



[The North Creek Ski Bowl](#) has been a winter recreation hot spot since the first snow train packed with skiers arrived in 1934. The idea for a winter sports destination in the Southern Adirondacks came from Vincent Schaefer, a meteorologist, and Schenectady, New York native. Schaefer attended the 1932 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid and was inspired to create a place where he and fellow skiers could go downhill skiing together in the Adirondacks.

The snow train was extremely popular and helped showcase North Creek as a prime ski destination. At the time, skiers got off the train and would ride in the back of a truck to the top of the slopes. This process was best described by Wintersports Club member Bill Gluesing as "Ride Up, Slide Down," which would become a slogan for the region.

Nestled at the base of Little Gore Mountain, The Ski Bowl offers a vast variety of outdoor recreational opportunities ranging from alpine skiing and snowboarding, freestyle fun, Nordic skiing along with snowshoeing, tubing and more!

Since it's early days as "Gore Mountain's original base camp" the site of one of the earliest ski centers in the east, Johnsbury's Ski Bowl Park has evolved into a major, multi-use area that hosts many events and opportunities for outdoor recreation.

In the winter, the park area is operated by New York's Olympic Regional Development Authority and features two ski-lifts, one of which connects to Gore Mountain itself.

The theme for trail names throughout most of Gore is locations in the Adirondacks, particularly the names of the Adirondack Great Camps. These include some you may be familiar with:

- **Pine Knot**, after Camp Pine Knot
- **Wild Air**, after Camp Wild Air
- **Sagamore**, after Sagamore Camp
- **Tahawus**, after the mining town of the same name
- **The Glen**, after a hamlet in Thurman



Twilight skiing and riding provide breath-taking views of Gore Mountain with Johnsburg below. The Ski Bowl is lit up for this special night-time recreation. Hitting the mountain at twilight is a must-do for folks looking to gain a new perspective on the Gore Region.

Need a break from the snowy slopes? Pop into the Ski Bowl Lodge to warm up with warm drinks and a nice lunch or snacks. Some items included on their menu are: hot chocolate, tea, bagels, Proscuitto roll-ups, hummus and pretzels just to name a few. You can also take a rest in their cozy yurt!



Citizens Nights are back at the North Creek Ski Bowl! This community race series is held on our professionally groomed stadium course under the lights. Every Tuesday evening (arrive no later than 5:30 pm) until February 18th.

The course is under the lights, it's non-competitive and fun, and welcomes all ages. Each week, everyone who races is entered into a raffle drawing for fun prizes including gift certificates from our title sponsors, cold-weather gear and accessories, locally crafted goodies, and more!

Register here: <https://www.goremountain.com/events/ski-bowl-citizens-races>

New to winter sports? The Ski Bowl offers beginner cross country ski lessons on weekends and Holiday periods. The terrain on Village Slopes can be as easy or as challenging as you make it. There is something for everyone.

The North Creek Ski Bowl is open year-round and serves as a recreation hub and community complex. In the summer, you can hike or bike the trails, go for a swim, play baseball on the diamond, and so much more. It's the perfect spot to dip your toe into The Adirondacks or to dive right on in!

Visit their website for details:

<https://www.goremountain.com/mountain/north-creek-ski-bowl/>

