

## ***Snow Records Falling in New England***

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Earlier we reported places like Madison, Wisconsin in the Midwest set new all-time snowfall records and appeared to be heading for 100 inch seasons. Though not as cold as the Midwest this winter, the northern half of New England has been just as snowy, typical in both cases and places of La Nina.

Burlington Vermont has now (as of February 28) exceeded 100 inches for the season (107.1 inches). For the three month winter season, Burlington set a record with 103.4 since December 1. Records extend way back to 1884. The previous record was set in the incredibly snowy strong La Nina winter of 1970/71 which had 96.9 inches during the December through February period. That year they went on to add 45.7 inches more in March and April. No reason to expect the snow to stop coming this year.

A Snowy Vermont [press release](#) yesterday noted the abundant snowfall that has blanketed Vermont's ski areas all season has continued at a record-breaking pace with snowfall totals that have already shattered the 50-year-old mark for the snowiest February in Vermont's history. And, the copious snow storms this season have already brought this winter's accumulation into the top 10 all-time snowiest ski and ride seasons on record. "The theme for this season's ski and ride season has definitely been an abundance of snow with the best possible timing," said Parker Riehle, president of Ski Vermont. "Just about every weekend and holiday vacation period this season has greeted skiers and riders with enormous amounts of freshly fallen snow, adding to the already considerable snow pack."

Central New England too has been snowy. Concord, New Hampshire also has now exceeded 100 inches for the season with another light snow event last night. Their seasonal total now stands at 102.2 inches. They are closing in on the all-time record of 122 set in 1874. In this New Hampshire [Public Radio story](#), they report the heavy snow is causing problems for many New Hampshire towns and cities.



*Photo courtesy of Ric Werme in Penacook, straddling the northern edge of Concord*

While northern areas have been covered with white all winter, southern areas of New England which had a 100 inch El Nino season a few years ago have had mostly rain this La Nina year. Both provide more evidence other factors like the oceans (and ultimately the sun) control our climate not man.