



Highland Course

QUECHEE CLUB

THE PURSUIT OF A LIFE WELL LIVED

“While there are more than 16,000 golf courses and hundreds of ski mountains across the country, there are only a handful of facilities that pair both golf and skiing in a controlled access setting.”

— BRIAN KELLEY, GM/COO AT QUECHEE CLUB



QUECHEE, VERMONT: Depending on your stride length, cadence, and height, 10,000 steps are roughly equivalent to walking five miles.

Those who have an iPhone are familiar with the ubiquitous activity rings encouraging movement. Although there are several theories on why Apple chose the 10,000-step daily goal, one of the more colorful stories centers not on scientific exercise data, but rather a marketing ploy. The Japanese kanji language character meaning 10,000 (where Apple controls 50 percent of market share) has an uncanny resemblance to a person walking!

“We truly are an outdoor playground offering every imaginable four-season activity. At 6,000 acres, Quechee Club is one-third the size of Manhattan in New York City [250 miles to the south]. With ample land to work with, our 15 miles of mountain trails offer the bucolic scenery Vermont is famous for,” smiled Scott Bushway, director of recreation, fitness & aquatics at Quechee Club.

VERMONT IS THE LARGEST PRODUCER of maple syrup in the United States, with over 2.3 million gallons yielded annually. It's time-intensive and requires 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup.

SOON AFTER THE MOWERS are retired for the golf season, preparations begin to turn on the snow blowers.

OUTDOOR AMENITIES INCLUDE two championship courses; a family-friendly ski hill with two black diamond runs; a natatorium with lap lanes; the Lake Pinneo beach house with a sandy beach; and a racquet pavilion offering pickleball, squash, and platform tennis.

WHILE VERMONT is the second least populous state in the country (only ahead of Wyoming), it's famous for its charming towns reminiscent of early 1800s New England. The state is known for its gorgeous scenery and lack of commercialization, partly due to its law prohibiting highway billboards.



A TRIFECTA OF MOVEMENT

Quechee Club's vast amenities fall into three broad-based categories: recreation, fitness, and aquatics. "Since our private community covers such a large swath of land, the property is divided into seven sections, with section five dedicated to nature paths," said Bushway. "We recently concluded our seasonal Adventure Camp that allows youngsters to get dirt under their fingernails and learn about nature. After all, as we age, it's easy to forget how effervescent and free we felt during summer."

Geoffrey Cornish, a longtime contributor to the Harvard Graduate School of Design, was the original architect behind both courses at Quechee Club. "Our Highland Course is built along the foothills of the Green Mountains and is distinguished by scenic panoramas, and our Lakeland Course winds along the Ottauquechee River and Lake Pinneo. Water features on 17 of its holes make ball placement critical," advised Bushway.



"For those who prefer to achieve their 10,000 steps indoors, our cardio and movement studio offerings are quite extensive for our membership size," continued Bushway.

A CHINESE PROVERB

From plush green summer scenes to autumn leaves, the landscape surrounding Quechee Club transforms with the changing seasons, creating a dynamic Northeastern escape.

"The Chinese proverb 'Enough shovels of earth—a mountain. Enough pails of water—a river' are a perfect description of our landscape," detailed Bushway. "Poolside or lakeside, we have you covered."

Quechee Club's outdoor pool features a zero-depth entry and six lap lanes. During the colder winter months, the indoor natatorium is a popular venue. Some of the more unusual activities include candlelit swim sessions

and movies in the pool to keep you entertained.

"Summer lake days are always near and dear in our members' hearts," said Bushway. "Lake Pinneo's sandy beaches, private swimming area, fishing pier, and 52 acres of boating access are the perfect setting to enjoy our toasty days and warm evenings."

FRESH PAINT SMELL

"Quechee Club's newest amenity is an upgraded and expanded Beach House on Lake Pinneo and a brand new Kid's Clubhouse, called The Den," described Bushway.

"It serves as basecamp for year-round activities offering everything from kayaking in the summer to a haunted house in the fall to cross-country skiing in the winter." ■

For membership information on this Norman Rockwell lifestyle, please visit QuecheeClub.com.

