

Wisp and Wintergreen Resorts

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Slopes and mountaintop at Wisp Resort. PHOTO BY LANCE BELL



Snow tubing is fun for all ages at Wisp Resort.



Tucked away in the mountains of Western Maryland near the shore of Deep Creek Lake lays Wisp Resort. Approximately 13 miles from Interstate 68, the resort is an easy 3-hour drive from the Baltimore/Washington, DC, metro area, 2-hours from Pittsburgh, PA, 4-hours from Columbus, OH, and less than 45-minutes from Morgantown, WV.

Wisp Resort was founded in 1955 by Helmuth 'Ace' Heise, starting with just a handle tow and ski rentals sold out of a car. Acquired in 2013 by Pacific Group Resort, Inc., Wisp



Resort has seen a lot of improvements; a recently renovated hotel and most recently, new snow guns and snowcat to optimize winter operations.

In the wintertime, Wisp Resort is a winter wonderland with skiing, snowboarding, and snow tubing. With 33 slopes to suit all levels of skiers and snowboarders, it is the perfect destination. For novices, our beginner area provides three carpets to introduce new skiers and snowboarders to the sport. Lessons and learning packages are also available to make it easy to get guests out on the mountain to learn and fine tune a lifelong sport.

Not only does Wisp Resort offer an active winter scene, but there are also three other seasons full of outdoor fun. As a four-season resort, the fun never ends. Ride the ever-popular mountain coaster every season of the year and enjoy the scenic views within each season.

During the summer months, Wisp Resort serves as your summer headquarters with a lively recreation scene. From the Mountain Park with canopy tours, gem mining, scenic chairlift rides and more – there is something for the entire family to discover.

After exploring the Mountain Park, make a splash at the world's only mountaintop whitewater rafting course. Take

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in the scenic views as you explore the recirculating river on a guided raft. This is a perfect experience for those new to whitewater rafting. For the more experienced guests, private boating is available.

For those looking to relax and disconnect, spending time on the water is the ideal fix. Surrounded by the mountains is Maryland's largest freshwater lake, Deep Creek Lake. This 3,900 acre manmade lake has 69 miles of shoreline, is 13 miles long, and offers watersport enthusiasts and swimmers refreshing waters in the summer, while ice fishermen take advantage of the frozen lake in the winter months. Paddleboard, canoe, kayak or lie on the only public sandy beach at the Wisp Resort Beach Hut located at Deep Creek Lake State Park. While you're there, explore the lake by pontoon boat with an experienced captain. Take in the beauty of the lake and learn interesting tidbits about the lake and surrounding area.

If your passion lies on the links, Wisp Resort has two championship golf courses with breathtaking views. Lodestone Golf Course and Fantasy Valley Golf Course will challenge golfers while highlighting the spectacular mountaintop scenery, native rock outcroppings, and abundant wildlife.



Above: Enjoy spectacular views while golfing at Lodestone Golf Course, one of two championship courses at Wisp Resort.

Above right: The world's only mountaintop man made whitewater rafting course.

Right: The popular mountain coaster is available every season of the year.

Far right: Canopy tours are just one of the adventures at Wisp's Mountain Park.



Instruction is offered to those just picking up the sport or to experts wishing to improve.

Summer and fall are the time for outdoor events at Wisp. Every Wednesday in July and August, a concert and Farm & Art Market take place for locals and visitors to enjoy midweek. Listen to local artists and browse through the market for fresh greens and unique gifts from local farmers and artisans. In the fall, Oktoberfest is the event to be at. Guests can enjoy beer tastings, contests, and games for both adults and children. Not to mention Oompah music, an artisan village, and themed food. Holiday events and other activities can also be seen in the spring and winter.

All Wisp Resort activities are either on site with The Lodge at Wisp or no more than a 10-minute drive away. Make The Lodge at Wisp your basecamp for outdoor fun. Guests of The Lodge at Wisp can enjoy a pool, fitness center, outdoor firepits, and pet-friendly rooms. In the wintertime, guests can enjoy complimentary ski and snowboard lockers to store their equipment, not to mention staying slope side allows you to roll out of bed and hop onto the ski lift.

While in the Deep Creek Lake area, there are plenty of state parks to explore. Swallow Falls, a fan favorite, is fun to visit in any season. Enjoy the views while the leaves change or even during the first snow.





Wintergreen Resort

Wintergreen Resort is nestled in the heart of Virginia's beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains in Nelson County. Spanning from 3,500 feet at its peak to the valley below, about 150 miles southwest of Washington, DC, and a short 45-minute drive from Charlottesville, VA, Wintergreen Resort was acquired in 2015 and is also owned and operated by Pacific Group Resorts, Inc. Founded in 1975, it has evolved into a true four season resort providing year round fun and adventure for those who seek it.

