

Unveiling the Folklore and Legends of the Bristol Hills

Bristol Mountain's rich history is deeply entwined with the folklore and legends of the Bristol Hills. From the ancient days of the glaciers to the struggles faced by pioneering settlers, the land has been shaped by the winter winds, giving rise to tales of both hardship and enchantment.

Now, you have the wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in the captivating stories and breathtaking artwork that bring the history and mystery of the Bristol Hills to life. "History and Mystery: The Folklore and Legends of the Bristol Hills" is a remarkable book born out of a community collaboration by local residents. Featuring original watercolor paintings by the talented artist Anna Overmoyer, this book is full of captivating tales, featuring favorite places, historic sites, legends, and cherished memories. Presented by the Bristol Hills Historical Society, with John Holtz serving as General Editor, this 78-page keepsake is a must-have for anyone who loves the Bristol Hills.

Within the pages of this book, you will encounter the tale of Father Winter, who once reigned supreme over the hills, wielding his whimsical touch to command the season. Winter used to be a formidable force that people had to endure, but they discovered their own ingenuity. They built cozy structures to defy the fierce winds of Jack Frost, securing warmth and safety, and embraced their desire to explore and play in the great outdoors.

The allure of skiing brought joy and excitement to the Bristol Hills, but skiers remained at the mercy of Father Winter. If there was no snow, there would be no skiing. The people yearned for a solution that would grant them the power to control the white landscapes they so deeply desired.

In a cunning act, during a season not long ago, the people stole one of Father Winter's mighty powers. They learned to make snow themselves, no longer beholden to the whims of the weather. Armed with this newfound ability, they could now summon snow when they desired and distribute it strategically onto the slopes.

As you carve down the slopes of Bristol Mountain, take a moment to reflect on the legends and folklore that have shaped this extraordinary place. Discover the incredible history of snowmaking at Bristol Mountain, with the installation of the first freeze-proof snowmaking system in 1964. The mysteries of the Bristol Hills continue to enchant and intertwine with the exhilarating experiences we now enjoy. Join us in preserving the memories of the Bristol Hills and supporting the invaluable work of the Bristol Hills Historical Society.



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“So when Father Winter was not paying attention, some clever people stole one of his mighty powers: they learned to make their own snow.”