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Snow Sledding

Southern New Hampshire

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Taking It Easy In **THOUSAND ISLANDS**

Feature by
Paul Pence



I

'd never explored upstate New York before, so every mile we drove west from Albany and then north from Syracuse gave me new scenery and new experiences. As we made occasional stops and paused to admire the scenery, dusk began to cast its tranquil spell, and when we reached the northern edge of New York along the



majestic St.
Lawrence River,
darkness had taken
over providing only a
hint of the charming
town of Clayton.

Known for its
picturesque beauty and
nestled along the
riverbanks, we knew that
Clayton promised a
blend of history, natural
allure, and warm
hospitality. The
anticipation of exploring
this corner of the
Thousand Islands Region
heightened as we

prepared to immerse ourselves in the delights that Clayton
and its surroundings had to offer.

Our accommodation for this leg of the journey was the
exquisite Thousand Islands Harbor Hotel. A distinguished
four-diamond hotel, it graced the edge of the town's quaint
and classic main street. The hotel was perfectly situated to
experience the town's charm, setting the stage for an
exploration that made our stay an unforgettable off-season
experience in Clayton.

We love off-season travel. Not just because of the

Frink Park's
pavilion
evokes the
days of
Clayton's
Train Station
as the
gateway to
1000
Islands.

quieter atmosphere, but because in the off season, without the tourists, the true nature of our destination is on display.

Off-season travel bestowed the gift of tranquility as on our visit to Clayton. While the town's renowned Antique Boat Museum and some tourist attractions took their seasonal hiatus, the hushed ambiance lent a



unique charm to the streets. The usual hustle and bustle gave way to a serene atmosphere, allowing us to savor the quietude that enveloped the town.

Our stroll down the Clayton's main street Riverside Drive the next morning (Clayton is much too small to describe it as an

excursion) gave us a glimpse of the town's off-season character, from the classic Clayton Opera House to the small town Reinman's Department Store / Ace Hardware store on streets that just encouraged us to slow down and take it easy.

Traditional bakeries enticed us with the aroma of freshly baked treats,



In the winter, peace and quiet prevail on Riverside Drive.



while cozy cafes invited us to savor a cup of warm coffee amidst the charming surroundings. In the heart of Clayton, we encountered family-owned establishments like the Koffee Kove and O'Brien's and that have stood the test of time, providing a glimpse into the town's rich heritage.

We couldn't help but notice the unique



boutiques showcasing handcrafted goods and artisanal treasures. The shop windows beckoned with displays ranging from local artwork to intricately designed jewelry. Each storefront contributed its own distinct personality to the town's character.

Our stroll led us to delightful shops, each with its own story to tell. One particular gem captured our attention, enticing us to spend a leisurely hour exploring Christmas decorations and trinkets to serve as cherished mementos of our trip. The absence of crowds meant we could engage in unhurried conversations with the shopkeepers, who eagerly shared insights about their beloved town.



It was during these intimate exchanges that we unearthed hidden gems of local lore, turning our off-season exploration into an enriching and personalized experience. High on the shopkeeper's list of ideas for exploring the area was Zenda Farms Preserve, a few miles west of downtown.

We planned a two night stay in Clayton to allowed us the opportunity to explore the town, so we spent the afternoon at Zenda Farms Preserve, a captivating former dairy farm that unfolded like a time capsule from the 1960s. Turned over

largely to a broad 100-acre expanse of lush grass, the museum retained several meticulously preserved buildings, each adorned with a distinctive metallic finish, reminiscent of a bygone era.

During its zenith, Zenda Farms was a bustling dairy operation, home to hundreds of cows grazing on over 800 acres of sprawling land. A well-marked walking trail winds its way around this pastoral haven, inviting visitors to immerse

themselves in the tranquil beauty of the landscape.

Venturing into Zenda Farms during the off-season, and on top of that away from the weekend hustle, afforded us the chance to explore the exterior of the historic structures. From imposing silos to hay storage units, milking stations, and the ominously-named "manure pit," each element told a silent tale

Clayton
Opera
House is
home of
over 150
years of
history.





of the farm's busy past. The creamery building, now repurposed as the visitor center, stood as a testament to the agricultural legacy that once thrived within these grounds.

Despite being unable to explore the interiors during our visit, the exterior tour painted a vivid picture of the farm's rich heritage, leaving us with a deeper appreciation for the resilience of Zenda Farms across the changing seasons of time.

Zenda Farms showcases sustainable farming practices and organic dairy production.



In the quiet off-season, the sounds of nature became more pronounced, offering a serene backdrop to our leisurely walks along the walking trail. While Zenda Farms may not always reveal its full array of wildlife during every visit, the potential for enchanting encounters with the local fauna adds an element of anticipation and discovery to the overall experience.

Although we may not have been equipped with



binoculars and a bird guide, the spontaneous serenade from the resident birds hinted at the rich biodiversity that thrives within the preserve's boundaries.

The elusive foxes and other creatures that call this serene expanse their home managed to stay well back into the trees and deep grass, evading our hope of spotting them ourselves.

Before dinner, we had a chance to enjoy the St Lawrence River, from the comfort of the banks. The coldest part of



The St. Lawrence seaway is a navigational marvel that reshaped global trade.

winter hadn't set in yet, so we could enjoy the view from the riverwalk that runs from St. Lawrence Restoration, a business devoted to restoring vintage boats. behind the Thousand Islands Harbor Hotel, and on a short distance to Frink Park.

Frink Park's primary structure reminded us of a railroad station waiting area. Digging a little into the history of the town, I found that the railroad used to bring visitors to Clayton back in the era of Grand Hotels, with Clayton being the

The Muskee powerful apex predator sport fish can weigh up to 50 pounds.





primary access to the 1000 Islands resorts in the St. Lawrence. The railroad did a loop around the small town, along the path of Riverside Drive and the river walk, servicing the tourists and supplying ships that plied the St. Lawrence.

After the railroad station, the old Frink Snow Plow company used to be where Frink Park and the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel now stand.

Some of the story of Frink Park could be gleaned by reading the informational panels set up in the park. It could have been easily discovered with a visit to the Thousand Islands Museum. I had it even easier by having long rambling chats with proud residents of Clayton who were thrilled to share the history of their town.

In Frink Park, a statue of a muskie, a large game fish native to the waters of the St. Lawrence, stands to remind visitors that nature and wildlife continues below the surface of the water too.

The St. Lawrence River, not merely a picturesque scene, operates as a vital artery for maritime trade. It stands as a major shipping channel, facilitating the movement of goods and vessels. During the winter months, a transformative scene unfolds as the river freezes over, transforming into a pathway traversed by ice fishermen and, on occasion, daring border-crossing moose, in what must be an ethereal landscape.

The river's numerous islands, some residing in Canadian waters, others in U.S. waters gave birth to the term "Thousand Islands," a name that not only describes the physical

The
Thousand
Islands of
the St.
Lawrence
actually
number
over 1800.





landscape but also became synonymous with the distinctive salad dressing created in this very region.

Alas, the I-81 bridge over the St. Lawrence just a few miles east made travel to the Islands and Canada a simple process, ending the days when water taxis and ferries used Clayton as their primary terminus.

While our exploration in Clayton offered a myriad of captivating experiences, the broader region beckoned with additional attractions that, unfortunately, we didn't have the opportunity to witness firsthand. Downstream, toward the vast expanse of the Atlantic Ocean, lies Heart Island, home to the enchanting Boldt Castle—a testament to the opulence of the Gilded Age. Although we missed the chance to wander through its halls and gardens, the allure of this unfinished

mansion stood as a reminder of the area's rich historical tapestry.

