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Peek inside this newly renovated Gilded Age mansion – and boutique hotel – in the Berkshires

The hotel is now open year-round.



Seven Hills in Lenox. *Seven Hills*

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A 57-room boutique hotel in the Berkshires just received a major makeover in time for the summer travel season.

Guests can now stay year-round at **Seven Hills**, a 1911 Gilded Age mansion in Lenox that boasts new furnishings and guest bathrooms, as well as new dining options, common areas, event spaces, and a children's club.



The entrance sign to Seven Hills in Lenox.

The original structure was a farmhouse built in the 1700s by Massachusetts colonists, according to the hotel's website. It was renovated into a Gilded Age mansion and, in 1951, became an inn and was given its current name. The newest renovations, by Miami-based Bigtime Design Studios, bring together both old and new design elements at the property, which sits on 27 acres of sweeping lawns and gardens.



A king guest room at Seven Hills.

The hotel's rooms all have private bathrooms and are spread out among three buildings: Manor House, Carriage House, and Terrace House. They have been redone in charcoal and blue with touches of mustard and gold and have hardwood floors.



A queen guest room at Seven Hills.

The king and queen beds have upholstered headboards and down-alternative blankets and the bathrooms are furnished with marble-topped sinks, hexagon and subway tiles, and offer either a shower or a shower and tub combination. A new one-bedroom suite, called the “presidential suite,” is ideal for couples who marry at the venue and features a bathroom with a separate soaker tub and rain shower.



A sitting area at Seven Hills.

The hotel's common areas have been updated in gray, slate, and deep royal blue, with amethyst accents. Guests can relax on modern couches and chairs made of velvet and leather upholstery.



The library at Seven Hills.

Meanwhile, original elements of the house chosen by former owner Emily Spencer in the early 20th century remain, such as the antique millwork, a staircase from England, a fireplace from France, and columns from Italy.



A sitting room at Seven Hills.

Guests can order food in the new Plunkett Lounge, which offers a small plates menu, seasonal craft cocktails, craft beers, and a curated wine selection. A cheese slate featuring a selection of regional cheeses, dried fruit, honey, and bread is also available. A signature cocktail called “Shipton Court” (the mansion’s former name) is made with lavender essence, fresh lemon juice, prosecco, and a fresh lavender sprig.



The cheese slate offered at the hotel's new Plunkett Lounge.

The mansion now offers 5,000 square feet of function space for social events. The Hawthorne Music Room accommodates 150 guests, and the Wharton Ballroom fits 170.



The ballroom at Seven Hills.

Guests who want to hang out outside on the patio can enjoy al fresco gatherings around a cozy fire.



A patio at Seven Hills in Lenox.

The hotel's littlest guests can also look forward to something new: a children's club for kids under the age of 12 called Rosie's Kids Club. Rosie was the name of Spencer's pet pig, and the children receive a stuffed animal of Rosie when they arrive, along with a coloring book, crayons, and a sweet treat. Kids can also borrow a variety of board games during their stay, play lawn games (including a life-sized chess board), and swim in the hotel's pool.

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