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Lucknow Designated New Hampshire's 24th National Historic Landmark

Moultonborough, NH – Castle in the Clouds and the Lakes Region Conservation Trust are proud to announce that the Lucknow Estate has been designated as a National Historic Landmark (NHL) by the U.S. Department of the Interior. This esteemed recognition highlights the national significance of the Lucknow Estate for its remarkable architecture, landscape design, and conservation efforts spanning over a century.

An NHL designation is the highest federal recognition of a property's historical, architectural, or archeological significance, and a testament to the dedicated stewardship of many private and public property owners who seek this designation. While the National Park Service (NPS) maintains NHL listings, most are privately owned.

The designation covers more than 5,300-acres of the original 6300-acre estate built between 1913-1914 as a retirement retreat by shoe manufacturer Thomas Gustave Plant. The estate is a premier example of the American Arts and Crafts Movement, featuring an exceptionally intact ensemble that includes Lucknow Mansion, two gate houses, and an extensive road and bridle trail system linking seven mountain peaks.

Today, the preservation of this nationally significant estate is made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Castle Preservation Society, Lakes Region Conservation Trust, and Crystal Geyser Alpine Water, who manage portions of the historic estate. The Lucknow Estate is only the 4th National Historic Landmark District designated in the State of New Hampshire, and is the largest geographically.

“Lucknow is an unparalleled example of craftsmanship, thoughtful design, and natural preservation,” said Charles Clark, Executive Director of Castle in the Clouds. “This National Historic Landmark designation underscores its historical and cultural importance, especially in the areas of architecture and landscape architecture, and recognizes the dedication of our partners and the community who help preserve this treasure.”

The announcement made by Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland is part of the designation of 19 new NHLs across the country, reflecting the diversity of America's history. As a National Historic Landmark, Lucknow joins an elite list of over 2,600 landmarks recognized for their value in illustrating the heritage of the United States.

“As America’s storyteller, it is our privilege at the Department at the Interior, through the National Park Service, to tell our nation’s history and honor the many historical chapters and heroic communities that brought us to where we all today,” said Secretary Haaland. “These newly designated historic landmarks join a list of the nation’s premier historic and cultural places, all of which were nominated through voluntary and locally led stewardship.”

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ABOUT CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS

As the premier historical museum in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire, Castle in the Clouds provides each visitor with a look into the past while providing contemporary comforts to make every visit memorable. Originally called Lucknow, this breathtaking 6,300-acre property was developed in 1913 by Tomas G. Plant, a wealthy shoe manufacturer, to create a luxurious lifestyle with state-of-the-art amenities, beautiful hand-made furnishings, and a large staff to run the estate. These days, visitors come from all around the world to tour the mansion and exhibit gallery, dine in the Carriage House Restaurant or Café in the Clouds, hike miles of hiking and walking trails maintained by partner organization the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, or enjoy one of our many programs and events. Operated by the Castle Preservation Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Castle in the Clouds is revered as a cultural and educational resource and listed on the National Register of Historic Places with national significance. Castle in the Clouds is also available as a fairytale wedding venue and versatile private event rental. For more information about Castle in the Clouds, visit www.castleinthecLOUDS.org.

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