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WELCOME TO WINVIAN

Far from the maddening crowd, in the Litchfield Hills, lies a quiet getaway. Set on 113 acres and bordering extensive woods and lakes, Winvian was created to recharge and indulge. A place like this is difficult to describe for it lacks nothing. Winvian aspires to host you with no airs but graces, no extravagance or opulence, only warmth and treats. The cuisine, the wines, the spa and the team are as unexpected as the experiences that one ultimately enjoys.

A flight of fancy, a leap of faith, pie in the sky.

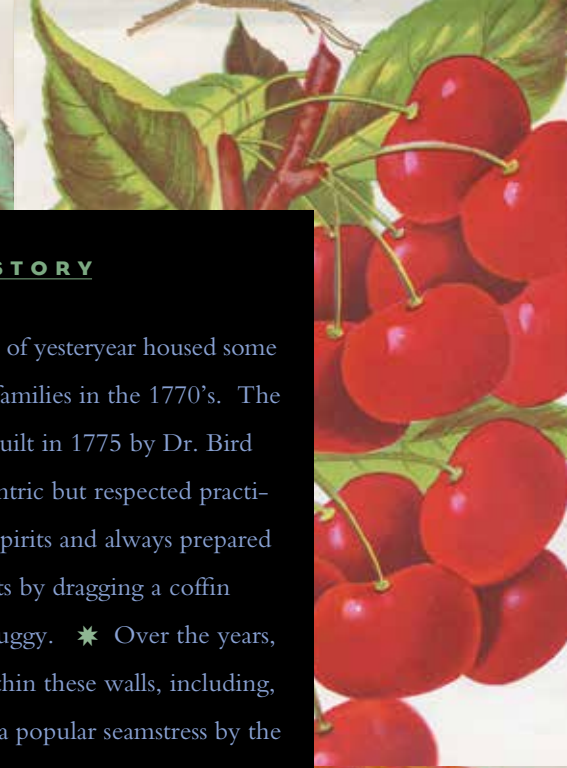
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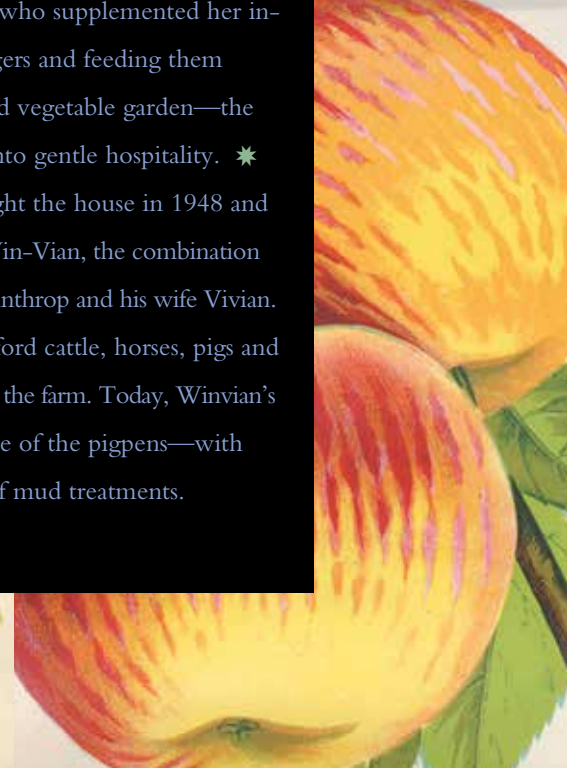
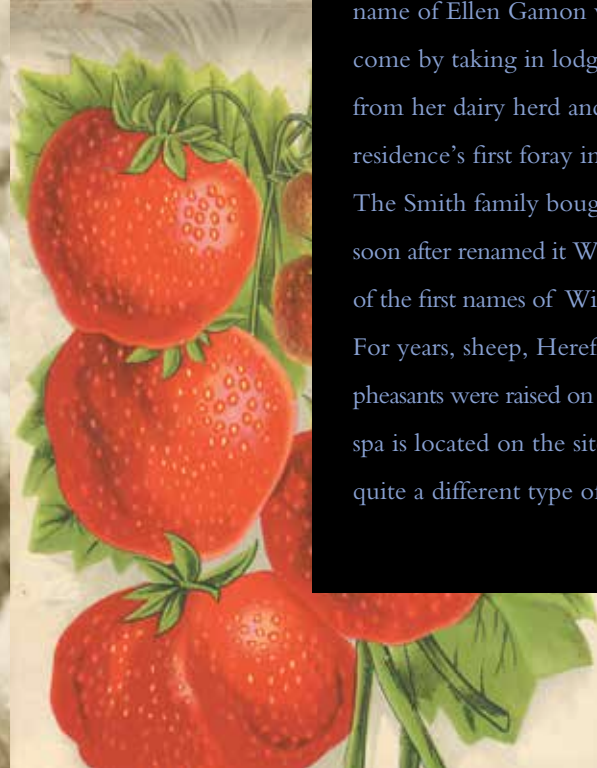


