

Crystal Mountain Resort is a 1,500 acre ski, golf, and conference resort located in northern Michigan that is consistently rated as one of the top family destinations in the Midwest.

The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio has been working with Crystal Mountain Resort since 1989. Together with key members of the resort's management and ownership team, the JHLE Studio designed a framework plan that set priorities and direction for future development of the golf course, core facilities, and associated housing expansion. This master plan continues to evolve and guide ongoing development decisions within the resort.

Numerous projects have been completed including a new entry and realigned entry drive, a 32,000 square foot conference and skier services building, a 29-unit Inn facility, a second 18-hole golf course and learning center, and a new mixed-use residential, golf / cross country ski center, and restaurant facility. In 2006, 22 cottage units were clustered around special water features and buffered by extensive sweeps of perennials. These cottages surround an activity center that features a new outdoor pool with a zero depth edge, water and sand play elements, and a climbing wall. In 2009, the indoor pool and exercise facility was renovated and expanded into the 18,500 square foot Crystal Spa & Peak Fitness Center featuring an exterior meditation courtyard and extensive native landscaping supporting a LEED certification. The JHLE Studio's involvement with all of these projects extended from master planning to site selection, building placement, detailed layout and design, and planting design. Emphasized sustainable design priorities include pedestrian connections, outdoor gathering spaces, clustering, and open space preservation.



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