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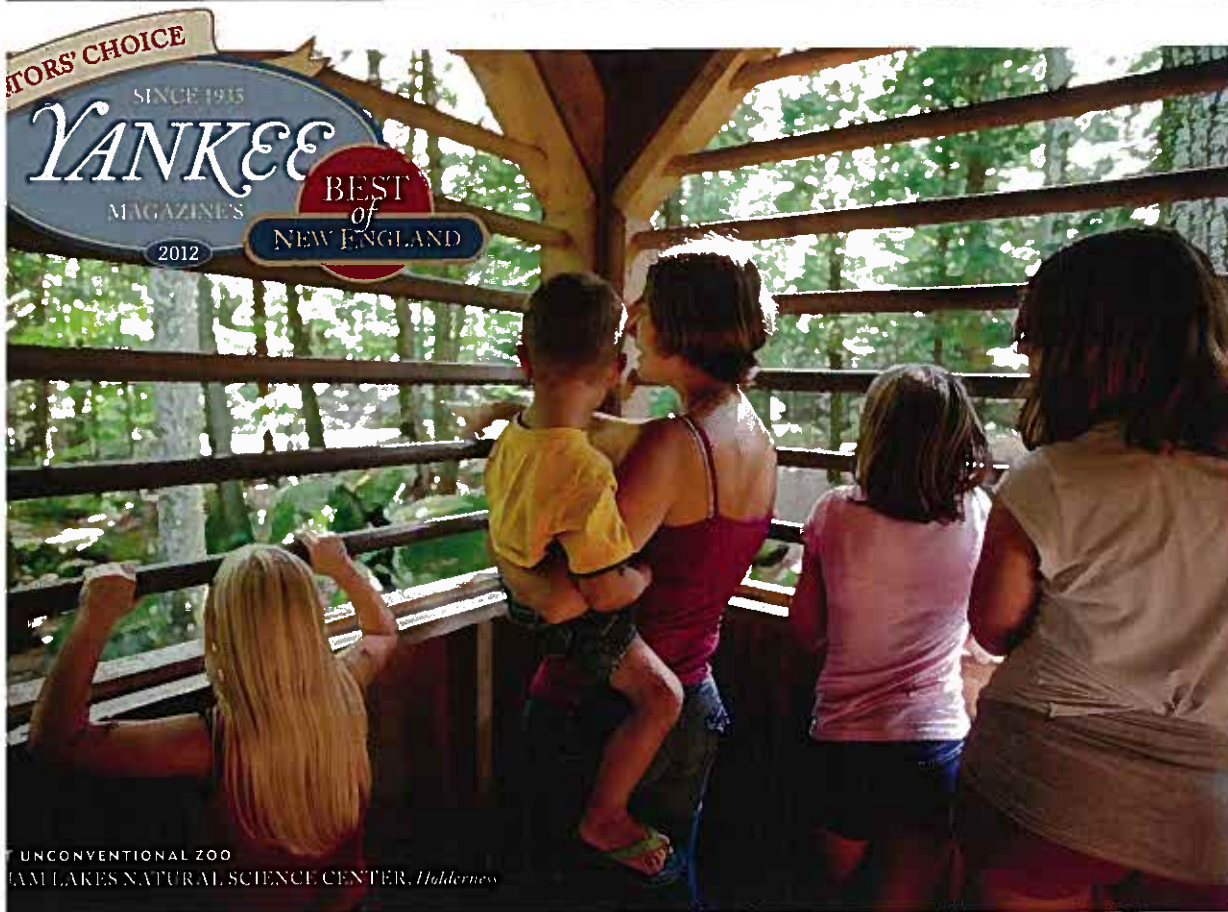
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FOOD & DINING

BEST BURGER

MCBARLEY HOUSE, Concord

It's not wrong with any of the seven varieties here—all ground fresh in house. There's a reason that the "McBarley Burger," made with Russian dressing, pickles, roasted onions, house-cured bacon, and cheddar cheese, takes its name from the restaurant. Entrées: from \$8. 132 North Main St. 603-228-7100. mccbarleyhouse.com

BEST PRETZEL

GERMAN JOHN'S BAKERY, Hillsborough

Authentic German pretzels come in traditional shapes (*laugenbretzelen*), rolls (*laugenbrötchen*), and oblongs (*laugenstangen*). They come unsalted, and with unsalted butter, but

never, per the owner, with mustard. Single pretzels: from \$1.50. 5 West Main St. 603-464-5079; germanjohnsbakery.net

BEST MARINA-SIDE DINING

LATITUDES, New Castle

At this Wentworth by the Sea restaurant, every seat here offers prime views of the hotel's marina. Watch the yachts come and go while sampling dishes such as filet mignon, pan-seared Atlantic salmon, and oven-roasted halibut. Entrées: from \$25. 588 Wentworth Road. 603-422-7322; wentworth.com

BEST GELATO

MORANO GELATO, Hanover

With flavors such as Sicilian cannoli with sheep's-milk ricotta, candied orange and pistachio, and almond-and-rum crunch, is it any wonder this place is the best? Gelato: from \$3. 57

South Main St., Suite 101. 603-643-4233; morano-gelato.com

BEST FAIRYTALE LUNCH

PICKITY PLACE, Mason

This little red cottage, which served as inspiration for illustrator Elizabeth Orton Jones's 1948 version of "Little Red Riding Hood," offers five-course gourmet luncheons featuring herbs and edible flowers harvested on site. Little ones are treated to a basket filled with homemade cookies and an apple. Entrées: \$21.95; children's menu: \$8.95. 248 Nutting Hill Road. 603-878-1151; pickityplace.com

BEST VEGAN CUISINE

SPOON REVOLUTION VEGAN BISTRO, Concord

Formerly Rasa's Vegan Kitchen, this go-to destination for vegan cuisine participates in farm-

BEST RENOVATION
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BED & BREAKFAST, Glen



land asters also blooming throughout the park, and listen for ruffed grouse, white-throated sparrows, woodpeckers, and warblers. *Route 119 West. 603-532-8862; nhstateparks.org*

BEST UNCONVENTIONAL ZOO

SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER, Holderness

Visitors here get a closer look at animals hailing from the Granite State. Meander along marsh boardwalks, meadows, and forests to see river otters, bobcats, black bears, and more, or cruise Big Squam Lake to spy loons and bald eagles. *23 Science Center Road. 603-968-7194; nbnature.org*

BEST ARCHITECTURAL GEM

ZIMMERMAN HOUSE, Manchester

Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979, this is the only Frank Lloyd Wright home in New England that's open to the public. Built in 1950, all of the interiors, furniture, gardens, and even the mailbox were designed by Wright. *150 Ash St. 603-669-6144; carrier.org*

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