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HISTORY

The Alain White Road of yesteryear housed some of the most illustrious families in the 1770's. The Seth Bird House was built in 1775 by Dr. Bird and his family, an eccentric but respected practitioner, fond of ardent spirits and always prepared when seeing his patients by dragging a coffin behind his horse and buggy. ✨ Over the years, many families lived within these walls, including, at turn of the century, a popular seamstress by the name of Ellen Gamon who supplemented her income by taking in lodgers and feeding them from her dairy herd and vegetable garden—the residence's first foray into gentle hospitality. ✨ The Smith family bought the house in 1948 and soon after renamed it Win-Vian, the combination of the first names of Winthrop and his wife Vivian. For years, sheep, Hereford cattle, horses, pigs and pheasants were raised on the farm. Today, Winvian's spa is located on the site of the pigpens—with quite a different type of mud treatments.





In 1949, Win and Vivian had a son, Win Jr., who was brought directly from the hospital in New York to Winvian. Win Jr.'s father died 12 years later and Vivian married an old childhood sweetheart, Admiral Charles McVay, who had been the Captain of the USS Indianapolis. McVay's and the Indianapolis' tragic and fascinating story is detailed in the riveting book "In Harm's Way" and it can be found in today's Seth Bird Library.

★ Today, this grand home remains in the Smith family, lovingly restored by mother-daughter team Maggie and Heather Smith, and made into an unconventional and extraordinary getaway. Son Win Smith III later joined the team to focus on business development.







WINE & DINE

Winvian's cuisine suits guests' varied palates and moods. Our chefs are culinary craftsmen who alternatively create healthy fare, delectable small bites or sultry desserts. Using simple, crisp and seasonal local ingredients or unusual and fresh surprises from our gardens, their aim is to create unhurried repasts that gratify all the senses. Visit Winvian and experience bespoke cuisine at its best, deftly paired with new- and old-world wines from our world-class cellar.

*"A tabletop that dazzles as much as
the fare does"*

Connecticut Cottages & Gardens



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DINING

Each dining area is dramatic in contrast and each is designed to harmonize with the cuisine created to suit that space—breakfast on the sunny Terrace, tasting menus in the Private Dining Room, light snacks in the casual Solarium to name a few. The Seth Bird House and The Smith Ell are freely accessible to all of Winvian's guests, whether to play some games, sit by the fire with a hot toddy or chat with like minded souls.







THE GARDENS

Winvian believes that nothing compares to the experience of professionally prepared cuisine with ingredients that may very well have come from the garden to the table a few hours earlier. It is to this end that Winvian goes to the time and expense of organically cultivating a hotel garden and why you should experience it for yourself.

“Winvian—113 acres of Norman Rockwell
meets Alice in Wonderland”

Departures





COTTAGES

Fifteen architects have designed 18 individual cottages and one suite that combine the whimsical with the traditional. Each has enough surprises to lure and charm without detracting from the views, the surrounding nature and the comforts that allow guests to simply disappear. A sampling:

Treehouse Entering the Treehouse is like trespassing, like stumbling into a secret childhood fantasy, high above ground, a double-storied adventure, swinging in the breeze and granting an unadulterated look at nature. The full bar is just a bonus.

Beaver Lodge A refuge in the woods by the side of a pond that is intricate and utterly original. A real Beaver Lodge cocoons you in an aura of wonder, deep tranquility and comfort with the elements of the outside extended indoors—wood, pebbles, the glow of an open fire and a look-out nook.

