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Fine dining, romantic accommodations
at Clamber Hill Inn

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The picturesque Clamber Hill Inn located in the historic town of Petersham is a hidden gem and the perfect New England destination for an overnight stay or weekend getaway, offering a relaxed vibe and fine cuisine. • Mark and Deni Ellis purchased the inn, a secluded 33-acre wooded estate near the Quabbin Reservoir, in 1997 and opened it to guests a year later. Roger and Caroline Putnam of Springfield originally built the mansion as a summer hide-away. Annual Putnam family gatherings have been held at the inn, according to the Ellises, third owners of the property.

Clamber Hill is as charming as it is romantic. Five of its 17-plus rooms accommodate overnight guests. The country garden room offers an intimate setting for romantic dinners, according to Deni Ellis, who said she and her husband have witnessed many proposals in the small space that overlooks lush green surroundings and outside patio. It's the ultimate private dining room, said Ellis, explaining that the library is another