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It had been years since my last visit to Gore Mountain and this trip started out in complete chaos. It was President's Day Weekend and they had run out of parking at the main entrance by the time we arrived. Ugh! Visions of massive lift lines and ultra busy runs flooded my head. Yes, it had been my fault that we got a late start to begin with but once we made it over the The North Creek Ski Bowl area, we were able to park with no issues and to my amazement, the mountain did not seem overly crowded despite the mass of humanity I knew was present. That is when I started to realize the true beauty of Gore- It has such a vast amount of skiable terrain that even on what must have been their busiest day of the season, it felt like you had the mountain all to your-

self on many runs. Amazing. But even more amazing than that is the fact that we literally (and this is NO joke!) did not wait on a single lift line! That's right, wherever we were be it the Burnt Ridge Quad, the Hudson Chair, the North Quad or even the Adirondack Express II we would ski right up to the lift and get right on. This was completely mind-



Lunch break at the North-Creek Ski Bowl

blowing to me knowing how busy the place was.

Our group was comprised of four adults and four kids of varying ability levels which can be a serious problem at other mountains. At Gore however, there are blue intermediate runs on every section of the mountain as well as green, blue and black trails accessible

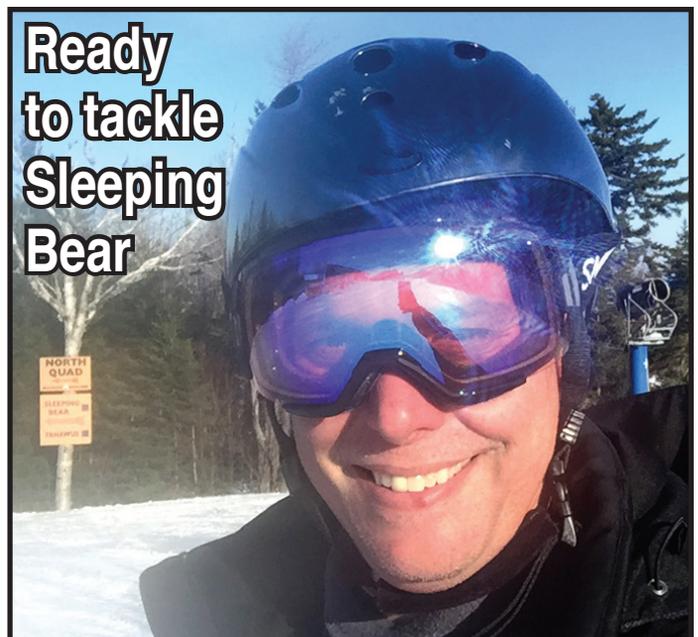
from their Northwoods gondola. So we could all ski together and when the more advanced of us wanted to try a more challenging run, we could easily meet up a little further down the mountain. As far as a family skiing experience goes, it is hard to beat the way Gore has it dialed in.

Personally I enjoyed carving on runs like Echo, Showcase and Eagle's Nest the first half of the day and later on we moved to the main section of the mountain and cut turns on Sleeping Bear, (see pic) Quicksilver, Powder Pass and Twister. Sadly, we never made it to the upper sections like the High Peaks area and the Straight Brook area but that was simply because we were having so much fun on the other areas of the mountain. And of course, now I have a very good excuse to return to Gore again!

Gore's motto may be "More Gore" but for me, not having realized just how huge, diverse and smartly designed this mountain is, "Explore Gore" is more fitting. I plan to do exactly that on future trips and I urge you to do so as well. The Adirondacks may require a little more travel time than the Catskills, but in my opinion, it is well worth it!



Exploring Gore!



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