

From a recent article in the “Globetrotting” section of the [Boston Globe and Boston.com](#). ...3 of the top 10 things to do in the winter in New England. (No other company or activity was mentioned more than once).

## Winter fun without the skis

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Believe it or not, there is plenty of opportunity to rejoice in the thick white blanket covering New England in the winter,...without knowing how to ski. To live here, is to love the outdoors, and all it's beauty season after season. Get outdoors to see the landscape change into its winter clothes, and maybe, just maybe you'll learn to welcome the season that so many curse.

### 3. Snowmobiling - Alpine Adventures, Lincoln, N.H.

No, you don't need to know how to ride, you don't need to know where you're going and you certainly can bring the kids! Alpine Adventures offers rentals, guided tours, and expert advice on how to make the most of your experience. [Alpine Adventures](#) has been touring Franconia Notch State Park and the White Mountain National Forest under special use permits for 12 years. Many guests return each year for family events, a quiet couples outing or group adventure. There are 3 different tours available, and prices range from \$69-\$134 per person. They'll also help you with lodging packages and other events taking place during your visit, so you can continue with your fun all weekend long.



### 6. Snow coach tours - Alpine Adventures, Lincoln, N.H.

Want to see the beautiful, snowy landscape, without stepping foot in the snow? You can do this in an off-road thrill ride like no other in New England. Winter allows for extreme off-road capabilities from 6-wheel drive Swiss army transport vehicles called Pinzgauers. [Alpine Adventures' Pinzgauers](#) have modified seating to accommodate 11 guests (one is shotgun) in bucket seats with lapbelts. They padded the overhead cages and added a rockin' stereo system with microphones for the guides to entertain you on your journey. Tours last from 1 to 1.5 hours; pricing is \$36 per person, with children 3-6 years old, \$18 with a paying adult.

### 10. Zip-line canopy tour - Alpine Adventures, Lincoln, N.H.

Ok, so this is the third time I have mentioned Alpine Adventures, but my goodness they have cornered the market in outdoor winter-time fun. There is a true treetop canopy tour, an original course and the first of its kind in New England. Dare-devils will zip from pine tree to oak tree to beech and birch, zooming through the forest, and amongst the wildlife that call this their home. Six separate ziplines ranging from 80-600 feet long and include a 60 foot high by 75 foot long suspension bridge spanning "Barron Gorge." It also includes the famous Zip #7, a 35 m.p.h. optional free-fall. About a 2 hour time to complete course and all for \$85 per person. Note: (*The new "Skyrider" course opened in July 2008 as the longest & highest Zipline course in New England. These two separate and unique courses make Alpine Adventures one of the premier Canopy Tour operators in the country.*)

