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Mt. Washington Auto Road Closes for Summer, Prepares for Winter Tours

Mt. Washington SnowCoaches to begin tours in December

Pinkham Notch, NH—Sunday, October 18, 2015 was the final day of summer operations for the Mt. Washington Auto Road bringing its 154th season to a close. Significant snowfall and freezing temperatures caused this one week earlier than planned schedule change. The Mt. Washington Auto Road is now closed for the summer season for all traffic and guided tours, but will reopen in December for winter tours on the Mt. Washington SnowCoach.

First opened in 1861, the Mt. Washington Auto Road is America's original man-made attraction. Located on Rt. 16 in Pinkham Notch, New Hampshire, just north of the Mount Washington Valley and minutes south of Gorham, the Auto Road has a long and winding history, much like its 7.6 mile trip up to the summit of the highest peak in the Northeast.

"It's been a fantastic season, one of our best ever." said Howie Wemyss, General Manager of the Auto Road. "Pleasant weather most of the summer kept our guests coming all season. We feel this is the right time to close with the current snowy weather pattern and forecast for the coming week. Thanks to all of our local lodging partners for helping us this summer."

Winter operations are scheduled to begin in December for unique winter tours aboard one of four Mt. Washington SnowCoaches. The SnowCoaches are one-of-a-kind, all-wheel drive vehicles specially equipped with 4-track systems providing the ability to climb up the snow-covered Mt. Washington Auto Road to treeline or 4,200 feet. SnowCoach tours are approximately 1¼ hours long and depart daily (weather permitting) December through March

from the Great Glen Trails base lodge at the base of Mt. Washington on a first come, first served basis.

For more information about the Mt. Washington Auto Road or winter tours aboard the Mt. Washington SnowCoach, call (603) 466-3988 or visit www.MtWashingtonAutoRoad.com.