

Belden House & Mews

Boutique

Country Retreat

Wellness

Historic



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At a Glance

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Opened in the spring of 2025, Belden House & Mews is comprised of three restored historic buildings—the Belden House (dating back to 1888), the Mews (established 1959) and the Firehouse (established 1891)—which have been brought together to form a 31-room boutique hotel and community space with a focus on history, design and wellness. A sister property to the Indagare-adored countryside estate [Troutbeck](#)  (which is just a 35-minute drive away in Amenia), Belden House & Mews is likewise a place for retreat and restoration, offering an equally serene experience just steps from Litchfield's charming town.

Indagare Loves

- The original design details like a restored chandelier in the main sitting room and ceramic-tiled mantels carved with literary quotes
- The Bathhouse—a beautiful wellness space with a dry sauna, salt scrub, steam room, 225-gallon Japanese Ofuro tub for hydrotherapy and a curated menu of treatments
- Belden's commitment to supporting local artists and craftsmen, who created many *objets* and furniture throughout the property (like the handmade four-poster beds and grasscloth wallpaper)

Review

Tucked off a quiet side street in the heart of Litchfield, Connecticut, Belden House & Mews offers a fresh take on boutique hospitality in a charming historic town. From the outside, the property resembles a grand Victorian home, nestled among others of its era, but inside guests will discover a contemporary 31-room property that is one-of-a-kind.

The main house was originally built in the 19th century for Dr. Charles O. Belden, and it is filled with character—a grand staircase, a carved wooden fireplace with literary references to *Macbeth*, stained-glass windows, rounded bay windows, parquet floors and plenty of cozy nooks that create a sense of lived-in character. The entryway to Belden House sets the tone for each stay with warm hues, soft natural light and a jewel-toned dining and bar area that feels both elevated and intimate.

The 31 guest rooms are split between Belden House and the Mews. In Belden House, there are 10 guest rooms, including a three-bedroom penthouse suite (sleeping six) ideal for families with older children (there is a 12-year age minimum) or small groups. The penthouse includes a living room, a kitchenette equipped with a dumbwaiter connected directly to the main kitchen for on-demand in-room dining (and drinks!), and a private deck with partial views over downtown and an abundance of natural light. Just a few steps away, the Mews contains 21 additional accommodations, all located on the ground floor. Like those at sister property Troutbeck, all rooms pamper their occupants with heated bathroom floors, Frette linens and Wildsmith bath products. The Mews' Garden Rooms—of which there are seven in total—also have small terraces with gated entrances (the perfect spot for morning coffee). The design firm Champalimaud also added layers like textured wallpaper, open closets and Bauhaus-inspired seating, velvet sofas and jewel-toned textiles that lend a comfortable yet design-forward bent.

The amenities here far exceed what one might expect for a property that occupies just under three acres. A highlight is the Bathhouse, which features a sauna, steam room and a Japanese Ofuro tub that can be used as either a cold plunge or a warm soak for hydrotherapy. The space is open to all guests during designated hours, or it can be reserved for private use. Adjacent to the Bathhouse are two treatment rooms offering a variety of therapies, all using Wildsmith products. There is also a small but well-equipped gym, complete with a Pilates reformer and NordicTrack machines. Behind the Mews is a 50-foot heated outdoor pool (open seasonally), complete with a changing room, shower and chaise lounges. Outdoor food and beverage service is available upon request. Just beyond the pool, guests will find a lawn club complete with croquet and corn hole.

There is a cozy all-day restaurant on-site that serves seasonal fare sourced from local farms and the New England coast (by reservation only). And while the hotel feels tucked away, it's only steps from downtown Litchfield's dining and shopping. For those looking to explore further afield, the friendly and approachable staff can share recommendations for everything from nearby hiking trails to vintage stores and favorite ice cream parlors. Two BMW house cars are also available to rent for guests hoping to explore independently.

There is also a gabled 1891 brick firehouse on site, which is currently being used for hosting events.



Who Should Stay

The property is perfect for couples seeking a relaxed but refined weekend escape, or for small groups of friends or mature families (like a mother-daughter pair) looking to unwind.

Getting There

Belden House & Mews is an approximately two-hour drive from New York City and Boston. The hotel also offers transfers for guests arriving by train into Wassaic, New York (45 minutes from Belden) or Hartford, Connecticut (65 minutes from Belden). Guests can also enjoy the use of the house cars.

Good To Know

Regarding the estate layout—the Colonial Revival Belden House contains the property's dining room, living room and library, while the Mid-Century Mews has the wellness facility, Bathhouse and closer access to the pool.

Need To Know

Belden House & Mews accepts guests who are 12 years of age and older. While teenagers are welcome, the overall atmosphere of the property is more geared toward adult travelers.

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