

Tour the famous mansion

Castle in the Clouds captures the natural splendor of New Hampshire's Ossipee Mountains and the



The octagonal dining room seats twelve.

architectural vision of Thomas G. Plant – a wealthy gentleman, retired industrialist and early environmentalist.

The well-traveled Mr. Plant revered America as a melting pot of diverse nationalities. So, in designing his fabulous estate, he drew together dissimilar architectural styles from several countries – a landmark Spanish red slate roof with a gentle Oriental slope, and various elements of English, Norwegian, Swiss and Japanese origin.

Mr. Plant built the mansion in 1913 to last for centuries. Among its features are walls of granite, cut from the mountain itself; and abundant windows that let in the surrounding majestic views. The sturdy, natural wood and leather furniture conforms to the home's many octagon-shaped rooms – many decorated with expensive Chinese silks.

Featuring unusual devices

Most unusual are the household conveniences, practically unheard of at the time, devised by Mr. Plant himself.

A centralized intercom, central vacuuming, self-cleaning oven, porcelain clothes washing basin and a clothes-drying chamber. And his early-1900s bath shower looks remarkably like new "designer" spa fixtures!

Entertaining the famous

Mr. Plant and his wife, Olive, valued their privacy. Yet they entertained graciously and widely. They especially enjoyed the natural resources of their vast estate, and always welcomed fellow outdoor enthusiasts.

Among their frequent guests was Teddy Roosevelt, the hearty Rough Rider himself. His bed and bath were always reserved.

The Plants maintained a lavish stable, tack room and exercise ring; and a 75-foot-long hothouse facing south for Mrs. Plant's favorite hobby. She also cataloged over 200 birds.

Mr. Plant favored hunting, fishing and playing golf.

An early environmentalist, in developing the land, Mr. Plant took care to strike a

balance between the integrity of raw nature and the aesthetics of landscaping. For example, after personally designing his private golf course on the estate, Mr. Plant acquired a flock of grazing sheep to keep it manicured.

Today, tours of Castle in the Clouds are open to the public, just one of many varied experiences that visitors can enjoy on this one-of-a-kind mountain estate.



The game room accommodates a built-in piano organ measuring 21' deep by 12' wide by 13' high, which could be played manually or mechanically.



The library, Mr. Plant's favorite room, has a secret, private reading room that was kept locked at all times. Mr. Plant possessed the only key.

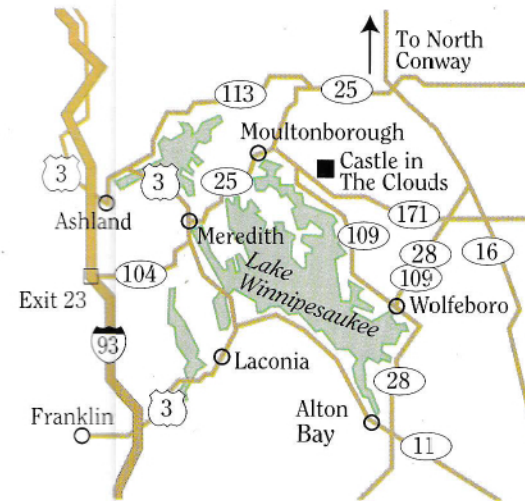
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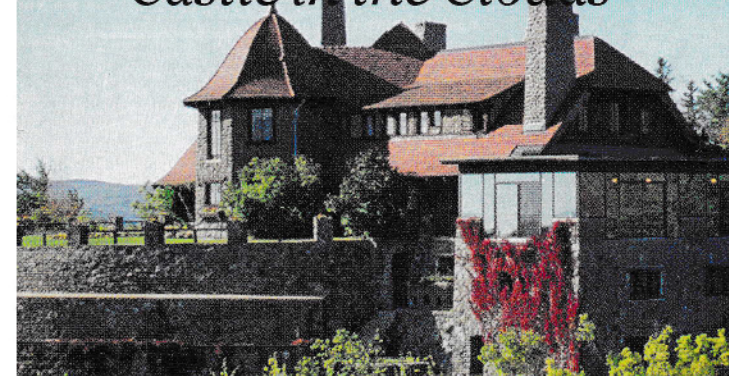
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glacial Age geological forces played a hand in creating the Ossipee Mountains' natural majesty; the sculpted granite rocks, rolling plateaus, shaded valleys, streams and cascading waterfalls that run through rocky gorges. Nestled here is Castle in the Clouds

The estate also features meadows, pastureland and trout ponds that dot 5,200 acres of predominantly woodland terrain.

