

**1958**

**SUGARBUSH VALLEY**



Damon and Sara Gadd, along with Jack Murphy and Lixi Fortna, open Sugarbush Resort. Thanks to its three-person, top-to-bottom Carlevaro-Savio gondola, Sugarbush boasts the “greatest vertical rise in the East.”

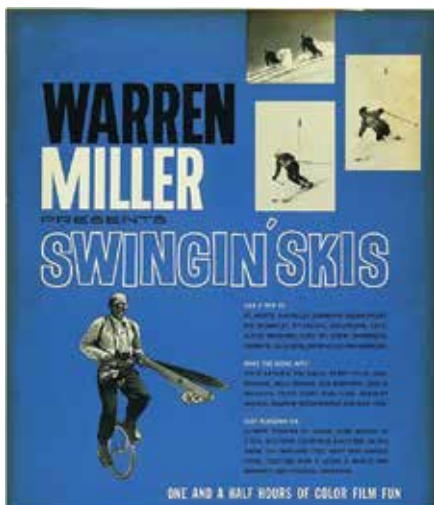
**1959**

The resort installs a double chairlift, opening up the legendary Castlerock area. This area is immediately known for its expert ski terrain. That reputation continues today.



**1960**

With a rebuilt access road and the addition of the Valley House chairlift, Sugarbush begins attracting throngs of New York glitterati. *Vogue* dubs Sugarbush “Mascara Mountain” because of its glamorous guest list, including actress Kim Novak, the Kennedy clan, musician Skitch Henderson, and fashion designer Oleg Cassini. Sugarbush is featured in its first Warren Miller movie, *Swingin’ Skis*.



**1963**

**SUGARBUSH VALLEY & GLEN ELLEN**

Walt Elliott opens the Glen Ellen Ski Area. Complete with Scottish-themed trail names, Glen Ellen claims “the greatest vertical descent in the East,” with its tiered lifts to the 4,083-foot summit of Mt. Ellen. The Gate House area at Lincoln Peak (Sugarbush Valley) opens with a new double chair.



**1963–66**

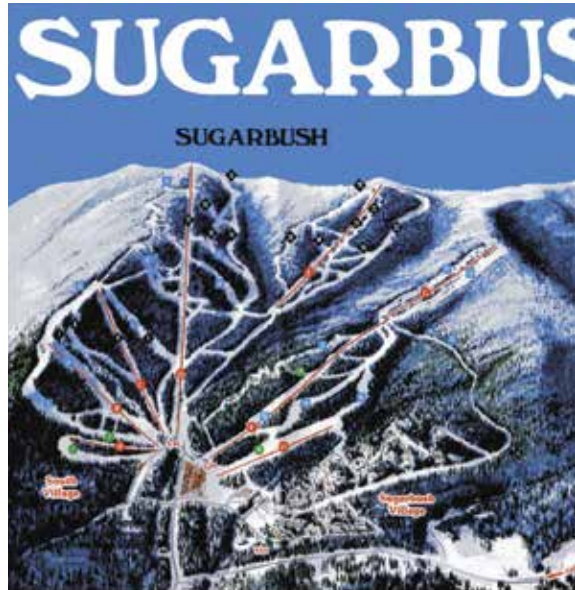
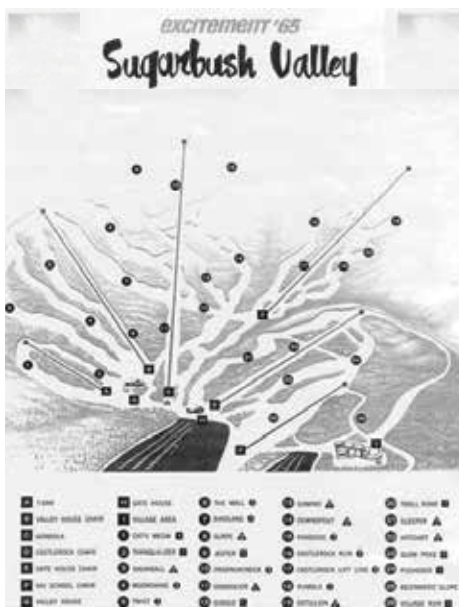
Olympic Gold Medalist Stein Eriksen serves as director of the Sugarbush Ski School. Most afternoons he performs his signature flip on skis in the base area.



**CHEZ HENRI**

**1964**

Chez Henri, a Parisian-style bistro, opens in Sugarbush Village.



**1977–79**

**SUGARBUSH VALLEY— SUGARBUSH SOUTH & SUGARBUSH NORTH**

Roy Cohen purchases Sugarbush (in 1977) and Glen Ellen (in 1979). The two areas join under the Sugarbush name. Glen Ellen is renamed Sugarbush North to reflect the union. (In 1995, it is renamed Mt. Ellen.)

