



WEEKAPAUG INN

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- OVERVIEW:** Reopened in fall of 2012 after a \$20 million renovation, Weekapaug Inn is located in the peaceful community of Weekapaug, Rhode Island, with sweeping views of Quonochontaug Pond and the Atlantic Ocean just beyond. Inspired by classic Cape Cod style, the building is covered with red cedar shingles, accented by dark brown trim and red shutters. The property features 31 guest rooms, including four two-bedroom Signature Suites, with farm-to-table fine and casual dining, and boutique event space. In January 2013, just three months after opening, Weekapaug Inn was invited into the prestigious Relais & Châteaux association.
- LOCATION:** Weekapaug Inn is uniquely located with the inlet of Quonochontaug Pond in one direction and the quiet community of Weekapaug in the other. Coastal woods turn into dune grass and sand, and the serene quiet offers a sense of tranquility. Weekapaug Inn is a two-and-a-half-hour drive from New York City and a one-and-a-half-hour drive from Boston, providing easy access to their international airports. Just four miles away, Westerly Airport welcomes private aircraft, as well as regional air service. T.F. Green Airport in Providence is 45 minutes away and Amtrak services are available in the nearby town of Westerly. Transportation can be arranged through the Inn to and from all airports and train stations.
- HISTORY:** Visitors and local families looking for a summer escape from formal occasions and the dirt and bustle of the city flocked to communities like Weekapaug, Rhode Island. In 1899, Phebe and Frederick C. Buffum recognized that Weekapaug needed to be shared and that an inn would offer vacationers something different than the surrounding towns and act as a center of the community. After the original Inn, and much of the coastline, was decimated in the Hurricane of 1938, the Buffum family rebuilt in a new location, which opened in 1939. The Inn welcomed guests for 108 years, until it closed for renovations in 2007. The exact footprint of the original 1939 structure, as well as the entire exterior, have been faithfully restored, as have many of the rooms and much of the original interior architecture. Originally 67 rooms, the new Inn features 27 guest rooms plus four two-bedroom Signature Suites, giving the Inn 31 guest rooms, all with one or more private baths. Rooms feature refurbished furnishings from the original Inn, and the storied past of the Inn is reflected throughout the property.
- DESIGN:** Weekapaug Inn is impeccably appointed with an emphasis on a fresh use of existing Inn furnishings, heavily balanced by up-to-date pieces that bring a new vitality. The furnishings are a mix of arts and crafts, colonial revival and new furnishings. Each room has a distinct color palette and a unique bedding pattern. The classic, shingle-style exterior couples red cedar shingled walls with dark brown trim and wide porches.
- GUEST ROOMS:** Each of the Inn's 31 guest rooms boasts a unique décor that is defined by the use of vibrant fabrics complemented by custom braided rugs, dark wicker and painted hardwood floors. Guest rooms afford stunning views of lush gardens or the serene pond that surrounds the Inn. Amenities include: feather-top beds covered in luxury linens, custom marble bathroom floors from Italy, and deep soaking tubs. Breakfast is included in the room rate, along with a selection of complimentary snacks and beverages in the guest pantry on the third floor that change throughout the day.

**SIGNATURE
SUITES:**

Four Signature Suites are also available to guests. Each suite has two bedrooms, a spacious sitting area, a full kitchen, a dining room, a study with fireplace and pullout queen sleeper sofa, a private elevator and entrance, and views of Quonochontaug Pond.

DINING:

The main dining venue at Weekapaug Inn, *The Restaurant*, draws inspiration from the Inn's extraordinary surroundings. Natural woven grass wall-coverings add texture to the walls and ceilings, and earth tones connect the restaurant to the land. A wood-burning fireplace is the perfect backdrop for a winter meal, while the stone terrace offers breathtaking views for al fresco dining. The farm-to-table menu offers a modern interpretation of New England coastal cuisine and changes daily. A private dining room allows small groups to enjoy the same farm-to-table cuisine in an intimate setting.

The *SeaRoom* is the Inn's grand parlor. A sea of blue hues and plush seating beckons guests to relax while enjoying a cocktail and watching the sun set over Quonochontaug Pond. French doors open to a wraparound porch where rocking chairs offer the best seat in the house to watch a game of shuffleboard or the old-time favorite, bocce. In summer, a seasonal menu offers casual fare and New England cuisine ranging from hot or cold lobster rolls to wraps, sliders and salads. During winter, the fireplace makes it a cozy place to gather or simply read a book.

In the *Garden Room*, have a seat in one of the Inn's wonderful antique Stickley chairs, or ease into one of the totally modern, cozily upholstered sofas to enjoy a simple menu of the region's traditional fare. In the fall and winter, the *Garden Room* menu is deeply and traditionally New England-based, and deliciously modern in its continually evolving menu, capturing the flavors of the best and freshest ingredients in each season from local farms and fisheries.

Open seasonally, *The Lawn* offers casual light bites and chair-side service overlooking beautiful Quonochontaug Pond.

Reserved for Inn guests and members, *The Bathhouse* and *Pool* offer simple snacks, sandwiches and refreshments to beach-goers and those looking to lounge by the pool.

In-room dining is available daily for breakfast. A Guest Pantry located on the third floor offers complimentary beverages and snacks that change throughout the day.

Comfort cuisine, main dining room menus and children's menus are available.

BEACH:

The Inn offers access to a private, white-sand beach, just a short walk from the property. The Weekapaug Beach is exclusive to Inn guests and Weekapaug residents, with incredible views framed by Block Island, Montauk and the Rhode Island coastline. *The Bathhouse* serves as a private changing area with showers and a casual restaurant, and offers full beach service including chairs, umbrellas and other amenities.