Heading in the opposite direction, the town of Cape Vincent unfolds, nestled along the St. Lawrence River. Here, the Tibbits Point Lighthouse stands sentinel, gazing out over the river's expanse. A visit to this iconic landmark promises not only panoramic views of the river but also the chance to stand on the edge of Lake Ontario. From this vantage point, one can witness the vastness of fresh water extending all the way to the horizon—a sight that, regrettably, eluded our own exploration.

These unexplored gems serve as an invitation for future adventures, enticing us to return and immerse ourselves in the tales of Boldt Castle, the charm of Cape Vincent, and the

A labor of
Love, Boldt
Castle was
never
completed.





mesmerizing vistas offered by Tibbits Point Lighthouse.

The St. Lawrence River and its surroundings, it seems, have an abundance of stories yet to unfold, waiting to be discovered on our next journey to this captivating corner of the world.

Our refuge during our stay, the Thousand Islands

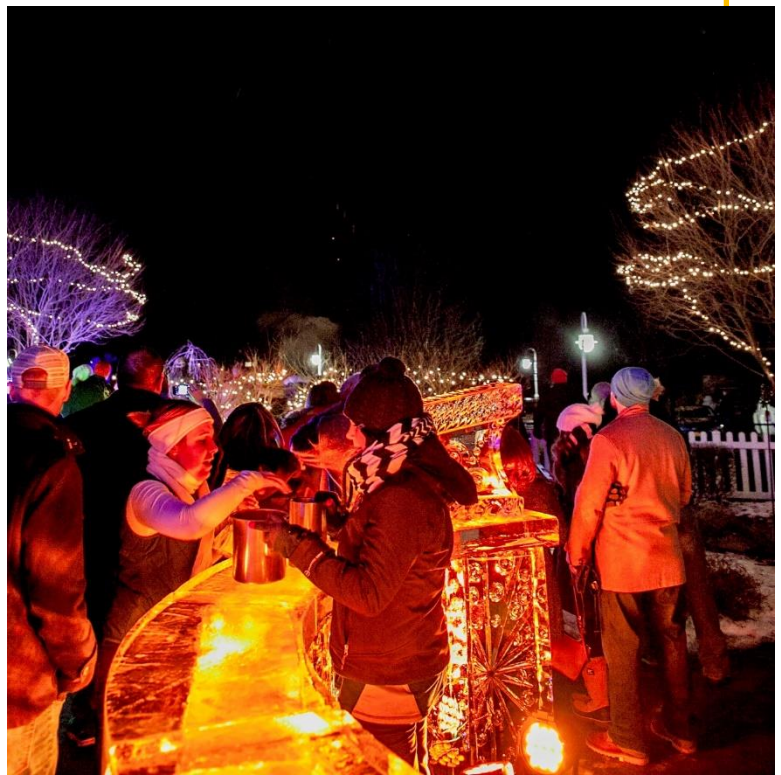


Harbor Hotel, proved to be a sanctuary of comfort and tranquility that beckoned us to its embrace. The allure of the hotel extended beyond the mere practicalities of accommodation; it became a pivotal part of our experience, a haven overlooking the picturesque St. Lawrence River.

Our very comfortable room, offered a panoramic view of the river that became a constant companion during this leg of our road trip. The Thousand Islands Harbor Hotel not only rejuvenated what was once industrial land but also elevated it into a hub for various events and gatherings. The hotel's meeting spaces cater to the diverse needs of the area, hosting weddings and business conferences that benefit from the scenic backdrop of the St. Lawrence River.

Beyond its role as a comfortable retreat, the Thousand Islands Harbor Hotel is a dynamic venue for community engagement. Annual events such as the speedboat poker rally and the Fire and Ice in February add vibrancy to the hotel's calendar, creating an atmosphere that resonates with both local residents and

The
Thousand
Islands
Harbor
Hotel's Ice
Bar is a
great way to
get you into
the cold.





visitors alike. As we reveled in the quiet elegance of our riverside haven, we couldn't help but appreciate the hotel's multifaceted role in fostering both comfort and community spirit in this enchanting corner of Clayton.

Dining at the Seaway Grille within the Thousand Islands Harbor Hotel was a culinary experience that added a delectable layer to our stay. We savored the delights of both breakfast and dinner in the welcoming ambiance of the hotel's restaurant.

One standout dish that etched itself into our memory was the super-thick frenched pork chop, elevated to excellence with a touch of spicy butter. Served alongside creamy mashed potatoes and crisp green beans. The flavors and textures left a lasting impression. While the entire menu showcased culinary craftsmanship, from the succulent salmon to the perfectly cooked filet, the pork chop emerged as a highlight, its savory perfection creating a memorable dining

experience.

For breakfast, the Seaway Grille continued to impress with a delicious spread. Among the tempting options, the pancakes stood out as a personal favorite, a delightful start to the day that showcased the kitchen's commitment to delivering not just a meal but a culinary delight.

Oh, yes, we just had to taste the green salad with the local creation - the Thousand Island salad dressing. Yum!

The kitchen and waitstaff provided a memorable dining experience, making our meals at the hotel an integral part of our overall enjoyment during our stay in Clayton.

Alas, the fleeting nature of our stay in



The food at Seaway Grille was a delight!





Clayton meant that we could only enjoy two days of tranquility. Two days, a mere pause in our journey, were spent reveling in the tranquility of the Thousand Islands Harbor Hotel, exploring Zenda Farms Preserve, and savoring the culinary delights of the Seaway Grille.

The thought of immersing ourselves in the peace and quiet of Clayton for a more extended period lingered in our minds. We are sure that the folks in the age of Grand Hotels enjoyed Clayton for the same reasons – quiet, peace, nature, vistas, and the luxury of fine food and amazingly comfortable accommodations.

However, the open road called us once more, and with a tinge of reluctance, we bid farewell to this tranquil haven.

For more information:

- visit1000islands.com/communities/clayton-ny/
 - www.timuseum.org
- www.1000islandsharborhotel.com

Family Fun at Smugg's





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ou might expect Smuggler's Notch, nestled in the Green Mountains of Vermont, to be a great place to ski. And it is, with its excellent skiing and snowboarding opportunities in the winter on a variety of slopes and terrain for skiers and



snowboarders of all skill levels. But it's also amazingly family-friendly.

Smuggler's Notch features lessons and activities for teens and children.

The resort has three main ski areas: Morse Mountain, Madonna Mountain, and Sterling Mountain. Morse Mountain is the perfect place for beginners, with its gentle slopes and easy terrain. Madonna Mountain is a great choice for intermediate skiers and snowboarders, with a mix of groomed and ungroomed runs. Sterling Mountain is the most challenging, with steep and moguled terrain for advanced

skiers and snowboarders.

In addition to skiing and snowboarding, Smuggler's Notch also offers other winter sports such as snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and tubing. The resort also has an indoor pool and hot tub, as well as a fitness center and spa, perfect for relaxation after a day on the slopes.



The resort also has a state-of-the-art snowmaking system, ensuring that the slopes are well-covered with snow throughout the winter season. Furthermore, the resort has ski and snowboard rental and tuning services, and expert ski and snowboard instructors to help you improve your skills, from beginner to advanced.

But it is also a year-round vacation destination that offers a wide range of activities for families and children. In addition to its skiing and snowboarding in the winter, “Smugg’s” is known as well as hiking, biking, and swimming in the summer.

One of the main draws for families is the resort's children's programs, which are designed to keep kids entertained and engaged while allowing parents to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. The programs are divided

into age groups, with activities tailored to each group. For example, the "Explorers" program is for children ages 3-4 and includes activities such as arts and crafts, nature walks, and games.

The "Adventurers" program is for children ages 5-7 and includes activities such as hiking, swimming, and rock climbing. The "Mountain Adventure" program is for children 8-12 and includes activities such as ziplining, rock climbing, and horseback riding.