“Nothing I’ve ever seen quite
prepared me for Winvian”

John Mariani, My Favorite Mansions



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TREEHOUSE



BEAVER



CHARTER OAK



HELICOPTER

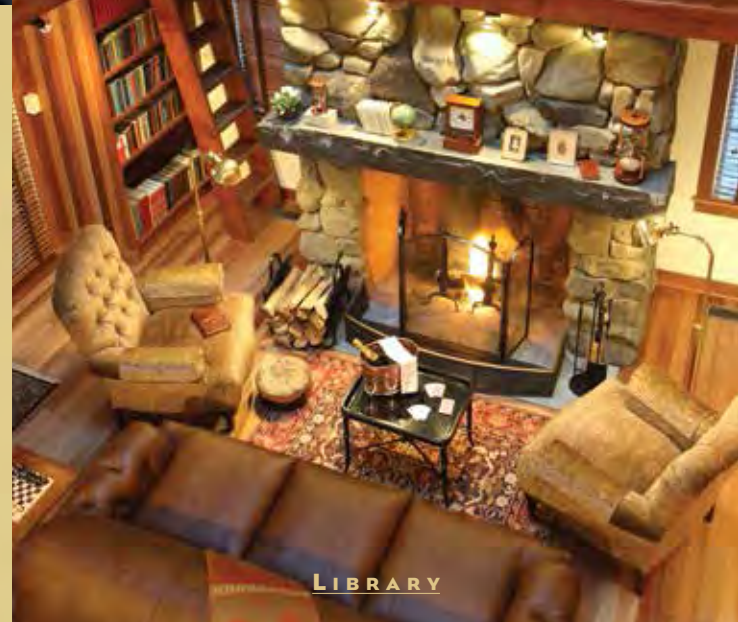


STABLE



Connecticut Yankee Based on Mark Twain's Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, this cozy medieval cottage is rich with warm colors, a herringbone fireplace, exposed beams and a bed fit for...a king. The bathroom features imposing granite slabs reminiscent of Stonehenge. The steam shower also boasts twin ceiling mounted rain shower heads with individual controls.

Helicopter Amenities do not get more thrilling than this: a 17,000 pound meticulously restored 1968 Sikorsky Sea King Pelican HH3F awaits your arrival in this cottage that resembles a hangar. Climb into the cockpit for a "flight of fancy", enjoy a drink in the fuselage or cozy up by the wood burning stove.



LIBRARY



STONE



INDUSTRY



MARITIME



GREENHOUSE



CONNECTICUT YANKEE



CAMPING



MARITIME



THE SPA AT WINVIAN

The spa is a place not to be rushed but to relax and rejuvenate body, mind and spirit.

✳ Spend your day being pampered. The Forty Winks Suite with its circular stone fireplace provides a romantic escape for two. Private Yoga and Pilates Reformer sessions are offered in the sun-filled Meditation Lounge overlooking the reflecting pool and manicured gardens. Decompress in the luxurious Ayoura Thermomasseur bath. Conclude your spa experience with hyperthermic therapy in the Armana Sunlight Sauna.

“Winvian is the ultimate destination Spa”

GQ





WEDDINGS, CELEBRATIONS & MEETINGS

Winvian is a perfect venue for creating your own special gathering for weddings, anniversaries, showers, family reunions, birthdays, just about any celebration you can conjure. ✨ For businesses Winvian is for high profile or soon-to-be high profile executives who wish to avoid the cookie-cutter hotel business setting. The privacy of Winvian provides the ideal setting for a board or partner's meeting, executive retreat, special VIP event, team building and employee incentive programs. Winvian is made for discreet business engagements.

“Winvian is an exercise in whimsy
that hits all the right luxury notes
for a romantic stay”

Elegant Bride



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WEDDINGS

The Gordon Brown House The centerpiece for our larger events, the Gordon Brown House is a space where 150 people can dine and dance the night away or can swirl martinis. It's rustic-chic with all the modern amenities, including projection capabilities, two bars and a roll-in roll-out kitchen suited for all types of catering, a courtyard to linger al fresco or erect a tent for large events. It comes with its own dedicated team to handle all the details. ✨ Tented weddings at Winvian are often a weekend event. Rehearsal dinner, spa, receptions, after parties, barbecues, brunch, biking, quiet walks, lawn games and much more can all be part of your exclusive, inclusive wedding at Winvian.