GOLF:

Golf can be arranged upon request at Lake of Isles in North Stonington, Connecticut. Set in the beautiful forests of Connecticut and designed by acclaimed golf architect Rees Jones around a 90-acre lake, this golf course features a winning mix of challenge and scenery to provide an exciting round for golfers of all levels. Guests have access to an 18-hole private course, an 18-hole resort course and the elegant 50,000 square foot clubhouse. The 18-hole "South Course" features 7,359 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72.

**INN & LOCAL
ACTIVITIES:**

The Weekapaug community is known for its love of the sea. Guests will be able to relax on the community's private beach or enjoy a sail on three-mile Quonochontaug Pond in one of the Inn's restored Beetle Cats. The Fenway Cottage offers fitness and wellness classes with a state-of-the-art gym and movement studio, while other sporting opportunities, such as golf, tennis, squash and croquet, are located a short drive away. On property, participate in a variety of daily activities, including bocce, shuffleboard and Thursday night clambakes, or explore the New England coast with trips to the neighboring villages. Guests are also able to participate in the complimentary resort activities offered at Ocean House, including daily culinary classes, spa and wellness classes, croquet clinics and cultural events. The area is also home to an array of theaters, museums and a myriad of outdoor activities, including surfing, fly-fishing and deep-sea fishing.

**NATURE
ADVENTURES:**

Given the Inn's spectacular location on a living estuary, special effort is made to celebrate these natural wonders. The Resident Naturalist organizes and leads a variety of scheduled and impromptu programs. Guided Discovery programs include kayak paddles, bird spotting with our high-powered scope and binoculars, barrier beach walks, fly-fishing seminars, bicycle trips to Watch Hill and the local glacial park, and astronomy nights when the skies are dark and clear and the Milky Way glows overhead.

FISHING:

Weekapaug is a destination for many committed saltwater anglers and the Inn is just a short walk from the best waters. The Resident Naturalist can offer pointers and walk guests to specific spots to fish. Shore-based charters are available as well. Fishing by boat, kayak and rowboat are available on the pond and the Inn can arrange outings with local guides that cover the area from Watch Hill and Montauk to Block Island.

BOATING:

The Inn offers scenic tours of our salt pond aboard a classic 24' electric launch, *Quonnie Queen*. The standard tour takes six passengers at a time on tour down the pond in quiet comfort. Also on offer is a Boston Whaler, *Innsights*, for an excursion into the backwaters of the salt pond. It is a small, fast boat, ideal for exploring around uninhabited islands, crossing shallow sand flats, and gliding along scenic waterways where birdlife and marine creatures abound.

Weekapaug Inn provides two Beetle Cats, a small boat traditionally sailed on Quonochontaug Pond, as well as kayaks, paddle boats and other small day-sailing vessels.

CHILDREN:

The community of Weekapaug and Weekapaug Inn offer many family-friendly activities including sailing, a private white-sand beach, bocce and an outdoor pool. Just a short drive away are several coastal villages that have activities for the whole family. In the summer, children may also participate in sister property's, Ocean House, *SandCastles* program.

**WEDDINGS &
MEETINGS:**

Weekapaug Inn offers indoor and outdoor function space for private gatherings, business conferences, board meetings and weddings. Function space features state-of-the-art equipment, views of Quonochontaug Pond, elegant décor and superior attendant services.

The Inn provides highly seasoned, on-site event staff to ensure that functions are handled with the utmost attention to detail, from planning, catering and accommodations to scheduling team-building activities and motivational speakers.

ROOM RATES: Off-season rooms from \$340. Peak-season rooms from \$610. All room rates include breakfast and a selection of complimentary snacks and beverages from the guest pantry that change throughout the day.

AFFILIATIONS: Just three months after its opening, Weekapaug Inn was invited into the prestigious Relais & Châteaux, an association of the world's finest hoteliers, chefs and restaurateurs that has set the standard for excellence in hospitality for over half a century. Relais & Châteaux has redefined luxury hospitality by emphasizing holistic experiences that transport its guests, taking them on a sensual journey and introducing them to a deeper, truer understanding of the Art of Living. Today, Relais & Châteaux is an exclusive collection of 520 of the finest charming hotels and gourmet restaurants in 60 countries.

Additionally, as sister property to Ocean House, located just five miles away in Watch Hill, Rhode Island, guests of Weekapaug Inn enjoy access to all of the amenities and facilities at the resort including five restaurants, activities and programming, yachting, the OH! Spa and others.

**GENERAL
MANAGER
& INNKEEPER:**

Simon Dewar

OWNERSHIP:

Mr. & Mrs. Langdon Wheeler
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Royce

**EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE:**

The executive team at Weekapaug Inn & Ocean House includes:

- Daniel A. Hostettler, President & Managing Director
- Simon Dewar, General Manager & Innkeeper
- Steven Souls, Director of Finance
- Alice Brennan, Director of Employee Relations & Recruiting
- Christine Smith, Director of Leisure Sales & Strategic Partnerships

ARCHITECT:

Weekapaug Inn (main building) designed by Robert Ornstein of Arris Design, Inc.

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The Fenway Cottage designed by R. Christian Schmitt, FAIA, Partner at Schmitt Walker Architects

ARCHITECT:

The Bathhouse designed by Lerner Ladds Bartell Architects

**INTERIOR
DESIGN:**

Taylor Interior Design

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