The "Teen Scene" program is for teenagers and includes activities such as paintball, rock climbing, and team-building exercises. All of the programs are led by experienced and trained instructors who are dedicated to providing a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants.

The resort's
dedicated
Kid's Club
ensures
young ones
have a blast.

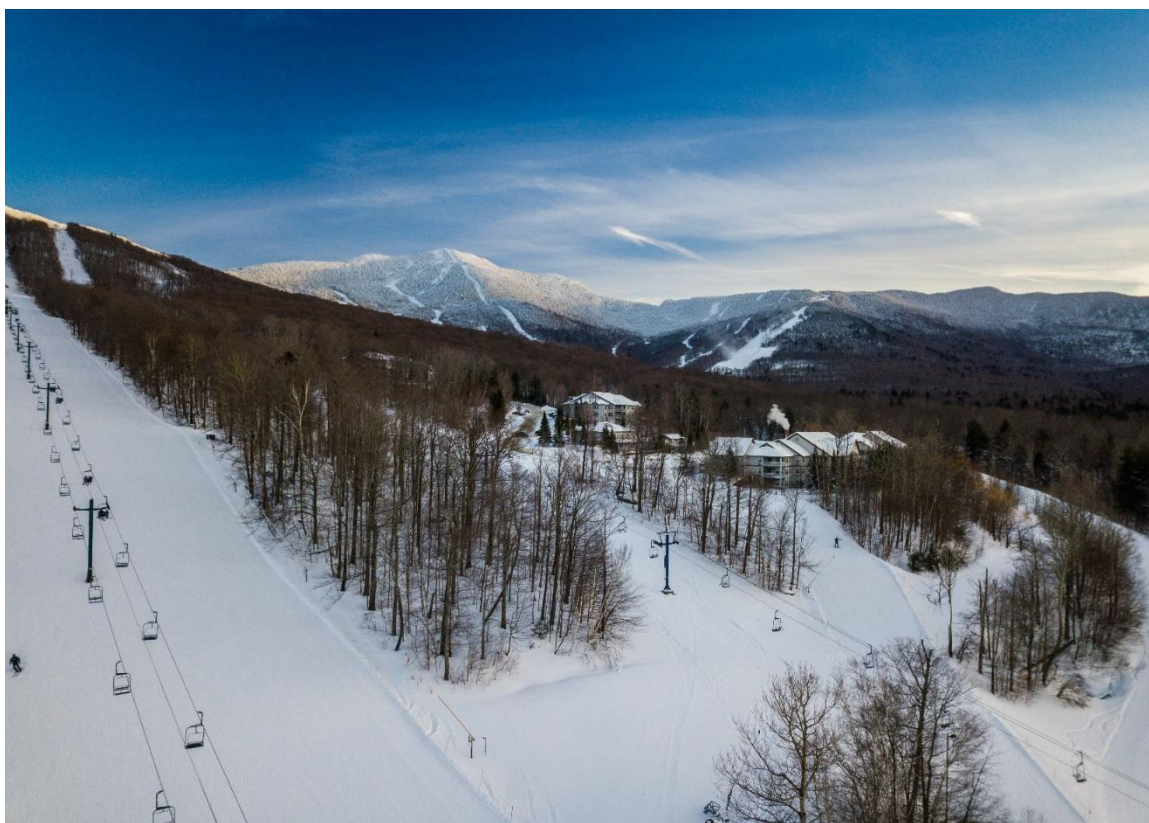




In addition to the children's programs, Smuggler's Notch offers a variety of other activities that are perfect for families. These include skiing and snowboarding, snowshoeing, tubing, and ice skating. The resort also has an indoor pool and hot tub, as well as a fitness center and spa.

The resort also has several amenities that are perfect for families, such as a playground, a game room, and a movie theater. There are also several dining options available, including a restaurant and a deli.

When it comes to accommodation, Smuggler's Notch offers a variety of condos for rent. The condos are fully equipped with everything you need for a comfortable stay, including fully-equipped kitchens, comfortable living areas,



Beyond
skiing, kid-
friendly
activities
includes
challenges
for all ages.

and private bedrooms. Some of the condos even have private hot tubs, fireplaces, and balconies.

Overall, Smuggler's Notch is the perfect destination for families looking for a fun and engaging vacation. With its wide range of children's programs and activities, as well as its comfortable condos for rent and other amenities, it's no wonder that this resort is a popular choice for families. Whether you're looking for a winter getaway or a summer vacation, Smuggler's Notch has something for everyone... including the kids!

For more information:

- www.smugs.com

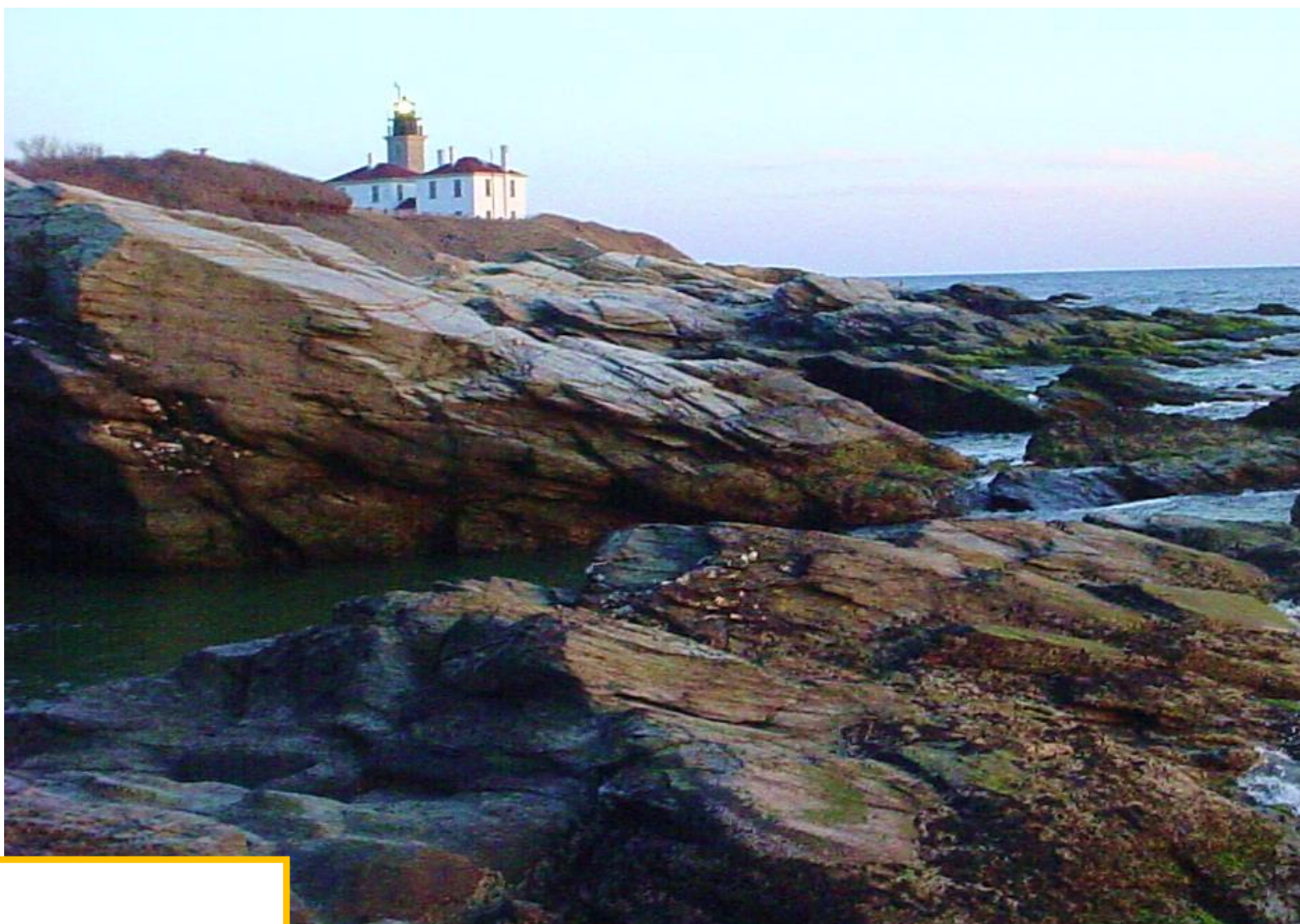
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The background of the entire page is a photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon, where the sun is setting. Several dark, silhouetted clouds are scattered across the orange part of the sky. The water in the foreground is dark blue with small, white-capped waves. A thin, bright yellow border frames the entire image.

