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Wildcat Mountain Begins Summer Operations Memorial Weekend Fly Wildcat On the ZipRider™ or New Hampshire's Highest Scenic Gondola

Pinkham Notch, NH – Wildcat Mountain opens for summer & fall operations beginning Saturday, May 24th offering New Hampshire's newest thrill ride the ZipRider™ and the highest scenic gondola in the state, the Wildcat Express. This summer marks 75 years since the civilian conservation corps, armed with axes and cross-cut saws in the summer of 1933, started clearing the Wildcat trail, one of the first ski racing trails built in the United States. Now, as a year-round destination located 100% within the White Mountain National Forest, Wildcat Mountain provides both exhilarating and one-of-a-kind opportunities to enjoy views and scenery that have been consistently voted #1 in North America.

Wildcat's amazing ZipRider™ zip-line cable ride brings you a whole new world combining exhilarating feelings of flight and beautiful scenery and is the only year-round attraction of its kind on the East coast. New for this summer, the ZipRider™ is expanding from the current two cables to four cables that will affectively allow for four riders at one time offering twice the capacity and even more vertical fun. With a chair lift ride to the starting deck, the ZipRider™ trolley is a device designed to brake automatically while the rider, who is strapped securely into a comfortable harness, descends close to a half-mile over trails, tree-tops, and the Peabody River at heights of up to 70 feet and speeds that can reach 45 miles per hour to a landing platform located a short distance from the main base lodge. "Knowing how many guests we can accommodate every half-hour, we sold almost every single ride available from day one, often selling out before noon" said Wildcat General Manager Tom Caughey. "We want to be able to keep up with that demand by doubling the capacity and adding two additional cables to the ZipRider™." With work underway already, the ZipRider™ is expected to operate the 2 existing cables, weather permitting, for the Memorial weekend. After Monday, May 26th, the ZipRider™ will be closed to complete the expansion work and is scheduled to re-open on Saturday, June 14th.

The only one of its kind in North America, the Wildcat Express will have once again transformed from New Hampshire's fastest and most powerful summit quad chairlift during the winter and spring skiing and riding season to the state's highest summer and fall scenic gondola. The 6,700 foot summit cable line transports the enclosed 4-person scenic gondolas creating a unique guest experience and opportunity to view Mt. Washington and the Presidential Range from atop Wildcat's 4,062 foot summit. The Wildcat Express scenic gondola is the best way for the entire family, including well-behaved canine members, to enjoy incredible views and scenery. Gondolas run continuously, so you don't wait in any lines.

The gondola will be open as weather permits weekends only from Memorial Day weekend through mid-June, then daily through the spectacular fall foliage in mid-October. In addition to the ZipRider™ and scenic gondola, Wildcat offers hiking, fishing, weekly guided tours and outdoor interpretive programs with the Tin Mountain Conservation Center. A seasonal food menu, make-your-own sundae bar, and beer & wine is offered in the Wildcat base lodge with fresh "Lunch & Ride" packages available for individuals, families, or groups. All rates and information can be found at www.skiwildcat.com or by calling 1-888-SKI-WILD.

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