

## **Winter Park Resort Uphill Access Policy, Acknowledgment, and Release**

*This Policy Applies Year-Round  
(except when the Summer Uphill Access Policy is in effect)*

Winter Park Resort (the “Resort”) and the United States Forest Service (“USFS”) encourage the use of public lands. Please help us maintain uphill access to our public lands by following this policy and applicable law.

The Resort permits uphill access in accordance with this policy. **Please read this policy each time you visit the Resort as it is subject to change from time to time without further notice.** It is your responsibility to understand the rules within this policy and to abide by them. Failure to do so may result in loss of pass, injury, or death.

**HIKING** (meaning on-foot access without snowshoes, skis, snowboard, or other snow sliding or traction equipment) is subject to different access rules and no uphill armband is required. **Hiking is only allowed from May 10<sup>th</sup> until the Resort commences ski operations for the winter season.** For safety reasons, it is recommended that hikers stay on designated trails, but they are allowed anywhere on the mountain other than bike only trails and areas subject to temporary closures, which may be communicated on site and/or on the Resort website. Please note that avalanche danger may exist anytime there is snow on the ground. The dates, access routes, and armband requirement of this policy do not apply to hikers.

### **UPHILL USERS MUST ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING:**

- **Uphill users (including snowshoeing, skiing (telemark or alpine touring), splitboards and/or use of other snow sliding equipment or users with Yaktrax, MICROspikes, or similar traction device) are required to sign this policy and purchase an UPHILL ACCESS REFLECTIVE ARMBAND for the CURRENT SEASON prior to commencing any uphill activities each winter season.** Uphill armbands from the prior season are not accepted. Uphill armbands must be purchased online [HERE](#) for \$25 and may be picked up at Guest Services at the base of Winter Park or Mary Jane.
- Resort provided armbands **must be visible at all times** when involved in uphill activities. Users may be stopped and asked to show their armband if it is not clearly visible and identification.
- Winter Park Resort Employees hold the right to ask for identification, and to turn any uphill user around at any time.
- **Uphill access is allowed for the winter season starting on a date that will be specified on THIS site.**
- **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) **within the four territories and trails indicated below:**
  - **In the Winter Park Territory:** All trails except Lower Parkway and Parkway Chute during operating hours.
  - **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 or Parry’s Peek, unless the Panoramic Express is actively loading public and then all trails are available for uphill access. This territory is subject to closures due to adverse weather, or any safety hazard the Resort deems unsafe for uphill travel.
  - **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 four Territories as indicated above. [Please use this map as reference.](#)

**\*\*\* Access to terrain parks is strictly prohibited at all times.**

- **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 as normal at the Mary Jane Territory until it closes for the season. Please check the website in case uphill access is suspended during the extended season due to conditions. Access from the Winter Park Territory to the Mary Jane Territory is prohibited during this time. 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.
- **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.
- **Uphill users may not enter closed trails, including trails that have not been opened for the season.** It is the uphill user's responsibility to ensure a ski run is open before beginning ascent/descent. 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). **If caught on a closed trail you may lose pass and/or be prosecuted for civil and/or criminal trespass.**
- **Uphill users may not enter terrain park areas at any time.** Knowing the location of these terrain parks is the uphill user's responsibility at the beginning of each season.
- **Uphill users 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 may be prosecuted.
- **Stay on the side of the trails** to lessen the risk of collision with downhill traffic.
- Do not skin up on snowmobile packed tracks. Likelihood of encountering a snowmobile while skinning in one's tracks is significantly increased.
- Uphill users attempting to enter the Resort from the **Nystrom gate** must proceed directly to Parsenn Bowl, unless the Nystrom gate and Cirque is open.
- **No boot packing allowed except:** In the Vasquez Cirque Territory boot packs/skin tracks are allowed when signed and designated by the Winter Park Ski Patrol. These paths are to be used only within hours designated by ski patrol.
- **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.
- **Trails that are actively being groomed must be avoided at all times.**

- **Uphilling on trails where winch cat operations are taking place is strictly prohibited.** 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.
- **Under no circumstances is uphilling allowed on trails where race training** may be in progress or racecourses partially erected. Racers may be present prior to the public skiing and may be difficult to see. Do not cross a racecourse. Do not travel uphill on any ski run being used for race training or race. You will be asked to turn around.
- Uphill users must **not cross snowmaking lines** (including but not limited to water lines or cables) at any time or interfere in any way with snowmaking operations.
- **If traveling in the dark, use a head lamp and reflective clothing to be more visible.**
- **For safety reasons, animals (including service animals) accompanying an uphill user are only allowed on mountain between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m.** and must be under strict voice control or on a leash at all times. It is the responsibility of the owner to remove all waste.
- Biking is not permitted when this policy is in effect (this policy is in effect year-round, except when the Trestle Bike Park is open)

#### **ADVISORY AND AGREEMENT**

***Be advised: You must sign this Agreement in order to purchase an uphill access armband (the "Pass") to access the Resort and/or to participate in certain uphill activities at the Resort.***

I understand, accept, and agree that uphill activities have substantial risk of injury or death due to collisions or encounters with various hazards, including but not limited to, falling and downed trees, tree wells, plowed roads, unstable ice and snow including avalanches, wildlife, explosives, snowmaking operations, snow cats, groomers, winch cat cables, logging operations, vehicles, other persons, and equipment. By accessing the Resort outside of operating hours you are choosing to increase your risk of injury or death.

I understand, accept, and agree that usage of the Pass is subject to risks including, but not limited to, length or occurrence of each season which may be affected by weather, weather-related events, travel advisories, public health or government order, or any other event or occurrence that limits or prohibits the Resort from its operation.

Under Colorado law any person using a ski area for the purpose of skiing, which includes without limitation, sliding downhill or jumping on snow or ice on skis, a toboggan, a sled, a tube, a snowbike, a snowboard or any other device; or for the purpose of using any of the facilities of a ski area, including but not limited to ski slopes and trails is considered a "skier" and, further, that Colorado law provides that a skier using the facilities of a ski area assumes certain "inherent dangers and risks of skiing" as defined in the Colorado Ski Safety Act.

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND ANY MINORS, (A) ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THIS POLICY, (B) Are voluntarily assuming ALL DANGERS AND RISKS OF SKIING, INHERENT OR OTHERWISE, AND are waiving rights, AND releasing claims in connection with DANGERS AND RISKS ABOVE AND BEYOND THOSE addressed by The Colorado Ski Safety Act, (C) ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE MAY BE NO SKIER SERVICES AVAILABLE DURING UPHILL ACCESS TIMES, AND (D) WAIVE, RELEASE, and NOT SUE, MAKE ANY CLAIM OR FILE ANY ACTIONS against INTRAWEST/WINTER PARK OPERATIONS CORPORATION, ALTERRA MOUNTAIN COMPANY, THE USDA FOREST SERVICE, WINTER PARK RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION, the City and County of Denver, AND ANY OF THEIR owners, landlords, operators, parents subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, shareholders, members,

representatives, employees, volunteers, agents, insurers, as well as any sponsors and equipment manufacturers and distributors (the “Released Parties”) that are based on, arise or result from in whole or in part, from use of the Resort for any Uphill activities and without limitation claims arising out of or resulting from **alleged or actual negligence, BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY DUTY, where legally permissible, breach of contract, or breach of warranty** by any of the Released Parties.