Newport Harbor's Lighthouses Lighting the Way

Feature by
Linda S. Manning



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n balmy summer afternoons the harbor is filled with pleasure craft of all types and sizes. The flow of traffic streams in and out of small inlets and coves creating a texture of waves for those to navigate their vessels. Sailboats showing all the colors of a rainbow move slowly across the waters only dictated by the winds as they show off their



beauty. Power boats motor on a course dictated by the depths of the ocean floor and the proximity of other vessels.

Historically, these waters of Newport Harbor and Rhode Island Sound were navigated by the Indians and first settlers who found Newport to have an excellent harbor for island inhabitants. The island with its rocky cliffs, spectacular views of the ocean and ideal conditions for sailing and fishing has a celebrated history of commercial fishing and as a summer resort. In

the early days many ships went aground thus the birth of the lighthouse as an aid to navigation

One of the first lighthouses that one may see if returning from the sound is Beavertail Lighthouse

As the third lighthouse built in Colonial America, the 58-foot wooden tower was built in 1749. It was rebuilt in 1754 after a fire the year before. Built of brick and rubble this tower too was set afire by the British in 1779. The heat of the fire warped the masonry but repairs were again made keeping the tower in service.

Beavertail
Light at the
southern tip
of
Jamestown
Island was
established
in 1749.



In 1851 a foghorn was powered by compressed air, using a horse tethered to a revolving walker to pump air into a tank.

The present-day Beavertail Light is made of composed granite and was completed in 1856. Known as the red roofs, this lighthouse serves to direct a mariner into the waters of the west passage.

Coming into the harbor is Castle Hill Light built in 1890 into the rock crevices and boasting a height of 40 feet above the water's surface. This 34-foot tower stands at the west end of Newport Neck.



Its style is of Richardsonian Romanesque. In 1938 a hurricane destroyed the associated dwellings. There are stories of the area as being haunted by ghosts. But as it turned out the keepers' wife had a habit of going for walks on hot summer nights in her white nightgown.

Motoring past Fort Adams a once flashing white light on Goat Island is known as Newport Light. The first lighthouse was completed



in 1823 at the south end of Goat Island, a 20 foot tall stone tower. This lighthouse confused many a sailor and ships were wrecked on the north end of Goat Island. In 1838 the light was moved to the north end of the island.

In 1865 a new tower replaced the old standing 38 feet tall and made of hewn granite. In 1922 an American submarine rammed the pier and personnel were withdrawn. The light was electrified and

Goat Island
Light in
Newport
Harbor was
originally lit
with oil
lamps.

Previous –
Hog Island
light and
Castle Hill
Light,
marking the
northern
and
southern
tips of
Aquidneck
Island.

renovated by the USCG in 1963. Today it has a steady green light and welcomes all from the north.

Located in inner Newport Harbor is Lime Rock Light, known today as Ida Lewis Rock Light built in 1854. The light was first lit in 1854 and then automated in 1927. Made of brick the tower height is 13 feet and is square in shape, attached to the side of a building. Ida Lewis born in Newport and the daughter of the light keeper was said to have saved sixteen sailors one foggy night as the light keeper, her father ill. She was astonishingly a very young age at the time and has become famous as a result of her bravery.

On the rocks close to Rose Island, winter seals congregate after a lively swim in the harbor. Rose Island is a tiny island in Newport Harbor. Rose Island Light built in 1870 at a height of 50 feet was considered strategically located and aided in the defense of Narragansett Bay during the 18th century.





Since the 1980's Rose Island Light has been lit using solar panels.

Ida Lewis Light was named after America's first female lighthouse keeper.

The lighthouse is located on the south west point of Rose Island and was deactivated in 1971 and turned over to the University of Rhode Island who were unable to maintain the property. It was then turned over to the federal government for disposal. In 1984 a group of concerned citizens formed the Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation, which restored the structure.

Today the foundation is alive and active functioning as a museum and Innkeeper Hotel with its house reserved a few years in advance. Now, each of the harbor lighthouses in unspoiled condition is used by many a mariner as an aid to navigate Newport Harbor waters as those who previously plotted a course navigating the waters

Aquidneck Island known by the Indians as "Isle of Peace," is today known as a summer resort and an amazing place to relive a bit of history and engineering marvel at the edge of the water.




Established in 1634, Boston Common is one of the oldest public parks in the US.

The adjacent Public Gardens was added in 1837, showcasing stunning floral displays.

A prominent statue of George Washington stands tall in the Common.

The Common covers 50 acres while the Gardens add another 24 acres of open greenery in the city.