With "winter" in the name, it's no shock that Wintergreen has become one of the premier ski spots in the Mid Atlantic. Wintergreen has 26 slopes with 1,000 feet of vertical drop on 125 skiable acres offering terrain for never-evers to advanced skiers and riders. If you are new to the sport, they offer lessons for all ages and programs for kids as young as 4. The superb skiing/riding conditions are created using a fully automated snow making system with over 40,000 linear feet of pipeline, 400 snow guns, and 45 weather stations. If skiing isn't your thing then head to The Plunge tubing park. The Plunge is Virginia's largest tubing park, comparable to a 10-story building in height and longer than 3 football fields. You can enjoy the thrills without the spills while sliding down the mountain at speeds up to 30 mph.



Above: Some of Wintergreen's slopes and slopeside accommodations.

Inset: A group of skiers ready for some winter fun.

Wintergreen's Discovery Kids Adventure Center offers tons of fun for the whole family that will be sure to satisfy even the most adventurous spirit. Activities include Gem Mining, Miniature Golf, Ninja Warrior Course, Summer Tubing, and a Disc Golf Course.

Wintergreen has some great options to enjoy your time in the sun while staying cool. Lake Monocan is a 20-acre scenic mountain lake located in Stoney Creek at the bottom of the mountain. This stunning location offers activities for everyone including stand up paddle boards, kayaks,

aqua cycles, and a blow up trampoline and slide. You can also relax on the sandy beach in an Adirondack and prepare a burger on the charcoal grills in the picnic area. There are several pools as well including Stoney Creek Pool and an indoor and outdoor pool at The Aquatics and Fitness Center.

Wintergreen is a golfer's sanctuary, featuring two courses with two completely different designs. Devils Knob Golf Course is the 18-hole mountain-top course with an elevation over 3800 feet making it the highest course in the state of Virginia and offering 50-mile views of the Shenandoah and Rockfish valleys. Devils Knob is private and open to Wintergreen Club members and Wintergreen Resort lodging guests only. Stoney Creek

golf course is located at the base of the mountain and features 27 holes of Reese Jones designed championship golf. The course is open to the public and provides beautiful panoramic vistas of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Wintergreen also has one of the top Racquet Sports Facilities in the country. Devils Knob features 3 indoor deco-turf courts along with 14 outdoor clay courts, and 8 brand new outdoor Pickleball courts. Stoney Creek has 4 outdoor courts as well. Wintergreen tennis academies have also been ranked in the top 50 tennis programs for many years. The Racquet Sports facility is open to Wintergreen Resort Club Members and Wintergreen Resort lodging guests only.

Wintergreen provides a variety of events as well including Memorial Day Weekend, July Fourth Jubilee, and Labor Day Weekend Cabin Jam. Wintergreen has also hosted the Wintergreen Music Festival for more than 25 years. This classical music festival is held every year for the entire month of July.

Wintergreen Resort offers a wide variety of lodging options from 1 bedroom lodge rooms to 9 bedroom



Top: Stoney Creek Golf Course, located at the base of the mountain, provides panoramic views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Center left: Wintergreen's indoor racquet sports facility with deco-turf courts. Outdoor clay courts and pickleball courts are also available.

Center right: Wintergreen's Lake Monocan is a 20-acre scenic lake located at the bottom of the mountain.

Bottom: Wintergreen's 26 slopes offer terrain for skiers and snowboarders, from beginners to advanced.

homes. Booking your lodging reservation through Wintergreen Resort ensures an inclusive, enjoyable getaway with the Wintergreen Advantage. You will receive exclusive access to the Aquatics & Fitness Center, Devils Grill, Devils Knob Racquet Facility, Devils Knob Golf, complimentary access to Lake Monocan, and the brand new Devils Knob Pickleball Facility. During ski season Wintergreen Resort lodging guests also receive guaranteed access for skiing and priority on advanced tubing ticket sales.

Wintergreen's location offers plenty of opportunity to get off the mountains as well. Wintergreen is surrounded by lush vineyards, presidential estates, and historic farms. Quench your thirst at some of the local wineries and cideries or take a self-guided tour on the Brew Ridge Trail featuring 5 of the nation's best craft breweries.

Under PGRI, Wisp Resort and Wintergreen share 3 other sister resorts – Ragged Mountain in New Hampshire, Powderhorn in Colorado, and Mount Washington in Canada. In the winter-time, season pass holders for skiing and snowboarding get the luxury of hitting the mountain at all five sister resorts.

During golf season, golf members can enjoy a reciprocal program between Wisp and Wintergreen that allows access to multiple courses between the two resorts. Both resorts offer various wedding sites including mountain-top ceremony sites. Reception areas are suited to fit elopements to grand celebrations.

From family reunions to corporate events, both destinations are ideal for disconnecting and reconnecting with friends and family.



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