

Vermont's Newest Staycation Spot

THE BROOK BOUND INN

New owners with a new mission have transformed the boutique hotel



If you're looking for somewhere to stay while you ski, there's a new option within the Deerfield Valley that places you in prime position: The Brook Bound Inn. Jake and Hope Moore purchased the lodge, cabin, and carriage house at the base of the Green Mountains in July 2023.

The venture was brand new to both of them. Hope was a veterinary technician, and Jake specialized in industrial automation sales, traveling all across the Northeast as an engineer. Jake says his job required a brutal work schedule that involved traveling three to five days a week. He didn't see that

arrangement working out long-term if he wanted to raise a family, so he and Hope started looking for investment properties, found the listing for the Brook Bound, and dove head-first into the deep end.

Of course, running a business is no cakewalk. Jake says he works even harder than before, but this time, it's a labor of love. "The job itself is extremely satisfying. You get to meet an array of people from all different backgrounds and places," Jake says.

The new owners have put enormous love and care into renovating the Inn, which was barely operational before they took over. They've taken

it from dilapidated to luxurious. "Everything is very modern and updated, including new furniture. It's the perfect place to get some alone time with the ones you love or have an outdoor adventure and experience all the great things that Vermont has to offer," Jake says.

The Inn is right across from the Hermitage Ski Resort & Haystack Golf Club and right down the road from Mountain Snow Ski Resort. It has direct access to the Vermont Snowmobile Trail System, and Dover and Wilmington are just a short drive away.

The thirty-two-acre property offers plenty of on-site amenities too, like the unique padel



court, which, according to Jake, is the first non-private padel court in Vermont. Padel, a popular racket sport in Latin American and Europe, is like pickleball, but it's played on a larger court with glass walls and with a slightly smaller ball. Jake's father-in-law has been involved in racket sports his entire life and pitched the idea.

"We've had a lot of local traction with that, with people coming over for social events to hang out by the pool and play some pickleball

and padel," Jake says. "And then we've also put quite a few walking and hiking trails around the property and have cleaned it up and made it [into] a little slice of Vermont heaven." Plus, the resort has a large outdoor pool with a new liner, which is a major attraction in the summer.

The new owners have also brought some high-tech advancements to the inn, like their contactless check-in system. Rather than going through the awkward dance of driving in, parking, walking up to a front desk, sorting

Opposite page: A snowy view of the inn's main lodge. This page: The inn's new padel court and updated common area. An aerial view of the lodge, cabin, carriage house, and outdoor pool. One of seven newly furnished guest rooms.



things out with your room, and then going back to the car to get your things, Brook Bound lets you start your vacation the moment you arrive. You get an email and text message beforehand with instructions for your check-in, and you can text Jake directly with questions or if you need help.

The main lodge has seven private rooms: four singles and three suites. The largest of the suites is a two-bedroom, two-bath unit with its own private entrance, a full-size kitchenette, and a lounge area. The lodge also includes multiple common areas where guests can gather. These include a farm-style gourmet kitchen, a large dining table, and a library and TV room, both with fireplaces.

Another new resort-style offering at the Bound Brook Inn is bachelor and bachelorette parties. "[Brides- or grooms-to-be] can rent out our entire facility and have a nice weekend getaway. They can hike or fish, they can play golf or just hang out on the property," Jake says.

But the Brook Bound isn't stopping there. They want to host weddings too. In fact, Jake and Hope got married there, as did Jake's best friend from childhood. You can expect to see more information about private full-space rental options on their website soon.

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