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NEWS FROM LOCH LYME LODGE

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A young skater admiring an ice sail boat on Post Pond. Photo by Amelia Botsford Santos



March

by
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The stormy March is come at last,
With wind, and cloud, and changing skies,
I hear the rushing of the blast,
That through the snowy valley flies.

Ah, passing few are they who speak,
Wild stormy month! in praise of thee;
Yet, though thy winds are loud and bleak,
Thou art a welcome month to me.

For thou, to northern lands, again
The glad and glorious sun dost bring,
And thou hast joined the gentle train
And wear'st the gentle name of Spring.

And, in thy reign of blast and storm,
Smiles many a long, bright, sunny day,
When the changed winds are soft and warm,
And heaven puts on the blue of May.

Then sing aloud the gushing rills
And the full springs, from frost set free,
That, brightly leaping down the hills,
Are just set out to meet the sea.

The year's departing beauty hides
Of wintry storms the sullen threat;
But in thy sternest frown abides
A look of kindly promise yet.

Thou bring'st the hope of those calm skies,
And that soft time of sunny showers,
When the wide bloom, on earth that lies,
Seems of a brighter world than ours.

A NOTE FROM THE INNKEEPERS

Dear Loch Lyme Lodgers,

Although things might look a little dull outside between snow storms, New England will be greening up soon. Before we know it, we'll all be able to feel the warm sun, hear the kids playing, and cool down in Post Pond!

Our season kicks off in mid-May with some super duper off-peak deals, and our restaurant opens back up for breakfast and lunch on June 22nd. Some summer weekends are starting to fill up, so if you're looking to secure a little getaway, head on over to [our website](#) - then just [plug in your desired dates](#) to see what's still available.

We're in the process of some major upgrades including tons of cabin renovations that we're thrilled to share with you. So if the cloudy, cold days are wearing on you, just remember, soon you'll be laying on a raft in the lake or reading your book in a shady Adirondack chair.

We hope to see you all this season!

Jay & Amy



HAIRDRYERS AND SPACE HEATERS

MODERN MARVELS COME TO LOCH LYME LODGE

In some ways, this winter has been like any other: we've lamented the decreasing frequency of snow, the loons have left us for warmer climes, and the sailboats on Post Pond have been replaced with ice fishing huts...and ice sailboats! But we've also been hard at work making big changes to Loch Lyme Lodge, all while maintaining our rustic charm.

Before you start to wonder if we're changing the things you love about Loch Lyme Lodge, don't worry - we're not! We love it here just as much as anyone, but we also recognize that there are things that need to be updated, upgraded, rotated and repainted, and we're excited to share with you some of the changes we've been making.

Last summer our upgrades were mostly invisible - buried underneath the road and in the field above the cabins - but this Summer, guests will begin to see the improvements we are making in the cabins.

The three-part infrastructure upgrade continues, which might not sound glorious, but it means you'll be able to use space heaters and hairdryers in the cabins without crashing the entire system. Upgrades to cabin insulation means that the cabins will stay cooler in the summer and warmer in the spring and fall. And for some cabins, beginning with Balsam, Fernwood, Glenwood, and Edgewood, you will find more improvements: a newly added kitchenette, upgrades to the bathrooms, new windows, and perhaps a new kitchen floor or cabinets. We know you'll like what you see.



Glenwood - screen porch all set for breakfast



Glenwood - new kitchenette



Inside Edgewood - new cathedral ceiling will allow for a fan (photo by Liz Ryan Cole)



A winter day reflected in Fernwood's new windows (photo by Liz Ryan Cole)

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