A Winter Wonderland Boston Common

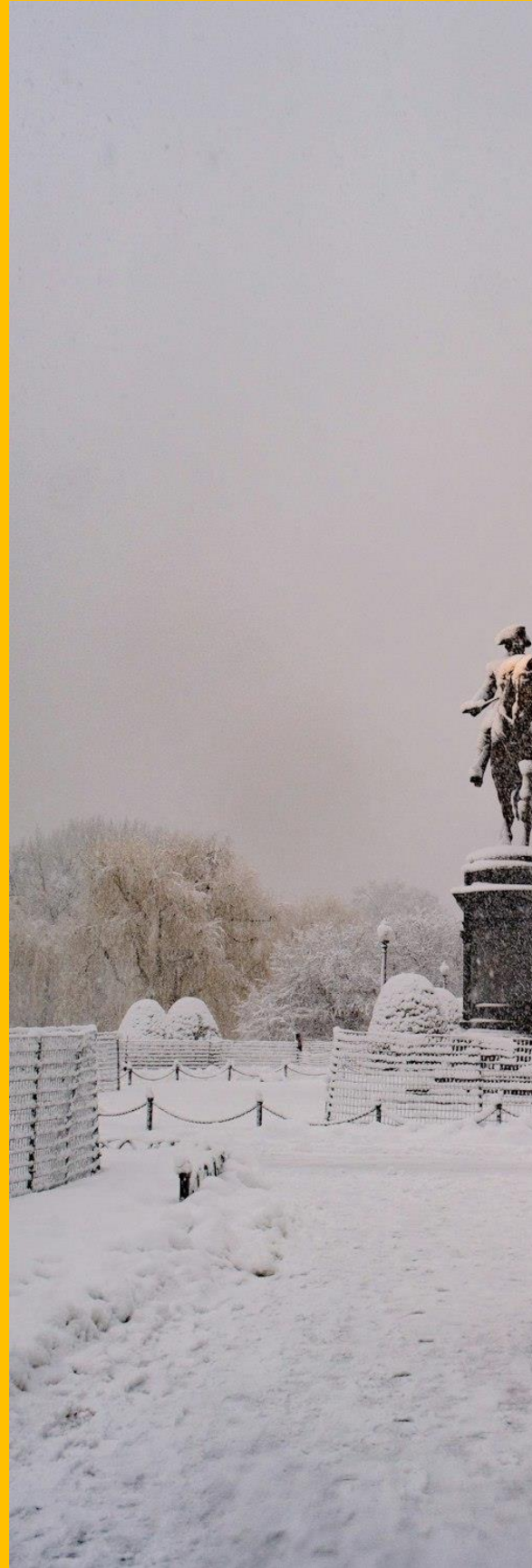


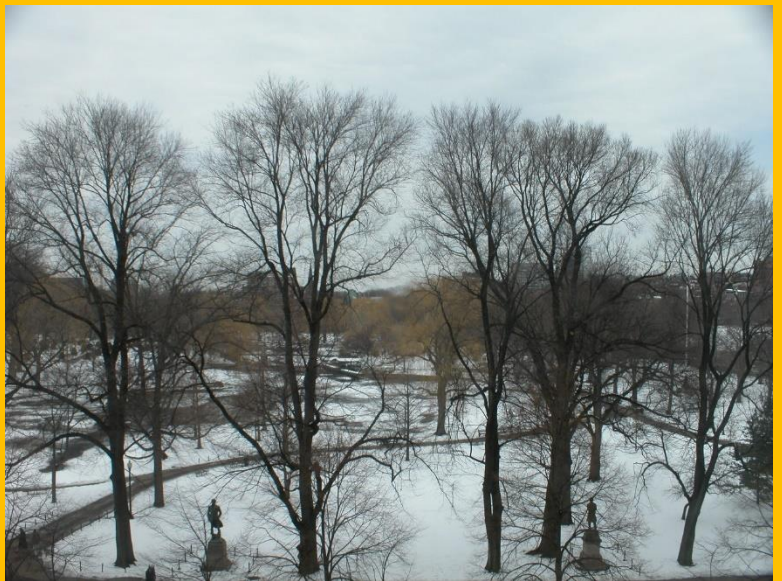
Winter events often include ice sculptures, adding an artistic wintry touch.

The Boston Common Carousel provides whimsical fun year-round

Frog Pond becomes an ice skating rink in the winter, providing a classic winter experience.

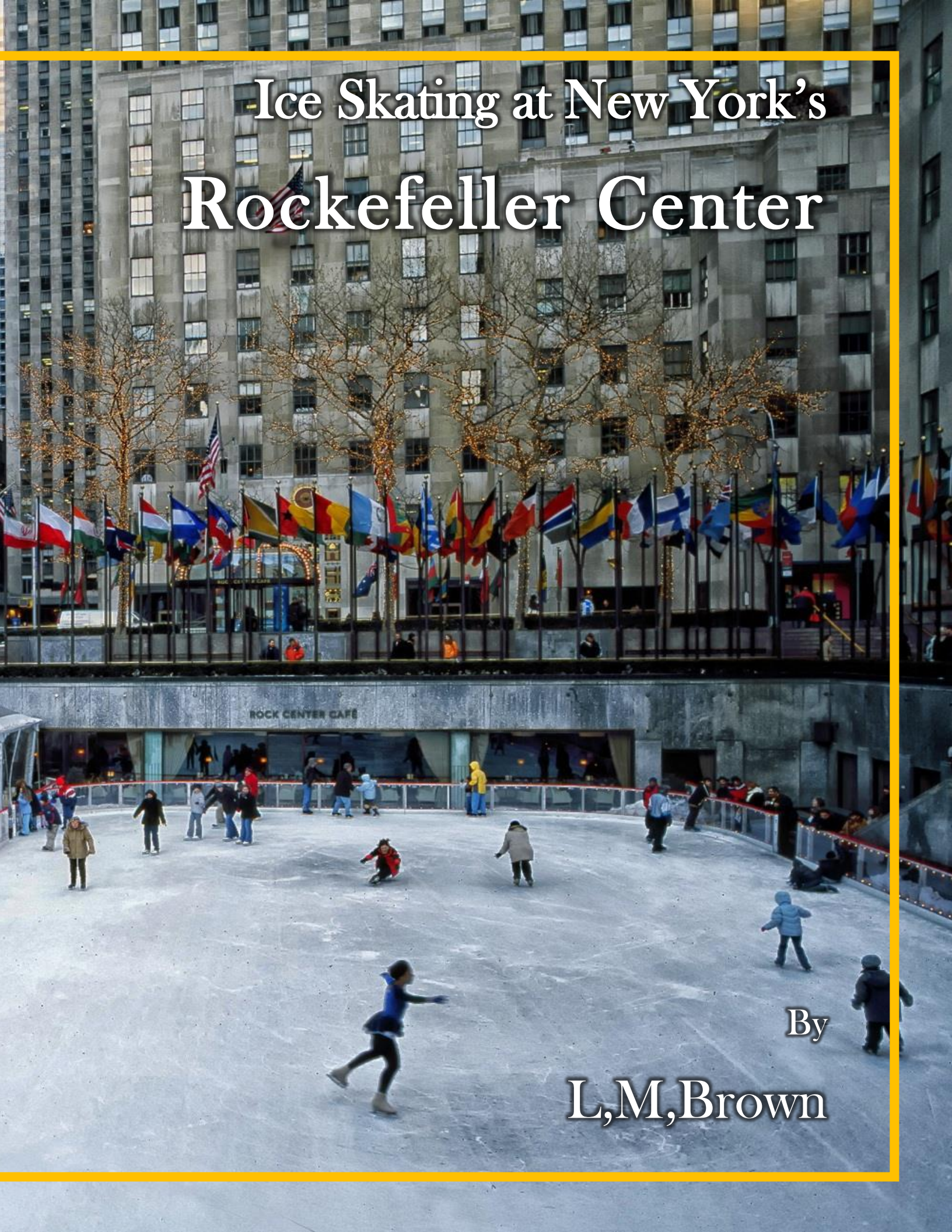
The Common was where the British Troops camped before the battle of Lexington and Concord.







Ice Skating at New York's Rockefeller Center



By

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he Rockefeller Center Ice Skating Rink, a winter wonderland located in the heart of Midtown Manhattan, is a must-visit destination for any traveler to New York City. You may never have visited New York City, but certainly you know Rockefeller Center Ice Skating Rink since it has appeared again and again in movies and



television like *Elf* and *Home Alone 2*, making it an iconic symbol of Manhattan.

The rink, which has been a beloved tradition since it first opened in 1936, is situated in the Rockefeller Plaza, a complex of 19 commercial buildings built by the Rockefeller family. The rink is surrounded by some of the city's most famous landmarks, including the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree, the NBC Studios, and the

Established in 1936, Rockefeller Center and the iconic ice skating rink are examples of Art Deco.

Top of the Rock Observation Deck.

The rink, a large and rectangular shape, can accommodate up to 150 skaters at a time. It is open to the public from October to April, offering both recreational skating and figure skating performances. Skating lessons are also available for those who are new to the sport.

One of the best things about the Rockefeller Center Ice Skating Rink is the atmosphere, a festive and magical place to

visit. The rink is surrounded by twinkling lights and decorated with holiday decorations. Skaters can take a break and enjoy hot cocoa or other treats at the rink-side café, while watching the skating action.

Another great feature of the rink is that it is open to the public, so anyone can come and skate. However, it is always crowded, especially during the holiday season. It's highly recommended to buy the tickets online in advance, to avoid long waiting lines.

Despite the crowds, the rink is well-managed and the staff is friendly and helpful. Skate rental is available on-site, so you don't have to worry about bringing your own skates.

For those who want to take in the sights of the rink without actually skating, the Rockefeller Center offers a number of great viewing spots, including the rink-side café and the Top of the Rock Observation Deck. From the observation deck, visitors can take in panoramic views of the city and the rink below.

