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Great Wolf Lodge Celebrates "Topping Out" Milestone For Mashantucket Resort - Sets June 15, 2025 Opening Date

The first Great Wolf Lodge in Connecticut is now accepting reservations for summer 2025.

MASHANTUCKET, Conn.. – (June 12, 2024) – <u>Great Wolf Lodge Mashantucket</u> reached a significant milestone today as Turner Construction hoisted the final beam needed to complete vertical construction into place for the family-friendly indoor water park resort. Now, Turner, along with Neuman Pools and ID3 Group, will focus on completing the elaborately themed interior portions of the resort, including all 549-guest suites, the 91,000-square-foot indoor water park and 61,000-square-foot Great Wolf Adventure Park, along with the various eateries and retail outlets.

With this milestone reached, <u>Great Wolf Lodge</u> is able to better forecast a timetable for opening and announced today it would begin accepting reservations for stays June 15, 2025 or later, with the hope it will be able to move the date earlier as additional construction milestones are achieved this fall and winter.

Being built as part of a partnership agreement with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and located on 13-acres adjacent to the Foxwoods Resort Casino, Great Wolf Lodge Mashantucket will be the company's 23rd resort in North America and third resort in the Northeastern U.S.

"With the exterior of the building now complete, the focus shifts to the interior portions of the resort and completing all the water slides, attractions and entertainment offerings families will enjoy when visiting Great Wolf Lodge Mashantucket," shared John Murphy, Chief Executive Officer for Great Wolf Resorts. "We're excited to provide families from New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island with a close, convenient and carefree destination that offers year-round family fun and helps create lifelong memories."

"This is an exciting day for the Pequot Nation as we celebrate this significant milestone in the construction of Great Wolf Lodge Mashantucket. This new location completes a decades long resort vision and represents our tribe's dedication to growth and community, along with economic development for our entire region," said Chairman Rodney Butler of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation. "We are honored to be celebrating this moment with our Great Wolf family, and are excited for the property's opening next year."

"Today's topping out ceremony is a continuation of the transformation we have embarked on here at Mashantucket to create an unrivaled resort destination. Great Wolf Mashantucket is a key component of our vision to deliver an unforgettable experience for guests of all ages," said Jason Guyot, President and CEO of Foxwoods Resort Casino. "With the strong relationship we have built with the Great Wolf team, we'll bring even more marquee brands like Gordon Ramsay Hell's Kitchen and Grace by Nia to Foxwoods and Mashantucket."

Families eager to secure their stay at the new Great Wolf Lodge Mashantucket can book future reservations today and take advantage of a special limited time offer. Guests can unlock a 25% discount for a one-night stay, and 30% off reservations of two or more nights when using promotional code JUNEOPEN. Guests must book this special offer before June 30, 2024, for stays at the resort between June 15, 2025 and December 20, 2025.

Great Wolf Lodge Mashantucket represents an investment of more than \$300 million by Great Wolf Lodge's shareholders, Blackstone and Centerbridge Partners, and is expected to create more than 600 full- and part-time jobs when it opens.

The Great Wolf Lodge in Mashantucket will be a year-round family resort destination filled with attractions and amenities for all ages. Some of the highlights include:

- An expansive 91,000-square-foot indoor waterpark, heated to a comfortable 84 degrees, featuring a variety of body slides, tube slides, raft rides, activity pools and splash areas for every member of the family.
- A 61,000-square-foot family entertainment center known as the Great Wolf Adventure Park with a variety of family-friendly attractions, including MagiQuest Great Wolf Lodge's exclusive live action-adventure game featuring interactive magic wands.
- A collection of complimentary family events and activities including Yoga Tails, a story-led morning exercise program, and evening events such as Great Wolf Lodge's signature Hustle & Howl dance party.
- Several dining options ranging from pizza and burgers to elevated, full-service dining at Fireside and premium ice cream treats at Wood's End Creamery.
- Spacious, family-friendly suites in a variety of categories and styles including themed suites
 with separate sleeping quarters for kids designed as either a log cabin or wolf den and
 outfitted with bunk beds and Great Wolf character theming.

