

## **Winter Park Resort WINTER Uphill Access Policy**

Winter Park Resort (the “Resort”) and the United States Forest Service (“USFS”) encourage the use of public lands. Please help us maintain uphill access by following this policy. Under Colorado law, any person using any of the facilities of a ski area is considered a skier. You have duties under Colorado 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.

**Hiking and snowshoeing (collectively “snowshoeing”) are permitted year-round**, subject to temporary restrictions which may be communicated on site and/or on the Resort website. The seasonal restrictions below do not apply to guests who are snowshoeing, although it is **strongly encouraged** that snowshoeing is limited to green and blue trails to reduce exposure to avalanche terrain. Snowshoeing is not permitted in Cirque Territory, except between Nystrom access gate and Parsenn Bowl Territory when the Nystrom gate access is open. Skiers attempting to enter the Resort from the Nystrom gate must also proceed directly to Parsenn Bowl, unless the Nystrom gate and Cirque is open.

**Trails that are actively being groomed must be avoided at all times.**

**Uphill access for skiing, snowboarding, or use of any other approved sliding device, is permitted certain times of the year and in certain Territories, as outlined here:**

**Access When the Resort is OPEN for the ski season:** Once the Resort has opened for the ski season, **uphill access is allowed** on any trail that is open that day (or in the case of early morning access, was open the day before) but **only allowed within the following territories:**

- **In the Winter Park Territory:** All trails.
- **In the Mary Jane Territory:** All trails except double black diamond Extreme Terrain, and the Trestle, Runaway, Sluice Box, and Pine Cliffs trails.
- **In the Parsenn Bowl:** Only Village Way, unless the Panoramic Express is open to the public and then all trails are available for uphill access.
- **In the Vasquez Ridge Territory:** All trails.

**Downhill Options:** Upon skinning up, if it is during operational hours you may ski/ride down any open trail, except those within the Terrain Park Territory. If it is outside operational hours, you may only ski/ride down within the Territories and trails indicated above.

**Access BEFORE THE RESORT OPENS for the ski season:** After summer season closing but before the Resort has opened for the ski season all trails and mountain facilities are closed to uphill access for safety reasons.

**Access AFTER THE RESORT CLOSES for the ski season:** After the Winter Park Territory closes for the ski season, **all trails and mountain facilities are closed** for uphill and downhill access, **except** the following trails:

- **In the Winter Park Territory:** Lower Hughes, Hughes, Norwegian, and Little Pierre
- **In the Mary Jane Territory:** Sleeper.  
*\* If the Mary Jane Territory season is extended, uphill access may continue subject to the “OPEN for the ski season” section below. Uphill access is limited to Sleeper after the Mary Jane Territory closes for the season.*

Accessing the Resort after it has closed for the season increases the risk of encountering man-made and natural objects, plowed roads, and a variety of vehicles and equipment. Please exercise extreme caution and hang up the skis when the snowpack gets thin.

### **The following rules must be obeyed at all times**

- **Access to Resort property, with or without a ticket/pass, is at your own risk and you assume all risks associated with your use of Resort property.** By accessing the Resort outside of operating hours you are choosing to increase your risk of injury or death. Such risks include those listed in the Colorado Ski Safety Act, as well as but not limited to, falling and downed trees, tree wells, plowed roads, unstable ice and snow including avalanches, wildlife encounters, contact with explosives, and collisions with snowmobiles, snowmaking operations, snow cats, groomers, winch cat cables, logging operations, vehicles, and other persons and equipment.
- **Outside of operating hours, assume that no medical services will be available and that avalanche control mitigation has not been provided.** Avalanche control work, including the use of explosives, may occur at any time. Respect closures and stay clear of Ski Patrol performing such work.
- **You may not enter closed trails, including trails that have not been opened for the season.** It is your obligation to ensure you are using only open trails and terrain. If a trail was closed during the most recent operational period or is indicated as closed on the Resort's website, it is a closed trail. Closed trails and terrain may not be marked or signed from the top or bottom of the trail but information as to whether a trail is open may be accessed on the Resort website or by checking with Guest Services (970-726-1564) or Ski Patrol (970-726-1480).
- **Anyone skinning, hiking or snowshoeing must abide by Resort policies, follow Resort employee directions, and all Colorado State laws** even though you may not have a lift ticket. You may not board a chairlift without a valid lift ticket or pass as this is theft of services and you will be prosecuted.
- **Uphill skiers, snowshoers, and hikers should stay on the side of the trails** to lessen the risk of collision with downhill traffic.
- **On mountain facilities, if open outside of daytime operating hours, may be accessed only if authorized or in case of emergency.** If attending an on-mountain event outside of daytime operating hours, **including Sunspot Après**, descent must be by downloading the gondola or by snowcat unless directed otherwise by Resort personnel.
- **Avoid winch cat operations at all times.** Such work involves cables stretched tightly across runs and is extremely dangerous. Skiing into them could result in serious injury or death. Respect strobe lights and signage and stay far away from any snow cat, even if you do not think it is winching.
- **Avoid race training areas** that may be in use or partially erected. Racers may be present prior to the public skiing and may be difficult to see. Do not cross a race course.
- **If traveling in the dark, use a head lamp and/or reflective clothing to be more visible.**
- **For safety reasons, dogs, including service animals, are never allowed on the ski trails during operating hours.** Beginning 1 hour after the lifts close, up until 1 hour before the lifts open in the morning, dogs under voice control are allowed on ski trails. It is the responsibility of the owner to remove all waste.
- This policy and dates are subject to change. Other restrictions may exist periodically so please check for updates, changes, temporary closures, and restrictions each time you visit the Resort.