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## **RESORT HISTORY**

In 1968, Pittsburgh industrialist Willard F. Rockwell (Rockwell International) established a private game reserve in the Laurel Highlands on what is now Nemacolin Woodlands Resort. This property was named Nemacolin Trails Hunting Reserve. The Rockwell's invited friends and business associates to hunt and fish the 400-acre reserve, populated by silver fox, bear and white-tailed deer. A hunting lodge was constructed in 1968, together with the golf course and airstrip. Lakes Louise and Carol were also added, and Beaver Creek was developed into the excellent trout stream it is today.

The property was sold in 1979 to Cordelia Mellon Scaife, and became an exclusive conference center. Three years later, the property returned to the Rockwell Family. Kent Rockwell, Willard's son, purchased the conference center and opened it to the public. In the years immediately following, the Maples and Laurel Ponds townhouses and a number of private homes were established on the estate.

In 1987, Joseph A. Hardy, III, founder of the 84 Lumber Company, purchased a large portion of the Nemacolin property at auction – an auction he attended in the hopes of purchasing a few acres of woodlands near a lake or stream for his daughter, Maggie, who loved fishing. As Hardy recounts, "I left the auction without that piece of property for fishing because I bought the main parcel and was out of money." Hardy and his daughter, Maggie, promptly set about transforming the property into its present state – a 3,000 acre world-class resort, rated Four-Stars by the prestigious Mobil Travel Guide and Four Diamonds by the American Automobile Association (AAA). In 2002, Hardy transferred full ownership of the resort to his daughter, Maggie Hardy Magerko, who still serves as President and Owner.

## The Nemacolin Woodlands timeline:

- 1987 (year of Hardy ownership) The Tudor-style Lodge was expanded, and work on an elegant annex of 68 rooms commenced, together with the Executive Conference Center and new lobbies. The Woodlands Golf Academy was established.
- 1988 The Woodlands Spa opened. Soon afterward, the Gazebo, Lake P.J., and the Panorama Pavilion were constructed.

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- 1989 The Lodge Annex was followed by the Townhouses on the Links.
- 1991 The Grand Ballroom is added to the Woodlands Executive Conference Center.
- 1992 The Tavern, the Caddy Shack, the Equestrian Center and the Fallingbrook miniature golf course open.
- 1995 Mystic Rock golf course, Paradise Pool, Kidz Club area, Heritage Court Shoppes, and Mystic Mountain ski area open.
- 1997 The elegant Chateau LaFayette hotel including the Cigar Bar, Hardy & Hayes Jewelers, the Marquis Ballroom, and Lautrec fine-dining French restaurant opens.
- 1998 Major renovation and expansion of the Woodlands Spa
- 1999 The Shooting Academy opens
- 2000 The Auto Toy Store opens, featuring a number of rare and collectible automobiles.
- **2001** The Air Hanger opens.
- 2002 Woodlands World Outdoor Store and the Off-Road Driving Academy open.
- 2003 The John Daly Learning Center opens on the Links golf course, and the PGA TOUR 84 Lumber Classic comes to the Mystic Rock course.
- **2004** Falling Rock hotel with Aqueous restaurant opens and the Off-Road Driving Academy is expanded. Mystic Rock golf course undergoes extensive renovations.
- **2005** Woodlands Spa is expanded, adding 12 treatment rooms. Horizon Point meeting facility opens. Nemacolin ventures into downtown Uniontown with the opening of 30 East Main restaurant and the Nemacolin Collection designer clothing stores.
- 2006 Woodlands World Outdoor Store moves to downtown Uniontown. Wildlife
  habitats are built, bringing black bears, elk, emus, Patagonian Cayvees, Australian
  wallabies, and zebra to the resort. Dogsledding is added as a winter adventure offering.
  The Golden Trout restaurant is closed, and reopens after a total interior and menu
  renovation as Autumn.
- 2007 Marks the 20th anniversary of Nemacolin Woodlands Resort. Paige's Beach opens as the new location for paddleboats, kayaking and canoeing. The Canoe Museum located at Paige's Beach opens. Equestrian Center becomes new Wildlife Academy. Buffalos including a very rare, solid white male buffalo join the mix of Nemacolin's wildlife habitats, as well as hyenas, moose and tigers. Falling Rock hotel is awarded the coveted AAA Five Diamond Award.

- 2008 Lautrec is the only new AAA Five Diamond Award restaurant in the entire eastern half of the United States. Falling Rock hotel retains the Five Diamond status for the second year. The WildSide, a unique Entertainment Emporium, located in the former Woodlands World complex. The WildSide features an eight lane bowling alley, 65 arcade games, sports bar and pool tables, indoor climbing wall, exotic bird habitat and miniature train display. Private areas are available for children's birthday parties and other social events. The WildSide offers family food favorites such as pizza, burgers and custom blended ice cream
- 2009 Lautrec retains the coveted AAA Five Diamond Award and acquires the Mobil
  Five Star Award, and becomes one of only 14 restaurants in the country to have both
  ratings. Falling Rock hotel retains the Five Diamond status for the third year. Nemacolin
  Wooflands, pet resort and spa opens and the resort institutes their Pet Proud Policy.
  Spa Voyage, a spa for kidz is now located on the lower level of Heritage Court and offers
  age appropriate spa treatments for younger guests.