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From the Sky to the Slopes, Ride Metro-North to a Winter Adventure

Railroad has Special Getaway Deals to Eagle Watching, Skiing, Snowboarding and More!

From hitting the slopes to watching an eagle take flight, with discounted package deals and convenient travel, Metro-North makes it easy to get away for some winter fun.

Step off the train at Metro-North's Patterson station, where a waiting shuttle bus will take you to the slopes at Thunder Ridge Ski Area. Its scenic slopes are perfect for all levels of skiers and snowboarders, from beginner to expert. After a day of skiing, have a relaxing meal in the slopeside lodge and take in the panoramic views.

Take part in "President's Day Winterfest" on Monday, February 19, and discover one of Newburgh, New York's hidden gems. Skate on frozen Crystal Lake, take a snowshoe trek to Mill Pond, or test ride a fat bike. Organized by Scenic Hudson, this winter tradition is free to the public and within easy reach from the Beacon Station.

Nature lovers can soar to the eagles on Metro-North. Winter marks the bald eagle's return to the Hudson Valley, and Metro-North offers customers a special getaway deal to Teatown's Hudson River EagleFest, taking place at Croton Point Park on Saturday, February 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Customers can ride to the event on special "Eagle Train" cars, where on-board naturalists will point out various Hudson Valley birds spotted along the journey. This annual event includes live eagle shows and bird walks. Frequent, free shuttle service at the Croton-Harmon station takes customers to and from the event.

Details about these winter escapes are below:

Thunder Ridge Ski Area: Saturdays & Sundays, through March 11, 2018

The experience:

Just 70 miles north of Manhattan in Patterson, New York, Thunder Ridge Ski Area'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! Go for the day or spend the weekend.

Please call: 845-878-4100 in advance for weather and snow conditions or visit [Thunder Ridge](#)

The deal:

Package price from Grand Central Terminal/Harlem-125th Street: adults, \$63.50; seniors, persons with disabilities and individuals receiving Medicare, \$46; children 12, \$51.50; children 6-11, \$27; children 5, \$12; children under 5, \$10.

Package price from other stations: check [here](#) for price from your boarding station.

Purchase your package at any Metro-North ticket office or full-service ticket vending machine (prior to or on date of travel) (excluding Patterson Station).

Getting there:

Take the [Harlem Line](#) to Patterson Station where a shuttle bus meets designated a.m. trains to take you to the ski area. Later in the day, a shuttle bus will return you to Patterson Station to meet designated p.m. trains for your trip home. Check here for an [ITINERARY](#).

Presidents' Day Winter Fest: Monday, February 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Experience:

Connect with nature and explore Crystal Lake, one of Newburgh's hidden gems. This Scenic Hudson event highlights outdoor winter activities...ice skate on a frozen lake, take a guided snowshoe trek, or enjoy a test ride a fat bike. Skates and snowshoes are available in most sizes. There's even a winter survival program being offered through Wild Earth.

For additional information, please visit:

<http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/getaways/PresidentDayWintenFest.htm>

The deal:

The event is free!

For additional information, please visit: <http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/getaways/HVATC%20Trail%20Day%202017.pdf>

Getting there:

Take the [Hudson Line](#) to Take the Hudson Line to Beacon Station. Before your trip, visit <http://www.zipcar.com/metro-north> to reserve a car, it's a short drive to Crystal Lake from the station.

Address: Crystal Lake, 100 Temple Avenue, Newburgh, NY 12550

Metro-North has plenty of other fall getaway deals to the Hudson Valley, Connecticut and beyond, to learn more please visit: <http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/outbound.htm>

Teatown's Hudson River EagleFest at Croton Point Park: Saturday, February 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The experience:

This annual event includes live eagle shows, bird walks, over 25 participating environmental organizations, numerous viewing sites all along the Hudson River, food trucks and children's activities. This year's EagleFest features a special performance by singer Dar Williams and tickets to free showings of the documentary, "The Eagle Huntress" at Pace University. No need to fight the elements, stay warm in heated tents.

For additional information, please visit: <http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/getaways/EagleFest%20PDF.pdf>

The deal:

Purchase your regular rail ticket on Mobile ticket app MTA eTix®, Metro-North Ticket Machines or Ticket Windows. Purchase your EagleFest ticket [here](#)

Save \$2 on presale tickets with the promo code: **metronorth**

Snow date: If the event is cancelled on Saturday, February 10 due to inclement weather, EagleFest will be held the following day, Sunday, February 11, all pre-sold tickets will be honored that day. If the event is cancelled altogether, tickets are refundable.

Getting there:

The 9:20 a.m. "Eagle Train" car from Grand Central to Croton-Harmon, and a 8:50 a.m. "Eagle Train" car from Poughkeepsie to Croton-Harmon, feature guest naturalists from Wave Hill and the Mid-Hudson Sierra Club who will highlight wildlife along the journey.

Frequent [Hudson Line](#) train service to the Croton Harmon Station is available throughout the day from Grand Central Terminal and the Poughkeepsie Station, with a free shuttle connection to/from Croton-Harmon station and Croton Point Park.

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