



INTERESTING FACTS

- Wintergreen Resort’s logo is a rendering of the wintergreen plant (*Gaultheria procumbens*), which is also commonly known as the teaberry or checkerberry. The wintergreen is a plant that flowers in the summer with a white bell-shaped blossom and produces a red berry in the winter. When pinched, the plant has a distinct wintergreen fragrance (like in chewing gum and mints). The wintergreen is native to the eastern United States and can be found abundantly at Wintergreen Resort. This plant is where the town of Wintergreen, Va. got its name and therefore became the inspiration for the name of the resort.
- Wintergreen’s Mountain Village is located on two mountains – Devils Knob and Black Rock Mountain.
 - Black Rock Mountain is named for the granite outcrops most prevalent on the mountain’s southern side, which in certain light and at certain times of the year, are prominent and black.
 - Devils Knob most likely got its name from a nearby narrow, precipitous mountain pass known as Devil’s Gate. The dangerously tight pass existed before the Blue Ridge Parkway was built. It was named Devil’s Gate for the risk it imposed to travels and early settlers.
- Wintergreen Resort is bounded on two sides by the George Washington National Forest.
- In 1997 and 1998, President Bill Clinton visited Wintergreen when the resort hosted two years of the U.S. House Democratic Caucus in the Commonwealth Ballroom. Vice President Al Gore also visited the event in 1998.
- In 1969, the 10,000 mountaintop acres now part of Wintergreen Resort were known as “The Big Survey.” While the local community used the land for hunting and fishing, there were no dwellings on the property. In 1969, The Big Survey was purchased for \$85,000 to begin the Wintergreen development.
- In 1969, Hurricane Camille devastated Nelson County. The county’s only two manufacturing plants, chemical and soapstone facilities, closed. Wintergreen arrived at a pivotal time in the history of Nelson County, employing many locals in the construction of the resort.
- When the land known as “The Big Survey” was purchased, there were no roads, electricity, water or sewer lines – everything had to be created.

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- During the Regan administration, the resort sold approximately 3,000 acres that comprised Humpback Mountain to the National Park Service. The sale was unusual for the time period since the government was trying to unload land, not purchase it. This speaks to the great value of the property.
- Mrs. Lyndon Johnson visited Wintergreen Resort in June 1985 to dedicate the Wildflower Park in tribute to the preservation of Wintergreen's native plants.
- During ski visits to Wintergreen Resort in the mid-1980's, Amy Carter, President Jimmy Carter's daughter, would repeatedly out-ski the secret service assigned to her.
- Willard Scott, media personality and former NBC Today Show weatherman, owned a condo at Wintergreen Resort during the 1980's. Mr. Scott once organized a Today Show live broadcast to promote Special Olympics and Wintergreen.
- Muhammad Ali owned a property in Nelson County in the 1980's and was a frequent guest of the restaurants at Wintergreen.
- Wintergreen Resort has hosted many annual events, including the first three years of the Tour DuPont, America's premier cycling event (1991-1993).

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