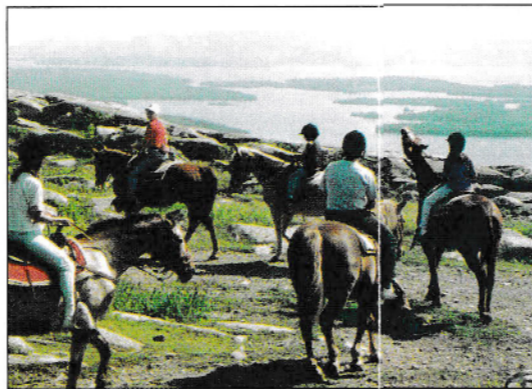
Wildlife flourishes in these natural habitats. Your luck might find you face-to-face with a deer, moose, free-range turkey or perhaps a bear! Delight in the thrill of watching a determined hawk circling its prey, or the grace of a flock of Canadian geese paddling across a pond.



Where poets are inspired

In fact, the breathtaking vistas of the Ossipee Mountains and Lake Winnepesaukee have aroused the senses of poets John Greenleaf Whittier and Robert Frost, who often visited here and whose poems reflect on their times at this very estate. A profusion of flowers, plants and foliage adds a backdrop of color at every turn.

Even today, artists and writers travel from around the world to these awe-inspiring natural scenes to commune, meditate and create. Visitors can experience a guided Western trail ride, taking you throughout the unspoiled wooded land, winding your way up to a spectacular view of Lake Winnepesaukee and surrounding mountains. Or venture along the miles of extensive hiking trails for an intimate view of nature's bounty.



Visitors can rent horses at the stables and ride, or hike on winding private roads. Pack a romantic picnic, too!

Special pursuits for clubs and groups of all ages include:

- Nature lore excursions
- Hiking expeditions
- Photography, art classes
- Bird-watching
- School field trips
- Mansion and water springs tour
- Picnic outings
- Team-building sessions



Rain and melting snow create numerous spring sites and waterfalls throughout the estate.

- Kids of all ages especially love the open fields for thrilling kite flying!

Drink in the natural environment

Castle Springs is the source of natural pure spring water, among the purest available in the world. The rains and melting snows filter down through layers of granite rocks and stones, and bubble up naturally in springs on the estate. This water source is strictly environmentally protected.

It's just a tram ride to visit the famous spring, tour our bottling facility and taste pure, refreshing Castle Springs water, directly from the source!

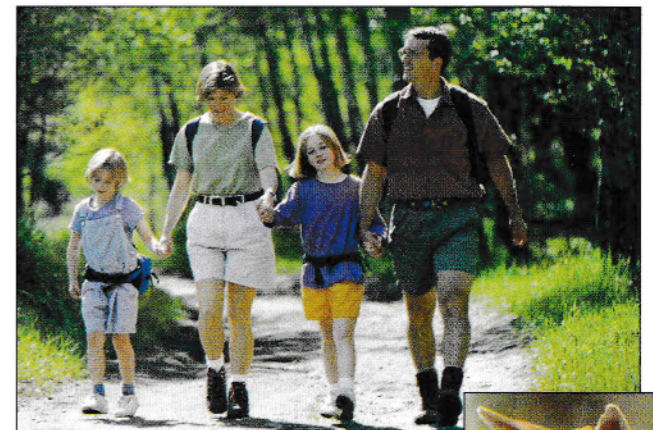
Enjoy light refreshments on our patio, or picnics to-go

To complement your mansion tour and outdoor recreation, enjoy a casual lunch from the snack bar on the Carriage House patio, surrounded by beautiful vistas. Or order picnic box lunches for your mountain exploration. And drink in the views: refreshing beverages feature Castle Springs water, popular soft drinks, juices, wine and beer.

And don't forget... Bring home memories of your experience. Our gift shop offers nature books, apparel and handmade gifts by local artisans, unique to Castle in the Clouds.



The Carriage House patio offers refreshments and a commanding lake view. Celebrate your special event with an impressive banquet at the Top of the Carriage House reception hall.



See nature through your children's eyes for an experience they (and you) will always remember fondly.



Top of Carriage House® event facility

Surrounded by commanding vistas of Lake Winnepesaukee and the Belknap Mountains, our function room offers a unique and memorable experience you and your guests will cherish for a lifetime. Whether for a romantic wedding reception, gala anniversary party or corporate retreat, our professional staff will see to your every detail, topped off with a personalized approach.

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