recommended. Left off of Route 100 on Higley Hill Road, 3 miles south of West Dover.

### [Karl Pfister Sleigh Rides](#)

Landgrove 05148

T: +1 802 824 6320

W: [www.karlpfistersleigh.com](http://www.karlpfistersleigh.com)

Travis sleigh with bench seats; 12 passengers. Day and evenings. 45 min. ride; call for reservations.

### Sunbowl Ranch - Sleigh Rides

Stratton Mountain VT

T: +1 802 297 9210

W: [www.sunbowlranch.com](http://www.sunbowlranch.com)

Snuggle under warm blankets with friends and family as Smoky and Bandit, two big Belgians, pull the sleigh through the scenic winter woods 15 minutes to a roaring bonfire. There you'll visit around the campfire, enjoy complimentary hot cocoa and marshmallow s'mores, or your own picnic. Then back in the sleigh for the ride back to the ranch. Lasts about an hour. Open Fridays, weekends and daily during holiday periods. On Stratton Mountain, just before entering "Sun Bowl" ski area parking lot, on the left.

### Taylor Farm

Rt. 11, Londonderry VT

T: +1 802 824 5690

W: [www.taylorfarmvermont.com](http://www.taylorfarmvermont.com)

Enjoy a scenic sleigh ride through the pastures of working dairy farm. Two sleighs can accommodate up to ten people each. They are box style sleighs pulled by Belgian draft horses. Blankets are included on each ride. Order picnics of Taylor Farm baked goods and hot cider for the fireside stop. Barn tours available upon request. Reservations recommended.

## Snowmobiling

Two snowmobile operators in our area offer guided trail rides through very scenic mountain country in the Green Mountain National Forest. Calling for availability of specific tours and advance reservations is highly recommended, especially on busy weekends.

### Equinox Snowmobile Tours

T: +1 802 824 6628

W: [www.vermontsnowmobile.com](http://www.vermontsnowmobile.com)

Travel through pristine snow-covered woods, enjoy spectacular vistas of the Green Mountains and experience Mother Nature's beauty first hand. Led by trained snowmobile drivers, you will ride on new, state of the art snowmobiles over rugged mountain trails and logging roads. Helmets provided. Boots and clothing rentals available. Intersection of Route 11 and Route 30 just west of Bromley Mountain.

### High Country

Wilmington VT 05363

T: +1 802 464 2108

F: +1 802 464 5475

W: [www.high-country-tours.com](http://www.high-country-tours.com)

This years X-Tour is sure to thrill your senses; it's your chance to ride a New 2005 Ski Doo MXZ 500 out on the VAST trail system. New to Snowmobiling? Are you a never ever? Our Try Snowmobiling Wednesday's is the way to go, special pricing Follow Route 9 west for a total of 8.5 miles from traffic light in Wilmington. High Country cabin is on the left hand side. Look for our signs. Approx. 1 hour from Windham Hill.

## Snowshoeing

Just about every location offering cross country skiing now offers snowshoeing as well. This increasingly popular activity has the major advantage of being an intuitive skill: if you can walk, you can snowshoe: no lessons required! We offer guests the complimentary use of our growing [Tubbs](#) snowshoe inventory which we keep in our ski shop. You're not confined to our ski trail system while on snowshoes, so you can spend a long time roaming the forests and fields on our 160 acres and beyond, before running out of places to go.

## Swimming

In the summer of 1996 we opened a new heated gunite swimming pool with a dry layed antique brick deck and comfortable furniture, surrounded by a breathtaking setting built by Mother Nature.

## Tennis

We have our own clay court right here at the Inn. The only complaint we have heard about our court is that the surrounding scenery is so beautiful, it's hard to concentrate on the game.