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Briarcliff Motel

Great Barrington, Massachusetts, United States



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Telegraph expert rating


" This former 1960s roadside motel, located at the foot of Monument Mountain in rural western Massachusetts, was redesigned with an interior recalling Scandinavian mid-century modernism, and an exterior that allows the surroundings designed by Mother Nature to have the final word.

Check availability

Rooms from **£109** per night

CHECK-IN
Fri 24 Aug 

CHECK-OUT
Sat 25 Aug 

OCCUPANCY
1 room, 2 adults, 0 children 

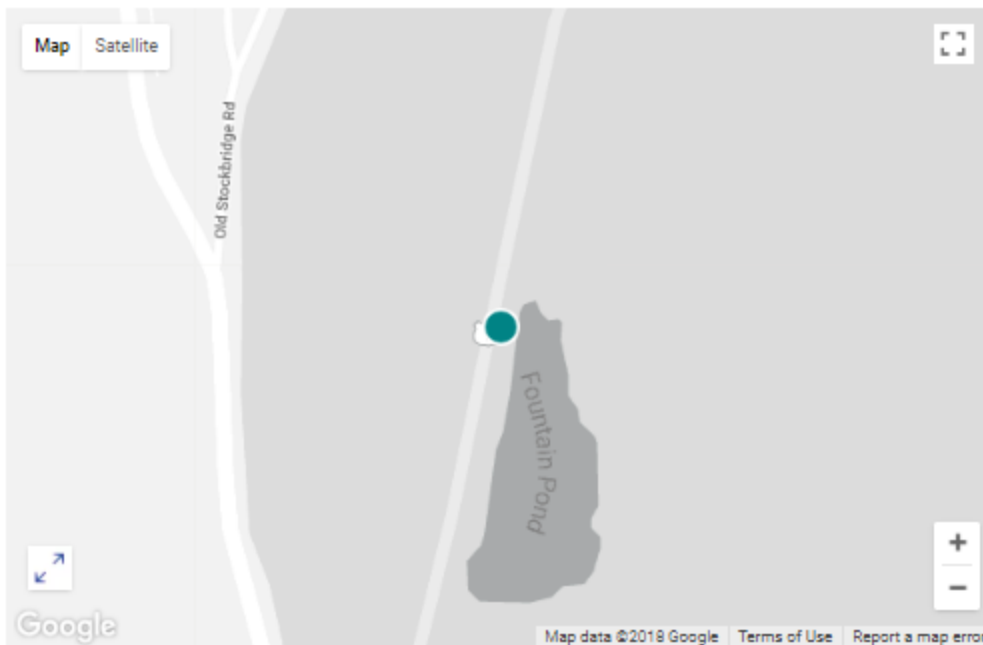
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Location

Briarcliff is situated at the foot of Monument Mountain, one of the Berkshires' many beautiful peaks; if it weren't for the busy and fast Stockbridge Road running between the motel and the mountain's verdant edge, this spot would be a veritable nature camp. Those wanting to hike will find a trailhead a quarter of a mile from the motel.

Head into quaint Stockbridge for sightseeing, where you will find the Norman Rockwell Museum and sculptor Daniel Chester French's home, Chesterwood, all within five miles. In the opposite direction, there is bohemian Great Barrington, which has art galleries, craft shopping and casual restaurants. Both New York City and Boston take less than three hours to drive to.



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Style & character

This Sixties-built roadside motel's interior redesign mixes Scandinavian mid-century modern style with Seventies patterns. The open-plan reception includes a long sanded wood-plank picnic table and benches, and more relaxing seating areas with bold purple flowered upholstery. A wood burner and new retro-style fridges add nostalgic touches.



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Service & facilities

Facilities are minimal, but have great ease of use: park in front of your room, walk a few feet to the reception for breakfast, and take in the mountain views via white vinyl seating around a fire pit at the front (or similar chairs on top of the grassy slope at the rear). There are games, books, and DVDs available in the lobby. Service is hands-off but staff members are knowledgeable about the area.

✔ Parking

✔ Wi-Fi

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Rooms

Rooms, though not large, don't feel cramped and each has different pastel-coloured painted walls and duvet covers, each in a Seventies-style impressionistic pattern. There are two armchairs with bright op-art cushions, a small desk and chair, clothing rail, television, and charging station. The bed is comfortable while bathrooms are basic, and have either walk-in showers or tub showers, and minimal toiletries. The cutest retro touch is the ironing board, hidden behind a wooden door, which folds into the wall. Besides standard rooms, there is a one-bedroom suite with a full kitchen.

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Food & drink

Breakfast is a simple, cold buffet with cake and muffins (baked at the sister property, Stockbridge's Red Lion Inn), boiled eggs and fruit, locally made granola and local farm yogurt.

Great Barrington has many options for lunch and dinner, but for a unique experience drive just past to the 18th-century Old Inn on the Green in New Marlborough (12 miles). The interconnecting dining rooms have no electric lighting. At night, candles on the tables and in the chandeliers create a magical and peaceful ambiance. Try the strozzapreti verdi pasta with rocket pesto and toasted sunflower seeds, followed by warm Windy Hill Farm apple bread pudding with crème Anglaise, wine-poached cranberries, and crystallised ginger gelato.

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Value for money

Double rooms from \$90 (£67) in low season; and from \$175 (£130) in high. Breakfast included. Free Wi-Fi.

Access for guests with disabilities?

The motel is fully accessible and has ADA-compliant rooms.

Family-friendly?

There are family rooms and cribs. Extra beds are available for \$20 (£15) per night.

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