The Rockefeller Center Ice Skating Rink has a rich



history dating back to the 1930s. The rink was first opened in December 1936 as part of the Rockefeller Center, a complex of commercial buildings built by the Rockefeller family in the heart of Midtown Manhattan. The rink was designed by architects Raymond Hood and Wallace Harrison as a way to attract visitors and tenants to the newly-built complex.

The
mythical
figure
Prometheus
watches
over skaters.



The rink was an instant success, drawing thousands of visitors each day. The rink was initially open for only four months a year, but due to its popularity, it was soon opened year-round. The rink was also used for figure skating competitions, with some of the most famous skaters of the time, such as Sonja Henie, performing there.

During World War II, the rink was closed to the public and used for training by the United States Coast Guard. After the war, the rink was reopened to the public and continued to be a popular destination for ice skaters.

Over the years, the rink has undergone several renovations and upgrades, including the addition of the rink-

side café and the installation of a refrigeration system to keep the ice frozen despite warm spells during the skating season.

Despite these changes, the rink has remained true to its original design and continues to be a beloved winter tradition for New Yorkers and visitors alike.

In addition to the ice skating, the Rockefeller Center also offers a number of other winter activities, including the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree Lighting, the Saks Fifth Avenue holiday window displays, and the Radio City Christmas Spectacular. These events and activities make the Rockefeller Center a popular destination for both holiday shoppers and winter tourists.

The Rockefeller Center Ice Skating Rink is known for its iconic status and festive atmosphere, but there are a few unexpected facts about



the rink that may surprise visitors:

- The rink is not the largest in the city: While the rink is one of the most famous in New York City, it is not actually the largest in terms of size. There are other rinks in the city that are larger, such as the Wollman Rink in Central Park.



- The rink is not only for skating: The rink is also used for other activities, such as yoga and fitness classes, during the summer months. The rink is also used for special events and corporate parties, allowing guests to enjoy the iconic setting and atmosphere of the rink even when there is no ice.
- The rink is not only for the public: The rink is also used for professional figure skaters to practice. The rink is open to the public during the day, and during the evening the rink is used by professional figure skaters, Olympic and World Champions, to train.

The flags of many nations fly over the ice rink.

Previous – Rockefeller Center Tower is 70 stories tall, with an observation deck at the top called “Top of the Rock”.

- The rink is not the most economical: Skating at the rink is not the cheapest activity, it is a bit more expensive than other ice skating rinks in the city. Skating admission is \$33 and skate rental is around \$20.
- The rink is not only open in the winter: The rink is



open to the public year-round, and not only during the winter months as one might expect. The rink is closed only for maintenance and cleaning, usually in the summer months.

- The rink is not exclusively for skating: In the past, the rink has been used for roller skating and even for a fashion show. The rink has been transformed into a dance floor and a stage for live performances.

Overall, the Rockefeller Center Ice Skating Rink is a must-visit destination for anyone traveling to New York City during the winter months. With its festive atmosphere, beautiful setting, and abundance of activities, it is the perfect way to experience the magic of the city during the winter.

Beneath the rink, layers of insulation and piping keep the ice frozen and ready for skaters.

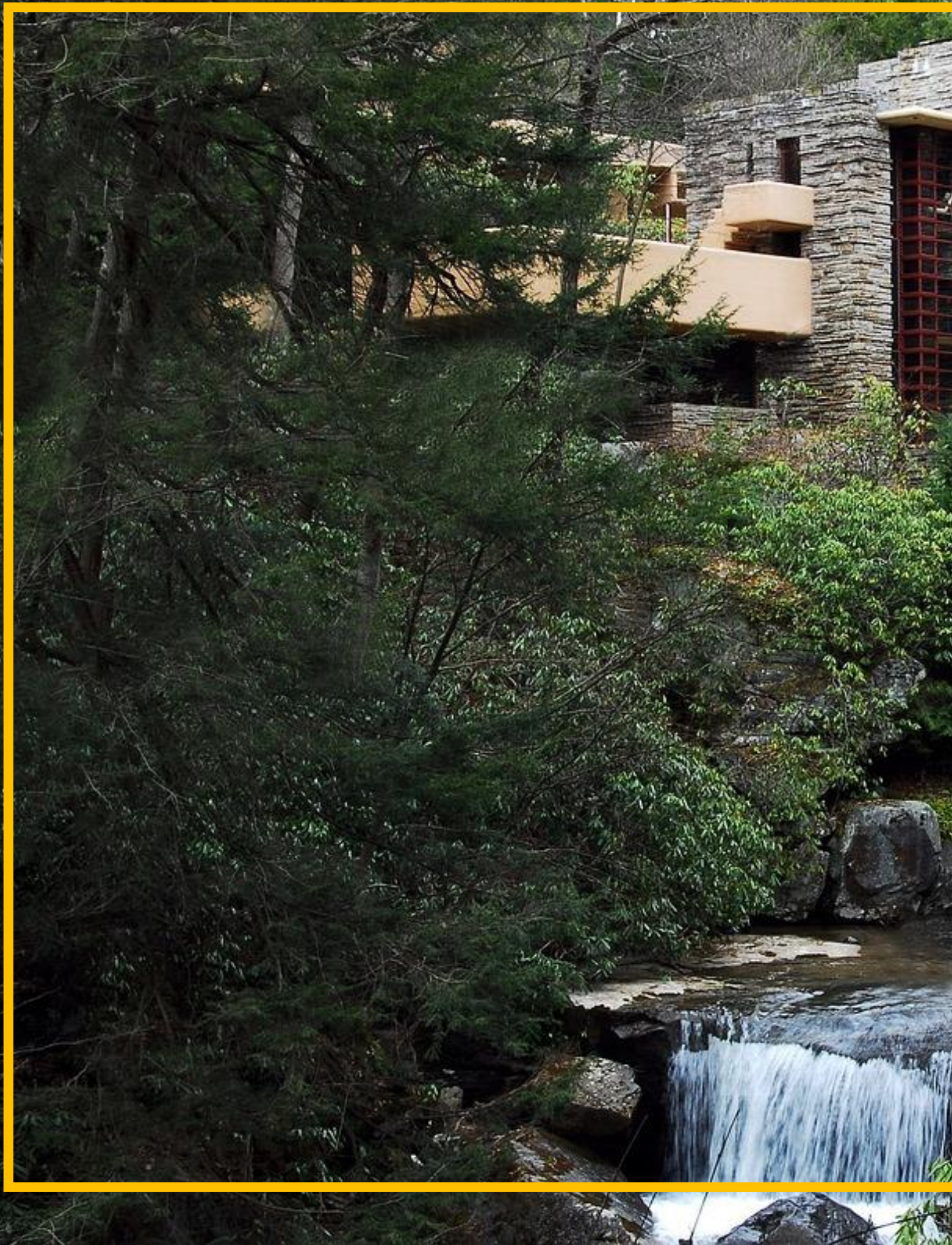


Whether you're a seasoned skater or a first-timer, the Rockefeller Center Ice Skating Rink promises to be a highlight of your trip.

