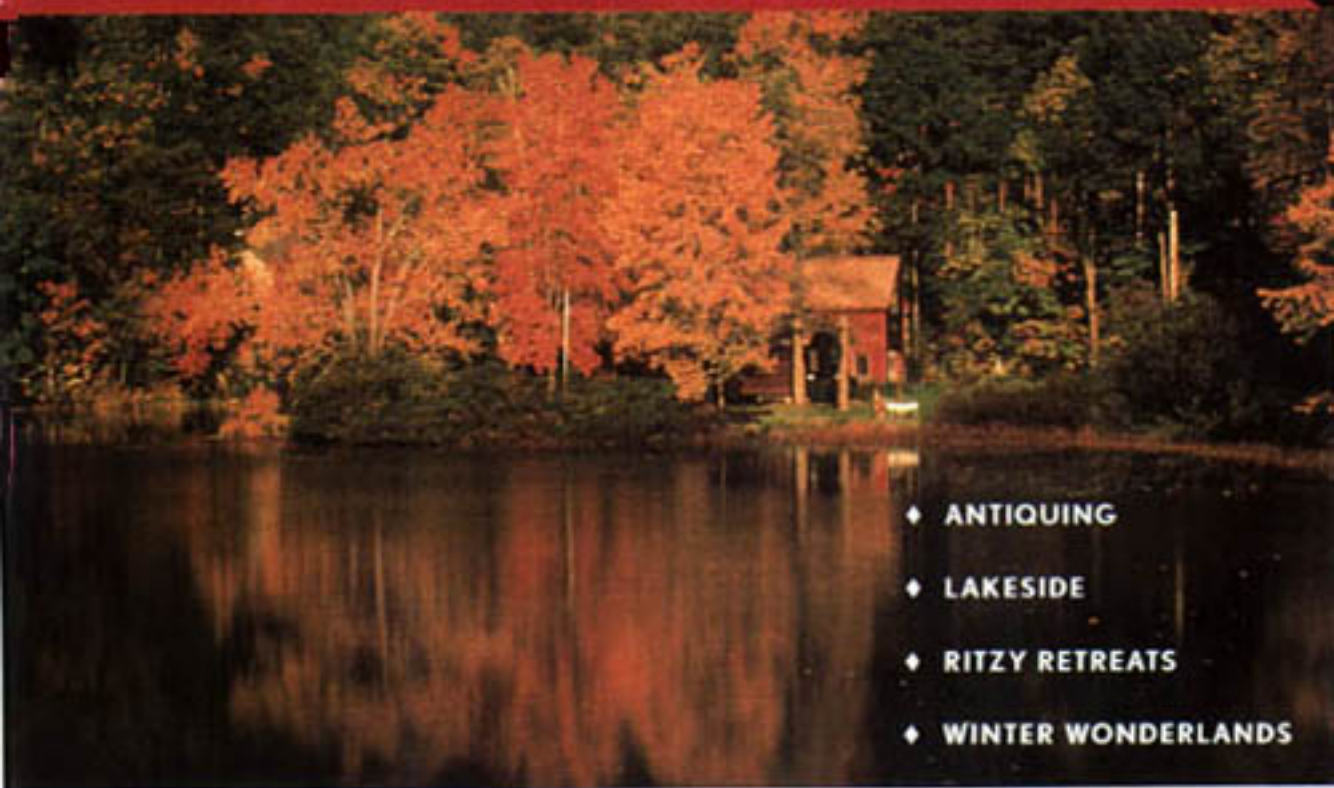


Weekending in New England

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Castle Street Cafe (413)-528-5244 10 Castle Street Great Barrington

Since 1989 Chef Michael Ballon has been doing well at this location next to the Mahaiwe Theatre. The restaurant came first; in 1997 he added the Celestial Bar next to it with a bar menu all its own, and live musical entertainment on the weekends. The main dining room has white tablecloths and Windsor chairs. Here you can start the menu with fried shrimp dumplings with a dipping sauce; steamed mussels with tomato, white wine and garlic; or perhaps a mesclun salad with local chevre. (\$6-8) Pizza, pasta and burgers are also available-the Castle Street burger is a half pound of ground beef served with straw potatoes. Main courses; served with a mixed green salad, include the very popular sautéed calves liver with glazed pearl onions and onion marmalade, warm duck salad with cashews and Asian slaw, breast chicken stuffed with spinach and portabello mushrooms and served with a shiitake mushroom sauce (\$19-24). The bar menu has most of the appetizers plus burgers, burritos, and meat loaf with mashed potatoes (\$9-12). Dinner nightly from 5, except closed Tuesdays; the bar menu is served until 11 on Friday & Saturday nights.