

QUECHEE CLUB

There's Nothing Like It.

Its combination of exclusive four-season amenities ranges from two Geoffrey Cornish-designed courses to a family-friendly ski hill with two black diamond runs; a natatorium with lap lanes; the Lake Pinneo beach club with a sandy beach; and a racquet pavilion offering pickleball, squash, and platform tennis.

QUECHEE, VERMONT: The state is famous for producing nearly half of the nation's maple syrup, its craft beer scene, Ben & Jerry's ice cream, stunning fall foliage, and the Quechee Club. The Green Mountain State is also celebrated for its idyllic rural charm, historic covered bridges, and ski resorts.

The village of Quechee was settled in the 1760s when homesteaders were granted land in exchange for opening woolen mills along the rushing waters of the Ottauquechee River. The mills thrived and established a reputation for knitting baseball uniforms, in particular for the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees.



However, by the early 1960s, the local mills closed down, leaving the area economically devastated and putting most of the village out of work.

In the late 1960s, John Davidson envisioned transforming the struggling town into an upscale recreational community. Thus, the Quechee Club was founded. Initially, the club was pitched as a mecca for well-to-do down-country people (many of whom lived in Boston or New York City) seeking a second home up north amid the leafy hills and lush green meadows.

"We truly are an outdoor playground offering every imaginable activity from lying on our sandy shoreline with Lake





Geoffrey Cornish, longtime contributor to the Harvard Graduate School of Design, was the original architect behind both courses at Quechee Club. The Lakeland Course plays exactly as it sounds. Set adjacent to Lake Pinneo and the Ottauquechee River, the layout sits on a natural flat floodplain with little elevation change, providing an easy “walk in the park” experience where water is in view of 17 of its 18 holes. The Highland Course, set in the surrounding foothills of the Green Mountains, is true Vermont with lots of elevation change. If you yearn for the look and sounds of rustic New England, this is it.

Pinneo in prime view during the summer to skinning up the ski hill during snowy months,” expressed Brian Kelley, GM/COO at Quechee Club. “With ample land to work with, our 30 miles of mountain trails offer the bucolic scenery Vermont is famous for, as spring brings bursts of color as the forest recovers from hibernation.

“At Quechee Club, we have different names for the seasons: fall [comfort], winter [escape], spring [renewal], and summer [fun]. No matter the season, the views are nice, but the company’s even better!”

TRAMILY

Covering such a large swath of land, Quechee Club’s 6,000 acres is divided into seven sections. All told, there are 30 miles of maintained paths ideal for hiking, mountain biking, and cross-country skiing. “Section Five is the hub for Quechee’s wilderness trails,” explained Ken Glick, common land supervisor at Quechee Club. “I know the name isn’t catchy. Some have referred to it when referencing the name of the top-secret Area 51 in Nevada, managed by the Air Force, the epicenter of UFO folklore!”

“During my 46 years working at Quechee Club, the community has undergone significant expansions and improvements. Stands of white birch, maple, and white pine trees that had been knee-high when I first joined the team now soar toward the sky reaching up to 80 feet in height,” continued Glick.

The three core trails at Section Five are titled

Trailheads A, B, and C. “Although they are a couple of miles away from the golf clubhouse, you never leave the property. That just reinforces the size of Quechee Club,” said Glick. “*Trailhead A* is our most popular. It offers so many options that you can easily customize your distance.

“*Trailhead B* is nicknamed The Pond Loop because you pass a progression of beaver dams [some abandoned and some still active]. It’s hilly and will definitely leave you huffing and puffing,” smiled Glick. “On the other end of the spectrum, *Trailhead C* offers our flattest topography for those simply looking for a leisurely stroll.

“No matter the trail, we are actively maintaining them on a weekly basis, whether firing up a chainsaw to remove a felled tree [from an infrequent ice storm] or weed whacking grass [during the summer].

“No matter your tramily, a blend of words ‘trail’ and ‘family,’ a refreshing workout is at hand.” ■

For membership information, visit QuecheeClub.com.

Quechee means “a swift mountain stream” in the Natick language.



Quechee Gorge