

THE HOUSATONIC VALLEY

Meandering With a River

The Housatonic traces a path of history and beauty through Massachusetts and Connecticut.

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Col. John Ashley's home, in Ashley Falls, Mass., was built in 1735.

"With a population of more than 7,000, Great Barrington seems something of a metropolis, a ski town because of its proximity to Butternut Basin, and a longtime market hub where the shopping is excellent. Monument Mountain's craggy face looms to the north, separating Great Barrington from the tony summer retreats of Stockbridge and Lenox."

Where To Eat

Castle Street Cafe, 10 Castle Street, Great Barrington; (413) 528-5244. Menu includes bouillabaisse, grilled shitake mushrooms, and chocolate mousse cake. Dinner: \$25