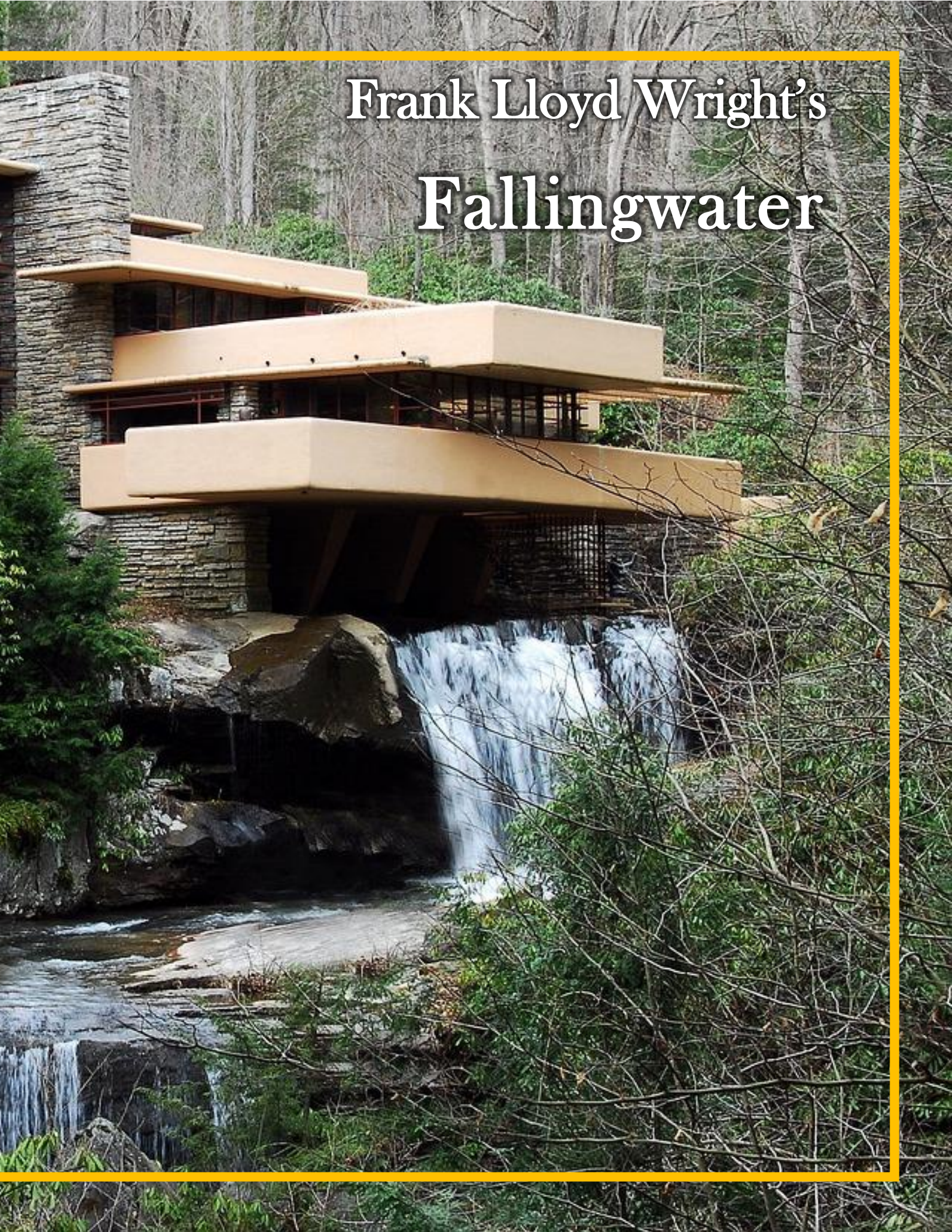
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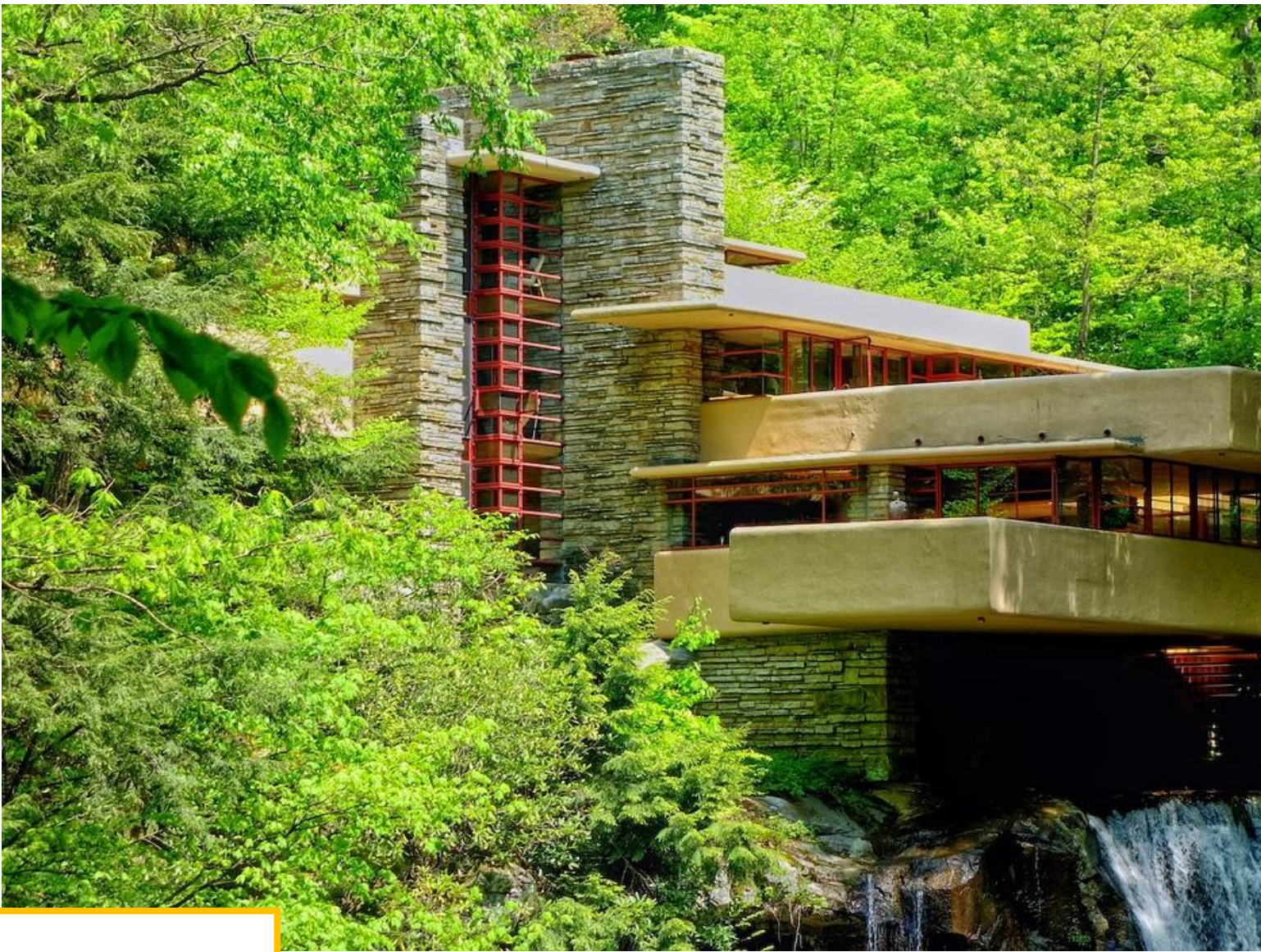
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Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater





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mid the lush hills of Pennsylvania southeast of Pittsburgh, Fallingwater stands as a testament to the genius of architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Wright is so well known for his impact on American architectural design that most people have heard his name, even if they have no idea what buildings he designed. In fact, most people



would have trouble naming any architect other than Wright. He built Fallingwater between 1936 and 1939, creating an architectural marvel that is more than a residence; it's a harmonious integration of human ingenuity with the beauty of the natural world.

