

Eastwind Hotel features 19 rooms and three A-frame cabins

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Nobody puts the Catskills in the corner

Several new inns, eateries and breweries are making the Empire State's woody retreat cool again

IN NEW YORK, FOLKS AREN'T ASHAMED TO head for the hills anymore. The Catskills have ditched the Borscht Belt *Dirty Dancing* vibe of old and totally embraced artisanal eccentricity.

"The Catskills seem to be rediscovered every decade," says Gregory Henderson, owner of the whimsical Roxbury Motel.

The mountainous, pine tree-covered retreat—rich with outdoor adventures and farm-to-fork cuisine—has always attracted visitors from New York City looking for an inexpensive alternative to the Hamptons, but it's increasingly become a must-visit destination for travelers from further reaches.

"This is where you can be free," says Delaware County Tourism director Lisa Wisely. "This is where you can let go." —TIFFANY LEIGH



INTO THE WOODS

Eastwind Hotel & Bar

Opening this month, this rustic boutique hotel combines relaxed hospitality with an urbane, neo-hippie vibe. Lushna cabins allow for glamping surrounded by pine, birch and apple trees, with wonderful views of Windham Mountain. eastwindny.com

Union Grove Distillery

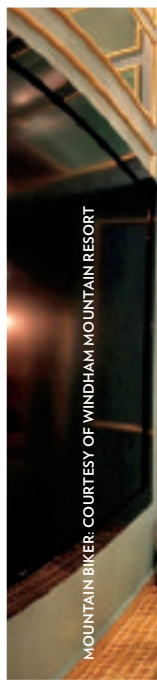
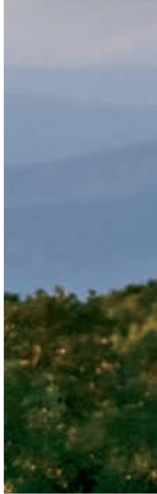
This award-winning distillery produces Vly Creek Vodka using eight varieties of local apples and wheat. Visit the new outdoor patio for a John Daly cocktail, which blends the spirit with black tea and fresh lemonade. uniongrovedistillery.com

Roxbury Motel

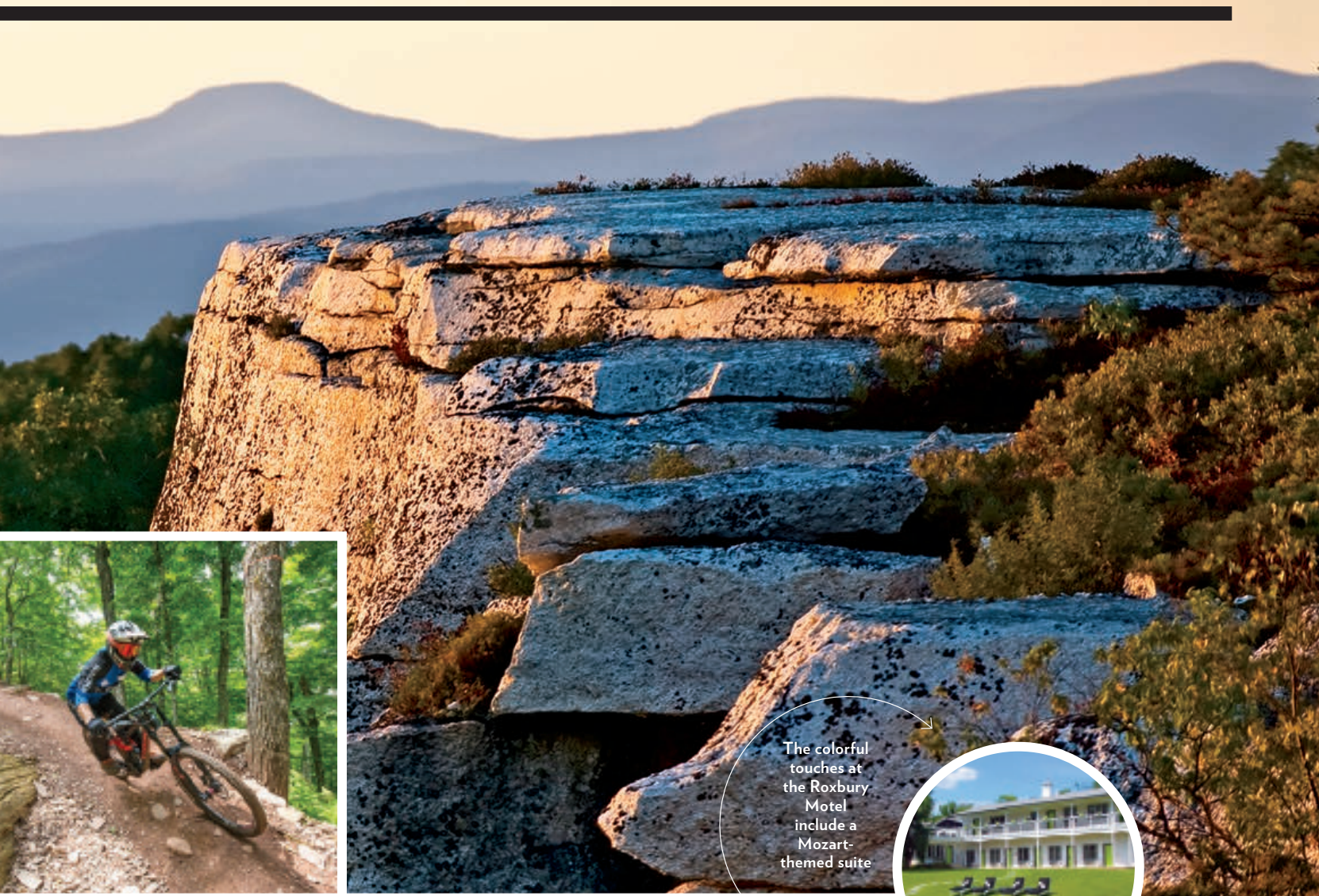
Dubbed an "oxymoron-free" boutique motel, the Roxbury boasts 28 eccentrically decorated rooms, such as the disco-themed "Tony's Dancefloor" or the greener-than-green "Wizard's Emeralds," which boasts its own Yellow Brick Road. theroxburymotel.com

Windham Mountain Resort

While the Catskills have long been known as a winter sports destination, this resort offers summertime fun such as mountain biking and golfing, followed by seasonally appropriate treatments at their Alpine Spa. windhammountain.com



MOUNTAIN BIKE: COURTESY OF WINDHAM MOUNTAIN RESORT



The colorful touches at the Roxbury Motel include a Mozart-themed suite

