

ART of Food

White Mountain Region, New Hampshire



By Kelly McKeeney

At the end of May, my main squeeze and I began our splendid summer up in the White Mountain area of New Hampshire. Where the Kangamangus Highway weaves through the valleys and the Pemigewasset River flows swiftly along the rocks. Small lakes, ponds, and “secret” watering holes to swim are in plenty. Everywhere you gaze, there’s beauty.

Live Free or Die, Man!

We stayed at the Woodstock Station Inn and Brewery a couple miles down the road from the infamous Loon Mountain. The quaint, adorable accommodations, picturesque views, and cozy company were wonderful. This area of the world to say the least is one that is very close to my heart. My family owned an amazing condo in North Woodstock way back when. I’ve always loved the vibe and will continue to vacation there as I grow old. Storefronts and business names may change, though the welcoming feeling and gorgeous sights will preside.

But onto what I’m usually rambling on about...FOOD. There is no lack of deliciousness to choose from in my happy place. From candy, homemade fudge, cookies, and old school sweets at Chutters which holds the Guinness World Record for the World’s longest candy



counter. To Greek pizza and wings, to sit down suppers at Public House with tons of options for all, to chilling outside on the patio with a view of the mountains, the area will deliver!

We arrived early so we hit the restaurant/pub/brewery. Our server was super cool and informative. We decided on the small portion of the loaded, cheesy potato skins. The half portion was ridiculously large and oh so scrumptious. From there, we split the soup and sangie. An adult grilled cheese sandwich loaded with various cheeses grilled to perfection accompanied by a bowl of French onion soup. MMM. Let’s just say, my man did not get much of that liquid tastiness because YUMMY.

After checking in, we opted to chill by the river in our newly purchased large foldable chairs, enjoying the view, tranquil sounds and a couple of pops from the Brewery. The Lost River Light is my new favorite. It’s light with an actual taste. Me amo mucho. All of their beers that we sampled were delish. You can pick and choose what you’d like to form a sixer and then reuse the beer rack holder thingy.

That evening, supper Al Fresco was a no brainer. We ordered a large, crispy pepperoni pizza pie and wings from GH Pizza. A place

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make it a point to frequent for a quick bite when in town. They have appetizers, salads, subs, you name it.

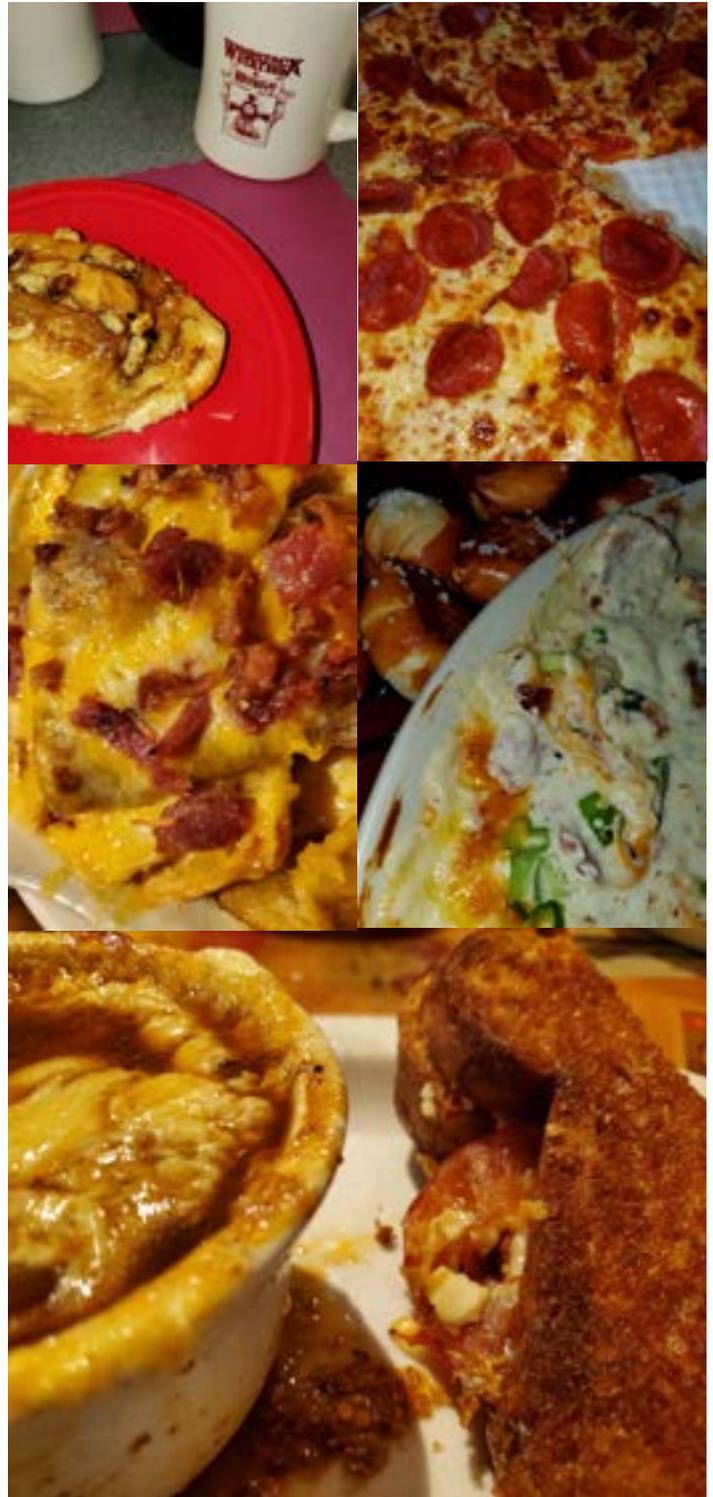
Breakfast for both mornings was included in the price of the room. Anything on the menu you would like. The staff are friendly, efficient, and genuine. Pecan sticky buns and coffee are quickly served and inhaled. The bread, pancakes, French toast, and meats were fresh and delicious. They even make their own sausage patties. A bit spicy but I was impressed.

The next day I decided to conquer a bit of my fear of heights so we ventured off in a gondola to view the top of Loon Mountain. We tracked along the trails and enjoyed the magnificent views. Amazing! The weather was spectacular and the sun was beaming. We could not have asked for a better day.

Our last evening we went to a relaxing dinner with a view of the mountains and a drizzle in the air on the patio of the Public House. Great menu featuring starters, soups, flatbreads, salads, sandwiches, meals, kids entrees with lots of choices for various diets. Many gluten free and gluten sensitive plates.

We started with Pemi Dip, a bacon and cheese concoction with caramelized onions and scallions served with warm pretzel bits. OMG! The drinks were strong and gone. I decided on the Pemi Sliders and oh so happy I did. Angus beef on a grilled brioche, topped with cheddar, bacon, garlic aioli, lettuce and tomato served with hand cut fries. Tender and cooked to order. Delicious. My man ordered the pan seared scallops over mashed sweet potatoes, bacon tomato jam and white wine butter sauce with a veggies. Fantastic.

If you are looking for a wonderful getaway for yourself, your partner, or the whole family, check out the Loon Mountain area of New Hampshire. All four seasons of the year. It will be the best decision you make!



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