The brainchild of Edgar J. Kaufmann, a Pittsburgh department store magnate, Fallingwater was

envisioned as a retreat for the Kaufmann family. The residence was not merely a dwelling; it became a manifestation of Wright's organic architecture philosophy, seamlessly blending with its natural surroundings. The cantilevered design, a daring feat in engineering, allowed the house to extend over Bear Run, the waterfall that graced the property.

Fallingwater uses cantilevers, balancing the balconies and much of the home out over the over the waterfall.

Fallingwater's history is etched with innovation and a bold departure from traditional architectural norms. It serves as a time capsule, encapsulating the spirit of an era and the brilliance of a visionary architect. As we delve deeper into its history, the roots of Fallingwater's significance come into sharper focus, revealing a groundbreaking chapter in architectural evolution.

Wright's use of materials adds another layer of significance to Fallingwater. Constructed with locally sourced stone and expansive glass, the house effortlessly blends into its woodland surroundings. The strategic placement of windows invites natural light to dance across the interior, blurring the boundaries between inside and outside.

In addition to Fallingwater, Frank Lloyd Wright's legacy encompasses a multitude of iconic architectural marvels that





Stones from the site were used in the construction to entwine the structure to the natural world.

have left an indelible mark on the world. The Guggenheim Museum in New York City is one of his most notable buildings, standing as a testament to his innovative design, with a spiraling ramp that revolutionized museum architecture. Taliesin West nestled in the Arizona desert, Robie House in Chicago, the innovative Unity Temple, the enchanting Hollyhock House, and so many other structures collectively showcase his unparalleled vision and reshaping the landscape of modern architecture. Each of these structures is a testament to Wright's belief in harmony between humanity and the environment, further solidifying his status as one of the 20th century's foremost architectural visionaries.

Step inside Fallingwater, and you'll discover an interior

that mirrors the elegance of its exterior. The open layout, a departure from conventional room divisions, enhances the sense of unity with nature. Wright's attention to detail is evident in every corner, from the carefully designed furniture to the incorporation of the waterfall's sounds into the living spaces.

The preservation of Fallingwater is a testament to the commitment to maintaining the legacy of Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural masterpiece. The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, entrusted with the care of this iconic structure, has implemented rigorous preservation efforts to ensure its longevity. Ongoing maintenance





includes careful monitoring of the house's structural integrity, with regular inspections and repairs carried out as needed. Preservationists work diligently to safeguard Fallingwater from the natural elements, protecting it from the wear and tear that comes with being exposed to the elements for nearly a century.

Any restoration work undertaken at Fallingwater adheres to the principles and materials employed by Frank Lloyd Wright. This commitment to authenticity ensures that the essence of the house remains true to its original design. Recent renovations, if any, aim to strike a delicate balance between modern preservation techniques and the preservation of

The sounds of running and splashing water adds an auditory dimension to the home.

Fallingwater's unique historical character.

The dedication to preserving Fallingwater extends beyond the structure itself to the surrounding landscape. The careful management of the natural environment ensures that the site maintains its original charm, allowing visitors to experience the house in the context envisioned by its creator.

Accessing this architectural gem is a journey in itself. Nestled in the Laurel Highlands, Fallingwater welcomes visitors with winding roads and serene woodlands, creating a sense of anticipation. The tranquility of the surroundings enhances the overall experience, making the journey to Fallingwater as significant as the destination.

The sensory journey begins as you approach the house, the sounds of Bear Run's cascading waters becoming a prelude to the visual spectacle awaiting you. Once inside, the expansive windows frame nature like living artworks, casting a gentle glow across the interior. The interplay of light and shadow, combined with the soothing sounds of the waterfall, transforms Fallingwater into a multisensory masterpiece.

As you traverse the open spaces and contemplate the carefully curated interiors, each step unveils a new perspective. The connection between the architecture and its surroundings becomes palpable, creating a unique and memorable experience. Whether you're an architecture enthusiast or a nature lover, Fallingwater offers a profound encounter that transcends traditional notions of sightseeing.

As you explore Fallingwater, take a moment to appreciate the meticulous preservation efforts that contribute to the ongoing story of this architectural gem. The



The interior furnishings were also designed by Wright, making them a part of his artistic vision too.

commitment to maintaining the integrity of Wright's vision ensures that Fallingwater continues to inspire awe and admiration for generations to come.

Visiting Fallingwater is not a mere tour; it's a journey into the heart of one of the most iconic structures of the 20th century. The sensory delights, from the rhythmic sounds of Bear Run to the play of light within, create an experience that lingers in memory. The preservation efforts, undertaken with meticulous care, ensure that future generations can continue to appreciate the genius of Frank Lloyd Wright.

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Discovering Winter In Kennebunkport





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inter transforms Kennebunkport into a coastal wonderland, where the streets are adorned with a blanket of snow, and the historic architecture takes on a magical allure. This picturesque town, known for its summer allure, reveals a different kind of beauty in the colder months, inviting visitors to experience the serene and festive ambiance unique to winter.



Nestled on the coast, Kennebunkport is normally renowned for its vibrant summer activities, drawing visitors from far and wide to enjoy sunny days by the beach, bustling streets, and lively waterfront events. However, as the temperatures drop and winter blankets the town in a serene stillness, a new kind of magic unfolds.

Winter in Kennebunkport is a well-kept secret, inviting those who have savored the summer vibes to experience the town's

unique charm in the colder months. The transformation of this coastal haven into a winter wonderland adds a layer of enchantment, offering a quieter, more intimate side of Kennebunkport that is equally, if not more, captivating.

With snow blanketing the streets and rooftops, Kennebunkport's winter landscape unfolds with a captivating charm. The coastal town, normally bustling with summer activities, becomes a serene haven. Snow-covered streets frame historic architecture, creating postcard-worthy scenes

Walker Point, the residence of the Bush family, is private, but presidents and statemen often wander into town from the estate's seclusion.



that capture the essence of winter beauty.

For those seeking outdoor adventures, the Kennebunkport area offers a range of winter activities. Explore the town on winter walks, embrace the tranquility of cross-country skiing in the nearby Harris Farm Cross Country Ski Center, or venture into the snow-covered landscapes with

snowshoeing in the wildlife sanctuaries in Wells. If you prefer ice-skating, local rinks like the one at the Waterhouse Center in Kennebunk (right across the water) welcome visitors to glide gracefully against a winter backdrop.





The winter season brings seasonal activities, winter sports, and hearty food.

The town's culinary scene doesn't hibernate during winter. Local restaurants like Bandaloop and Federal Jack's beckon with warm and comforting winter dishes. From hearty soups to seafood specialties, these culinary delights provide a taste of Kennebunkport's winter warmth. Be sure to explore special winter-themed menus and culinary events that showcase the town's diverse gastronomic offerings.

February brings an array of winter events to Kennebunkport. Celebrate love with Valentine's Day festivities, including themed events at The Boathouse, Rosella, and other local establishments. Mixology classes and





cultural workshops add a unique flair, offering visitors a chance to engage in diverse winter activities.

Discover inviting accommodations that embrace the winter season. Kennebunkport's many hotels like the Nonantum Resort and bed and breakfasts like the Captain Nathaniel Lord Mansion offer warmth and comfort. Imagine evenings spent by the fireplace, creating a cozy retreat after a day of exploring the winter wonderland outside.

Even in winter, Kennebunkport's art and culture thrive. Many local galleries and art studios remain open, inviting visitors to explore the town's creative spirit. Attend winter-themed performances or cultural



The historic B&B's of the town offer comfort and luxury.

events that showcase the community's artistic diversity.

Kennebunkport's winter charm is a gem waiting to be discovered. From scenic landscapes to outdoor adventures, culinary delights to cultural experiences, the town transforms into a winter haven with a unique coastal touch. Embrace the magic of Kennebunkport in winter, and you'll find a serene and festive retreat that captivates the heart.

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