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AMC Full-Service Huts Open for Summer Season June 4

PINKHAM NOTCH, N.H. – The Appalachian Mountain Club’s acclaimed White Mountain huts open to the public for the full-service season June 4, offering comfortable accommodations, educational opportunities, and the AMC’s trademark mountain hospitality.

Over 100 years ago, the AMC built its first mountain hut in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Today the AMC manages eight huts along the Appalachian Trail to provide hikers with meals, lodging, and information. The huts are open to everyone, AMC members and nonmembers alike.

Spaced a day’s hike apart, these rustic mountain cabins offer hikers comfortable accommodations and hearty meals amid amazing scenery. Hut visitors looking for an escape in the great outdoors will find 780,000 acres of the White Mountain National Forest, wildlife, wildflowers, breathtaking views, dramatic waterfalls, and hundreds of miles of hiking trails.

AMC huts provide simple bunkroom accommodations, home-cooked breakfasts and dinners, educational opportunities, and friendly, knowledgeable staff.

In addition to providing shelter, the huts serve as centers for information and education, with a focus on the natural and cultural history of the mountains. The huts incorporate alternative energy systems, including solar and wind power, to help them sit lightly on the land.

The full-service season runs from June 4 until early to mid-autumn. Three huts -- Zealand Falls, Carter Notch, and Lonesome Lake -- remain open through the winter on a self-service basis. Full-service, summer season rates range from \$51 to \$72 per person per night for adults and \$35 to \$48 for children. Rates include all-you-can-eat dinners and breakfasts, accommodations, and programming.

AMC’s Carter Notch Hut is open on a self-service basis year-round, in which overnight guests provide their own food and have use of the hut’s kitchen, stove, and cookware. Rates are \$20 to \$22 per night.

Featured in such publications as *Yankee Magazine’s* Travel Guide to New England, *Outside Magazine’s* Family Vacation Guide, and *Arthur Frommer’s Budget Travel Magazine*, the huts are well-known for welcoming hospitality in spectacular locations.

The AMC also operates the Pinkham Notch Visitor Center and Joe Dodge Lodge for the public. This roadside location in the White Mountain National Forest provides meals, lodging, educational workshops, and information.

The Highland Center at Crawford Notch is AMC's newest destination for adventure, learning, and lodging in the White Mountains. Set to open in September, the Highland Center will provide outdoor leadership and skills training, natural history programming, and lodging in scenic Crawford Notch.

AMC's programs and facilities are open to everyone, AMC members and nonmembers alike. Discounted rates are available for members.

For more information on AMC's huts and lodges, or to learn about membership in the AMC, visit the Web at www.outdoors.org or call (603) 466-2727.

Founded in 1876, the Appalachian Mountain Club is the oldest conservation and recreation organization in the United States. With more than 90,000 members in the Northeast and beyond, the nonprofit AMC promotes the protection, enjoyment, and wise use of the mountains, rivers and trails of the Appalachian region. The AMC operates seven huts under special use permit from the U.S. Forest Service. Lonesome Lake Hut, in Franconia Notch State Park, is operated in partnership with the State of New Hampshire Division of Parks and Lands.

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