



Known for its family-forward atmosphere, Ski Quechee offers all of the familiar amenities of big-name ski resorts. With 13 trails and a Quadzilla chairlift, it's Vermont's friendliest ski mountain.



Covering such a large swath of land, Quechee Club is divided into seven sections, with five of the sections offering dedicated nature trails. All told, there are 15 miles of maintained paths ideal for hiking, mountain biking, and cross-country skiing.

THE NORTHEAST'S ALL-SEASON OUTDOOR WONDERLAND

*Quechee Club—creating magical moments in the
Green Mountain State for more than 50 years.*

QUECHEE, VERMONT: A common misconception is that golf course superintendents are simply “lawn guys” who don’t understand the intricacies of golf (think Bill Murray’s character in *Caddyshack*). “For too long, the culture of our profession has been misunderstood,” explained Brett Bailey, golf course superintendent at Quechee Club in Vermont. “Even my sister once commented that all you need to do is learn to start a lawnmower to work on the agronomy crew. We are not a bunch of bumbling dudes running around the golf course!”

“Science has become critical in our daily routine as standards of what course conditions members expect and deserve. When you combine ever-changing weather conditions, establishing budgets [which are larger and more com-

plex than you would imagine], and managing a staff of 23 full-time employees that swells to about 50 during the season, there are many aspects to our day,” continued Bailey. “Quechee Club operates as a small city. At 5,500 acres, it’s one-third the size of Manhattan in New York City. From autumn leaves to spring blooms and plush green summer scenes, the landscape transforms with the changing seasons, creating a dynamic Northeastern escape.”

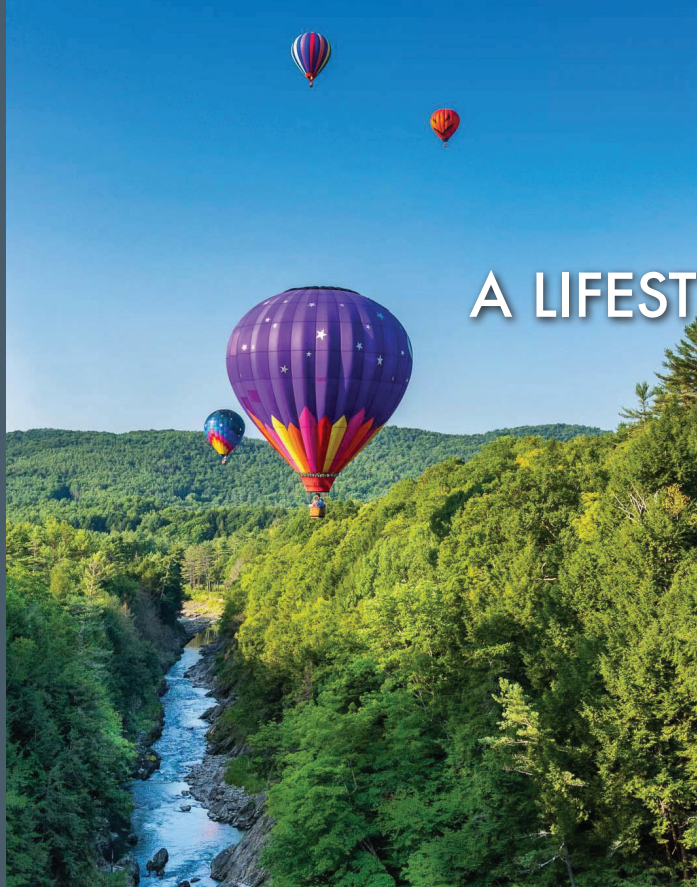
Soon, the golf course will close, and preparation will begin for winter. “It takes five days for us to blow the water out of the miles of irrigation pipes as we put the course ‘to bed’ for the colder months. After we receive the first significant snowfall [the average for Quechee Club is 70 inches per year], resident attention turns to

“THIS YEAR, WE PLANTED 3,600 ANNUALS across our 46 garden beds throughout the community. Dahlias and daisies are two of our more popular ‘go-to’ plants known for their vibrant colors and sturdiness.

The contiguous United States has nine distinct climate zones. We wait until the frost season is over before planting. While weather patterns vary from year to year, our region has moved from climate zone 4 to 4B reflecting overall trends with slightly warmer temperatures. My best tip when you plant your garden for next season? Look at your soil. Does it have proper nutrients and drainage? While you might not want to get your hands dirty, organic compost is superior to Miracle-Gro plant food.”

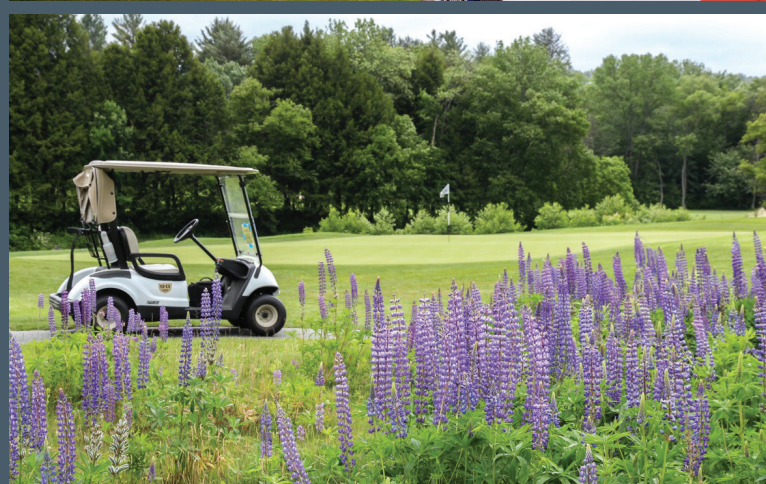
— KELLY BERTHOLDT, HEAD GARDENER AT QUECHEE CLUB

A LIFESTYLE THAT OFFERS IT ALL



Known for its picture-perfect covered bridge, wondrous Quechee Gorge (known as Vermont's Little Grand Canyon), and magical hot air balloon landings, the village of Quechee was historically inhabited by the Abenaki tribe and named for the river that runs through it—the Ottauquechee, meaning "swift mountain stream."

Aquatic facilities include indoor and outdoor pools.



Geoffrey Cornish, a longtime contributor to the Harvard Graduate School of Design, was the original architect behind both courses. His golf design philosophy was simple: Use the lay of the land with only enough ornamentation (bunkers and hazards) and man-made contours to provide a challenge. The Highland Course was designed with tree-lined fairways, while water comes into play on 17 holes on the appropriately named Lakeland Course.

cross-country skiing, sledding, and the occasional building of a snowman," smiled Bailey. "We are one of the best-kept secrets in the Northeast. Being less than a two-hour drive from Boston, I like to say we are removed, not remote."

A ONE-OF-A-KIND SETTING

"There are more than 16,000 golf courses and hundreds of ski mountains across America eager for your business, but only a handful of facilities that pair both golf and ski-

ing in a controlled access setting," detailed Brian Kelley, GM/COO at Quechee Club. "With Lake Pinneo and a segment of the Ottauquechee River bisecting our golf courses, water views are always nearby. What started as a weekend summer retreat has transitioned into a family-centric, year-round private community. As soon after our golf season comes to a close, we turn our mountain snow-blowers on to prepare for the ski season." ■

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