MEETINGS & RETREATS

The Boardroom Our boardroom stands alone to guarantee total privacy and seats up to 24 people. It can host one of those hush-hush meetings that require jackets and ties or a round-the-clock gathering of minds trying to change the world. There are the audiovisual necessities for the former and plenty of coffee for the latter as well as multilingual support, just in case. ✳ Many of our business guests choose to use our other gathering places for their meetings. The Gordon Brown House, the Games Room, various outdoor terraces, and secluded indoor nooks provide space and inspiration for creative thinking.





ACTIVITIES

Hiking
(Muck boots provided)
Games Room featuring
'Salon' Sized Pool Table,
Table Top Shuffleboard,
Foosball Table
Croquet & Badminton
Skip Barber Racing,
Lime Rock School*
Leisure Bikes

Mountain Bikes
Tennis & Bocce
Volleyball & Whiffle
BallSkip
Guided Fishing*
Hot Air Ballooning
Golf*
Kayaking and Canoeing*
Bike Trips*
Sporting Clays*

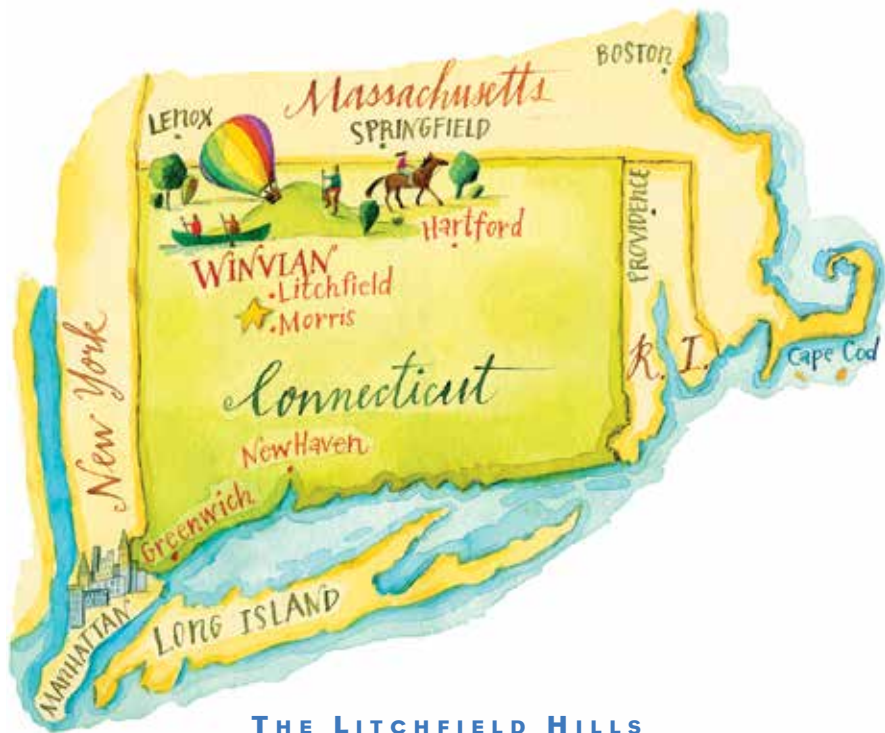
Upland Game Shooting*
Bonfire and S'mores Roast
Horseback Riding*
Personal Training
Private Yoga
Glass Blowing*
Cooking Classes

*Off-Site Activities

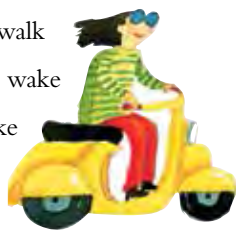


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Location, location, location. Luckily we have all three. Tucked away in the idyllic north-west corner of Connecticut and just over two hours from the hustle and bustle of New York City or Boston, Winvian is set in 113 acres of nature. Surrounding us and directly accessible from our grounds is the 4000-acre White Memorial Foundation, where trails abound for hiking, biking, horseback riding, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. Get wet fishing on the Housatonic River, canoeing on the Bantam River and boating on Bantam Lake. Bike around the area during our fair summers, go for a walk and kick the glorious leaves of fall, be active in the pristine winter snow, wake up and, for once, literally smell the roses in the spring. We are here to make your getaway extraordinary and we look forward to welcoming you.



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