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**MOHONK MOUNTAIN HOUSE UNVEILS ITS FIRST NEW ACCOMMODATIONS IN MORE THAN 100 YEARS**

*The new Grove Lodge exemplifies Mohonk's commitment to environmental stewardship and provides the perfect backdrop for quality family time*

**NEW PALTZ, NY** – This September, Mohonk Mountain House will unveil Grove Lodge, the legendary resort's first new accommodations in more than 100 years. Nestled next to a tranquil fern grove on the northeast side of the 1,200-acre property, Grove Lodge features six well-appointed rooms and a sprawling great room, all with custom designed furniture from local craftsmen, making it the perfect retreat for families and groups to celebrate and experience the wonders of the Hudson Valley.

"For 148 years, the Smiley Family has been committed to conserving this unique natural environment along the Shawangunk Ridge and creating unforgettable experiences for our guests within it," said Eric Gullickson, Vice President and General Manager of Mohonk Mountain House. "Grove Lodge exemplifies this perfectly – its secluded location is surrounded by ferns within a mature oak glen, yet is only a five-minute walk from our historic mountain house, which offers families an ideal home away from home that truly reflects the natural beauty of the Hudson Valley."

Designed and constructed by award-winning architect, Andrew J. Allison from AJA Architecture and Planning, Grove Lodge incorporates the highest level of sustainable technologies and materials to reflect the resort's tremendous respect for the land upon which it was built. The new 7,000 square-foot, two-story lodge utilizes native stones, reclaimed wood, natural finishes, and sustainable materials throughout. Within Grove Lodge are six beautiful rooms, each outfitted with a natural stone fireplace, hand-made furnishings, and a luxurious bathroom complete with a soaking tub and separate shower.

Guests who reserve all six rooms will have access to the lodge's majestic 1,080 square-foot great room. Recognized by a grand arched doorway, the great room boasts cathedral ceilings, exposed wood beams, natural hardwood floors, a wall of windows and a private stone patio complete with the rocking chairs that are a signature of Mohonk Mountain House. A live-edged table made by local craftsman, Robert Dellay, stands at the center of the great room and serves as the perfect gathering space. Artwork from the Hudson Valley's lively artist community, including selections from artist Nora Scarlett's "Trunks in the Gunks" collection, lines the walls. Throughout the lodge, Dover Plains-based Hunt Furniture has crafted custom-made dressers and desks that perfectly complement the lodge's design.

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In order to introduce guests to the rich heritage and culinary traditions of the Hudson Valley, Grove Lodge welcomes visitors with a variety of locally-sourced amenities including chocolates from Hudson Valley Chocolates, a selection of locally-brewed beers and spirits from Catskill Distilling Company and Tuthilltown Spirits and a selection of wines from Benmarl/Fjord Vineyards, Brotherhood, Clinton Vineyards, Millbrook and Whitecliff Vineyards.

Beginning in September 2016, guests will be able to book a single room in the lodge or rent out the entire building, including the great room, for a family gathering or group retreat. Meals and most resort activities are included in the nightly rate.

For more information on the new Grove Lodge at Mohonk Mountain House, please visit: [www.mohonk.com/grove-lodge](http://www.mohonk.com/grove-lodge).

### **About Mohonk Mountain House**

Mohonk Mountain House is a National Historic Landmark resort and Historic Hotel of America located in New York's Hudson Valley, just 90 miles north of New York City. Owned and operated by the Smiley Family since its founding in 1869, the resort has provided guests with recreation and renewal of body, mind, and spirit in a beautiful natural setting for 148 years. The Victorian Castle resort is honored on *Condé Nast Traveler's* Gold List, along with being named the Number One Resort Spa in the U.S. in *Condé Nast Traveler's* Readers' Choice Awards. *Travel + Leisure's* 2015 World's Best Awards highlighted the historic property as a Top 100 Hotel in the World, Best U.S. Resort and Best for Family Travel. The 30,000-square-foot Spa wing at Mohonk Mountain House, features 16 treatment rooms, a solarium, an outdoor heated mineral pool, an indoor heated pool, comprehensive fitness center, and yoga/motion studio. The eco-friendly Spa, recognized as "One of the Top Three Hotel Spas" in *Travel + Leisure's* World's Best Awards, is heated and cooled by a geo-thermal system and features a "green roof." A wealth of year-round recreation includes a spectacular Skating Pavilion, rock climbing, and 85 miles of trails for seasonal hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. The grounds feature exquisite gardens, a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts, and stables for horseback riding and horse-drawn carriage rides. The glacial-formed Lake Mohonk is ideal for boating, fishing, and swimming. The Mohonk Kids' Club is lauded by *Travel + Leisure* as one of the Best Hotel Kids' Programs nationally and has been recognized by *USA Today* as one of the Ten Best Family Resorts. Over 40 theme programs are presented annually, including culinary classes, gardening workshops, music festivals, mindfulness meditation, and nature programs. Overnight rates at Mohonk Mountain House include charming accommodations, three meals, Afternoon Tea and Cookies, and most resort activities. For additional information, please call 855.274.4020 or visit [Mohonk.com](http://Mohonk.com). Become a Facebook fan at [Facebook.com/mohonk](https://www.facebook.com/mohonk).

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