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Mountain GOATs: The best new ski resorts from New York to New Mexico

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If you're the type who cheers when the weather turns chilly, and can't wait to swap swim trunks for salopettes, there's plenty of excitement on the way this winter with a raft of new ski happenings around the country.

To unearth the best, we tapped a brain trust of ski-mad travel experts to call out a highly selective and subjective rundown of the need-to-know newness all around the country — as well as a few slam dunks within easy reach of NYC.

The near thing: New England



Making pizza on Gore Mountain.

Courtesy of the NYS Olympic Regional Development Authority

There's plenty of fresh and exciting skiing for anyone who wants to stick within a few hours' drive of the Big Apple.

In the Adirondacks, try the new lodge North Creek Ski Bowl at Gore Mountain, which will stay open year-round and is part of a \$40 million attempt to revitalize Old Gore (see, too, a new, faster chairlift to speed up access to the slopes there).

At Belleayre Mountain in the Catskills, both Discovery Lodge and Overlook Lodge have seen major facelifts, along with 20,000 new feet of snowmaking pipe.

There's also improved snowmaking up at Lake Placid's Whiteface Mountain, with 115 high-efficiency guns and a modern, fixed-grip double chairlift replacing the pair of creaky 1980s-era lifts there.

Fancy splashing out on a little VIP R&R? Vermont's Skandena Six just outside Woodstock, a family friendly, almost century-old ski spot, now allows up to 150 people to rent the mountain, including ski passes and guided activities like racing and cross-country skiing.

If you're worried about weather, consider booking at Topnotch in Stowe, which has just launched a partnership with Sensible Weather, one of a slew of new forecasting start-ups, offering insurance against bad conditions. Opt in to the program and you'll get automatic reimbursement if the conditions aren't good enough to hit the slopes.

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