



Snowshoe Mountain WINTER Terrain Access Policy 2015-16 revised 12-07-2015

Snowshoe Mountain Resort ("Resort") is located on private land. While on Resort property you must abide by the Resort rules and restrictions and should follow the Resort's recommendations. There is private property adjacent to the Resort and you must not enter it without permission of the landowner. It is your responsibility to know where private land begins and your failure to respect such boundaries may result in action taken against you for trespassing.

The following is a summary of Resort access and uphill access policies provided for your information. This policy and dates are subject to change without notice. Other restrictions may be changed periodically so be sure you check for updates, changes, temporary closures or restrictions each time you head to the Resort.

Use of Ski Area Facilities

Please be advised that, under West Virginia law, any person present at the Resort for the purpose of engaging in the sport of skiing (which includes all devices used for sliding downhill) in locations designated as the ski slopes and trails is considered a skier. You have duties under West Virginia law, including, controlling your speed and course at all times and maintaining a proper lookout. Using a ski area for any purpose can be HAZARDOUS and you assume all risks associated with such use.

WARNING

Under West Virginia law, a skier assumes the risk of any injury to person or property resulting from any of the inherent dangers and risks of skiing. A skier may not recover from the Resort for any injury resulting from any of the inherent dangers and risks of skiing including, but not limited to: Changing weather conditions; existing and changing snow or ice conditions; bare spots; rocks; stumps; trees; collision with natural objects, man-made objects or other skiers; variations in terrain; and the failure of skiers to maintain reasonable control of speed/course and to ski within their own abilities. The Skiing Responsibility Act includes COMPETATIVE EVENTS, TUBING, JUMPS AND FREESTYLE TERRAIN as inherent dangers and risks of the sport.

Access:

Access to Resort trails or property at any time, with or without a ticket/pass, is at your own risk and you assume all risks associated with your use of Resort property. Such risks include those listed above as well as falling and downed trees and limbs, deep snow conditions, slippery and icy surfaces, unstable ice and snow including but not limited to slides, wildlife encounters, snowmaking operations, snowmobiles, snow cats, winch cat cables, vehicles and other equipment. Other dangers or conditions may also be encountered at any time. You must be on your highest alert at all times.

The Resort is a mountain environment that requires your alertness, common sense and caution. **Read and obey all signs.** Be sure your physical condition permits you to hike, ski, snowboard, or otherwise use Resort facilities; be aware that high elevation and physical activity can accentuate existing health problems.

Backcountry Trail System-hiking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and cross country bicycling are allowed on the Resort's backcountry trail system on trails located outside the footprint of our ski slopes, trails, and gladed areas. However, the backcountry trail system was designed for summer usage, not winter usage. These trails are not patrolled, cleared or maintained during the winter season, and if you choose to utilize the backcountry trail system, you do so at your own risk. The backcountry trail system leads into remote areas of the Resort with no communication services. Furthermore, assistance and medical care may be limited and take an extended period of time to arrive. You may also be held responsible for the cost of search and rescue.

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Due to fire danger, campfires are strictly prohibited on the mountain at all times.

When the Resort is CLOSED to the public (after the conclusion of summer operations\ until winter operations begin and after the conclusion of winter operations until summer operations begin) all ski slopes, ski trails, glades, the mountain bike park and some mountain facilities are **closed to the public except for hiking for safety reasons.** No one may access Resort property with unauthorized aerial drones or motorized vehicles including snowmobiles and ATVs. Rescue and/or medical care services are not provided by the Resort when the Resort is closed.

- **Hiking, cross country bicycling, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing are permitted year-round**, regardless if the mountain is Open or Closed for the winter or summer season. These activities are only permitted in the Resort's backcountry trail system. Logging operations, snowmaking or snow grooming operations, construction, and maintenance activities and equipment and vehicles are to be expected at all times and must be avoided. Anyone snowshoeing, cross country biking, cross country skiing or hiking must abide by Resort policies and follow Resort employee directions and all West Virginia State and Federal laws.

When the Resort is OPEN for the ski season, you must possess a valid season's pass or lift ticket to ski on any **open** slope, trail, or gladed area. Those who possess a valid season's pass or lift ticket may only utilize the Resort's slopes, trails, and/or gladed areas in which are open and during normal operating hours. The Resort's slopes, trails, and gladed areas are closed to activities after normal operating hours, other than those activities sanctioned by the Resort.]You may encounter vehicles, snow grooming machines including winch cat operations, other skiers, or hikers, wildlife, terrain variations and unmarked natural or man-made obstacles all of which you must avoid.

- Uphill traffic, including "skinning" is prohibited at all times from the Resort's slopes, trails, and gladed areas. This activity is allowed on the Resort's backcountry trail system
- Closed trails and terrain may not be marked or signed from the top or bottom of the trail but information as to which trails and terrain parks are or are not open may be accessed on the Resort website or by checking with Guest Services or Ski Patrol. ***It is your obligation to be sure you are using only open trails and terrain.***
- Those skiing must abide by Resort policies; follow Resort employee directions, and all West Virginia State laws. You may not access the Resort's Slope, trail, and lift system without a valid lift ticket/pass as that is trespassing and/or theft of services and you will be prosecuted.
- **Under no circumstances may anyone access any area within the Resort where winch cat operations are taking place.** Such work involves cables stretched tightly across runs and is extremely dangerous and must be avoided. Skiing into them could result in serious injury or death. Respect strobe lights and signage.
- It is unlawful to go through closed terrain or to be using closed trails regardless of how the trail was accessed and unlawful to access closed trails by any route including but not limited to by cutting through the trees from open trails or by moving up into a closed trail or closed section of a trail from an open section below. ***It is your obligation to be sure you are using only open trails and terrain.***
- Unauthorized or private **snowmobiles, UTVs and ATVs** are **forbidden** on Resort property.
- **Sledding** is not permitted at the Resort at **any time** This applies to any type of device that can be used for sledding including, but not limited to, sleds, toboggans, tubes (except rentals in tube park) or saucers and other devices such as shovels, pads or trays.
- Dogs are prohibited on the Resort's ski slope, trail, and lift system for the safety of our guests and for the safety of the dog. Dogs in the village must remain on a leash. Dogs must be on a leash in all other areas of the Resort whether during or outside of operating hours. It is the responsibility of the Owner to remove all waste. Remember that wild animals are also in the area year-round and may kick, stomp, bite and/or eat your dog. Dogs are not permitted to ride the Resort's shuttle system.
- Exceptions for service dogs exists, Reasonable accommodation will be made to assist in transporting Service dogs in order to access other resort locations.

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- Drones and other remote controlled aircraft are not permitted without the express written consent of Resort management.
- No Camping on Resort property (on-mountain and in parking lots) without express permission granted by Resort Management.

These rules are for your safety and the safety of the employees at the Resort. Thank you for your cooperation.

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