The Great Wolf Lodge in Mashantucket will offer an exceptional value for families with admission to the water park and family entertainment activities in the Grand Lobby included as part of the guest's stay.

The property will also boast more than 7,500 square feet of flexible conference space with breakout rooms, built-in A/V technology, customizable catering options, and a team of dedicated industry professionals to tend to every meeting need.

For more information on Great Wolf Resorts and its brand of indoor water park resorts, visit www.greatwolf.com.

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About Great Wolf Resorts, Inc.

Great Wolf Resorts, Inc. owns and operates North America's largest family of indoor waterpark resorts. Great Wolf Lodge is the perfect, carefree getaway for families looking to strengthen their pack, with an expansive indoor water park, fun-filled attractions and family-friendly entertainment all under one roof. Great Wolf Resorts is a fully integrated resort company with locations in: Wisconsin Dells, Wis.; Sandusky, Ohio; Traverse City, Mich.; Kansas City, Kan.; Williamsburg, Va.; Pocono Mountains, Pa.; Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada; Mason, Ohio; Grapevine, Texas; Grand Mound, Wash., Fitchburg, Mass., Concord, N.C.; Garden Grove, Calif., Manteca, Calif., Colorado Springs, Colo., Bloomington, Minn., LaGrange, Ga., Gurnee, Ill.; Scottsdale, Ariz.; and Perryville, Maryland. The company has three resorts currently under construction including Great Wolf Lodge South Florida in Naples (Sept. 2024), Great Wolf Lodge Texas Gulf Coast in Webster (August 2024), and a resort in Mashantucket, Conn. set to open June 2025. Additional information may be found on the company's online media center.

About Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation

The Mashantucket (Western) Pequot Tribal Nation is a federally recognized Indian tribe located at one of America's oldest Indian reservations, Mashantucket, in Southeastern Connecticut. As leaders of the Indian Gaming casino industry, the history of the Mashantucket Pequots reveals one of America's greatest come-back stories, featured at the Tribe's world renowned Mashantucket Pequot Museum. Today, the Tribe owns and operates one of the largest Integrated Resort Casino destinations in North America, Foxwoods Resort Casino, along with a variety of complementary businesses including a world-class golf course, luxury spa, Pequot Pharmaceutical Network, and Pequot Plus Health Benefit Services. As one of Connecticut's highest revenue contributors and largest employers, the Mashantucket Pequots have provided the state more than \$4 billion in slot revenue through a first-of-its-kind agreement, established in 1993. Likewise, the Tribe has contributed hundreds of millions in donations and sponsorships for the benefit of communities and tribes in need, locally and throughout the U.S.

About Foxwoods Resort Casino

Foxwoods Resort Casino offers guests a premier destination resort experience throughout its six world-class casinos, AAA Four-Diamond hotels featuring over 2,200 rooms, dining options for all tastes, luxurious spas, award-winning golf, state-of-the-art theaters, shopping at Tanger and conference space for groups of all sizes. There is always something new at Foxwoods that gives guests more reasons to stay, including the opening of dining properties like Gordon Ramsay Hell's Kitchen, Wahlburgers and Grace by Nia; celebrity pastry chef Zac Young's storefront, Sprinkletown Donuts & Ice Cream; and a landmark deal with Great Wolf Lodge, opening in 2025. When it comes to sports betting and gaming, Foxwoods has partnerships with fan-favorite betting and entertainment platforms, including DraftKings and the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe's Wondr Nation. For a detailed look at Foxwoods Resort Casino and Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation visit Foxwoods.com.

^{*} Offer valid at Great Wolf Lodge Mashantucket on above dates. Valid per night for single or multiple-night stays, must be mentioned at time of reservation and based on 2025 standard rates. Limited number of rooms available for each date. May not be valid during holiday and blackout periods or combined with any other discount or promotional offers. Limited suite style availability on select dates. Discount may vary by date. Offer based on 4 guests per room and may be terminated at any time without notice. Must have one individual 21 years of age or older staying in each room. Offer is not redeemable for cash.