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### Hop on Metro-North for Ski and Snowshoe Adventures

#### *Get Out of Town: Enjoy the Winter*

Can't quite make it to Killington, Vail, or Gstaad to ski? Try Patterson, New York – less than two hours from Grand Central Terminal. MTA Metro-North Railroad makes it easy to get away for a day of winter fun and save, with the discount rail Getaway packages for Thunder Ridge Ski Area and the Great Snowshoe Adventure.

From now until March 11 (including the long weekend around Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Presidents' Week) Thunder Ridge's scenic slopes are perfect for all levels of skiers and snowboarders, from beginner to expert. There are slow and gentle trails, as well as advanced trails to challenge the daring and adventurous. Snowmaking continues as temperatures allow.

Or strap on a pair of snowshoes and let Great Blue Outfitters teach you the basics and then take you to the Appalachian Trail (or the trail of your choice) for an awesome day outdoors as you enjoy the absolute peace and quiet of a winter day.

The ski package includes a discount all-day or all-night lift ticket (night skiing not available on Sundays); free shuttle to/from the train station to the ski area; and a \$5 discount on rental equipment. Price is: adults, \$33.50; seniors/children 6-12, \$21.50; children age 5 and under, \$8.50, plus discount round-trip rail fare from your boarding station.

The snowshoe package includes all-day snowshoeing/hiking, discounted rental rates on snowshoes and trekking poles; 10% discount on all store merchandise purchases; free shuttle to and from the train station and activity location. Price for adults, \$18; seniors, persons with disabilities and individuals receiving Medicare, \$15; children 5-11, \$12; children under 5, free, plus a discount on round-trip rail fare from your boarding station.

If you need more than just a day of winter fun, book the Thunder Ridge "Ski and Stay" Package. It includes: Room rates starting as low as \$99 for up to four people at participating hotels, including free transportation to and from the ski area! Special values such as complimentary breakfast, indoor pool, fitness centers, restaurants and nightclubs, kitchenettes, transportation to area shopping and even pet-friendly accommodations!

The Great Snowshoe Adventure is available from Thursdays through Sundays until March 15, 2012 (snow permitting).

For ski details, including the five participating hotels, call 845-878-4100 in advance for weather and snow conditions, or visit [www.thunderridgeski.com](http://www.thunderridgeski.com).

For snowshoe details, call 845-2319-6172.

Check out these great adventures and other winter getaways in Metro-North's Getaways to the Hudson Valley, Connecticut & Beyond Guide or click on "Deals and Getaways" at [mta.info](http://mta.info)