

# 2017 WINTER TRAVEL GUIDE

# SKI Top 50 Resorts



## The Results Are In

Find out how your go-to resorts rank in:

Challenge // Powder // Lifts  
Après // and More...

### KIDS SKI FREE

No More Excuses.  
Start Here.

### PANORAMA

Meet B.C.'s Newest  
Bowl Skiing



The Bionic Skier  
Prevent Injuries Before  
They Happen

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**Sleep Here**

Nearby Lake George's lakeside hotels are hungry for winter business. Check out the stately Sagamore.

**Bragging Rights**

Like it steep? Try Rumor, Lies, and anything else off the Straight Brook quad.

**On-Hill Eats**

Snag an upstairs table at the midmountain Saddle Lodge for good grub and great views.



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## Gore Mountain

### NEW YORK

The lack of commercial base-area development on state-park land gives Gore a kind of Whiteface/Mad River/Cannon Mountain shut-up-and-ski vibe but one that's close to home for lots of readers. There's a parking lot, a base lodge,

lifts...and that's pretty much it. Nightlife? Nope. Tiny North Creek has a few nice après places, but it pretty much shuts down after dark. Readers note that Gore lacks the steeps of a Mad River (the short-but-sweet backside pod comes pretty close), but its terrain is unusually charismatic—long, rolling cruisers; accessible, roomy glades—and the scenery is exceptional. "All you see from the mountain are waves of wilderness mountain vistas." Readers like its lifts (No. 7), love its value (No. 5), and repeatedly describe it as underrated. "This resort is really a hidden gem. The views are just incredible." "A very family-friendly and down-to-earth place." —J.C.

150" | 439 Acres | 15 Lifts | 119 Trails

**TOP 3 STRENGTHS**

Value (No. 5)  
Lifts (No. 7)  
Accessibility (No. 9)

**TOP 3 WEAKNESSES**

Dining (No. 20)  
Après (No. 19)  
Lodging (No. 18)

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## Cannon Mountain

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Cannon loyalists did something remarkable that drives home just how easy a mountain it is to fall permanently in love with: They raised \$4 million and handed it to the state (which owns Cannon) to finish the major improvements on the Mittersill section. Why so loyal? The place is special. "One of the hidden gems of New England!" Of course, at

4,000 feet in elevation it does get a bit more wind and cold than some other places. (But more snow, too.) In reality, though, guests do beg for a few things, like improved lifts (and a tram that operates all week instead of just Thursday through Sunday), better base accommodations, and more snow. The latter they will get: The mountain debuts improved snowmaking this winter that will increase production by a whopping 50 percent. —M.M.

160" | 282 Acres  
10 Lifts | 95 Trails

**TOP 3 STRENGTHS**

Scenery (No. 2)  
Character (No. 2)  
Value (No. 3)

**TOP 3 WEAKNESSES**

Grooming (No. 23)  
Snow (No. 22)  
Dining (No. 22)



**What's New**  
Completion of the \$1 million Mittersill Improvement Project, which includes snow guns and lines for the Taft Training Slope, along with a new Valar T-bar to serve it.

**SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE**

Hike over to Mittersill from Upper Cannon. In the days of chairs to everywhere, there's something special about hiking up over a spine to what feels like a distant land. And great news: It's an easy enough hike for the whole family.



**On-Hill Eats**  
Poutine at the Cannonball Pub.