**1978**

Sugarbush is featured in Warren Miller’s film *Ski a la Carte*.



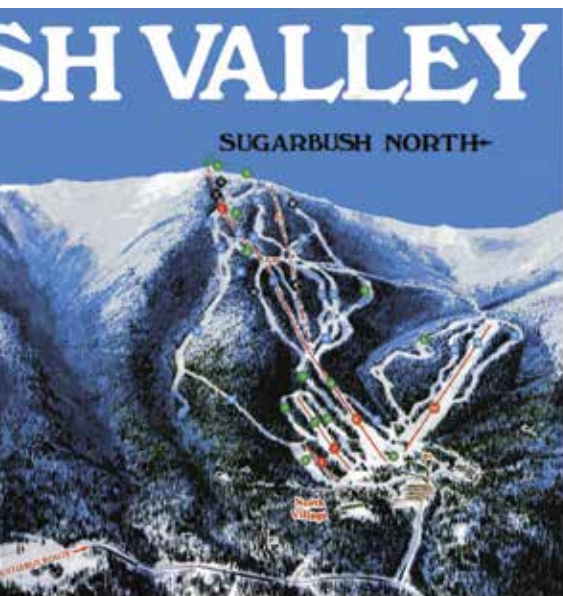
The Green Mountain Valley School establishes its ski race training site, now recognized as a U.S. Ski Team Development Site, at Mt. Ellen.



**1983**

Roy Cohen sells Sugarbush to ARA Services. ARA removes the gondola. Super Bravo and Heaven’s Gate chairs are installed, and uphill capacity increases fourfold.

Jack Murphy is posthumously given the Sherman Adams Award by the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA), marking his significant influence on the eastern U.S. ski industry.



## 1984

With a plan to operate a four-season resort, Claneil Enterprises purchases the mountain, Sugarbush Inn, the racquet club, the golf course, and additional land for future development.

## 1990

Three new chairlifts are installed at Mt. Ellen—including the Green Mountain Express, at that time the fastest quad in the world, transporting skiers at 1,100 feet per minute.

## 1993

Sugarbush is featured in Warren Miller's *Black Diamond Rush*, starring local skiers John and Dan Egan, and Kelley and Doug Lewis.

## 1994

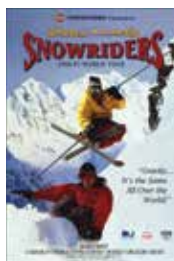


### SUGARBUSH & MT. ELLEN

Les Otten purchases Sugarbush and makes major infrastructure investments, including the installation of seven new lifts, three of which are detachable quads. The Slide Brook Express ferries skiers back and forth to Mt. Ellen. Snowmaking improvements include a new twenty-five-million-gallon pond and miles of pipe. Soon, Otten creates the American Skiing Company with Sugarbush as one of its several holdings.



## 1996



Warren Miller films local legends John Egan, Doug Lewis, Jesse Murphy, Sally Knight, and Seth Miller at Sugarbush for the film *Snowriders*.

## 2001



### SUGARBUSH RESORT

Win Smith and Joe Riemer form Summit Ventures to purchase Sugarbush. After Riemer's death, a handful of minority investors join Smith. He begins to lay the groundwork for a new master plan for the resort that closely reflects the values and philosophies of the original owners, as well as the character and style of the Mad River Valley and Vermont.



## 2006

Lincoln Peak Village opens to the public. The new facilities include Gate House Lodge, Clay Brook Hotel & Residences, and Timbers Restaurant (now Rumble's Kitchen). The new village is modeled on the traditional style of Vermont farmhouses, barns, and schoolhouses.

## 2008

Al Hobart, founder of the Green Mountain Valley School, is inducted into the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.



## 2010

The Schoolhouse (the base of children's day programs) and the Farmhouse (with a season pass/ticket office, rentals and repair, and a café) open at Lincoln Peak Village.

## 2013

Construction is completed on Rice Brook Residences, private homes linking Lincoln Peak Village to historic Sugarbush Village.

## 2015

The original Valley House lift is replaced with a fixed-grip quad, more than doubling its uphill capacity.

## 2016

Construction is completed on Gadd Brook Slopeside, sixteen private homes at the base of Lincoln Peak named after the resort's founding family.

John Egan is voted into the Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.

## 2017

The Village Double and Sunshine Double chairlifts are replaced with fixed-grip quad lifts, and RFID gates are installed in lift lines.



## 2018

Sugarbush celebrates its sixtieth anniversary.

