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ELK HAS GREAT PROGRAMS and IS CLOSE to HOME

UNION DALE, PA — It all started in 1959, when a mountain became a new recreation complex for skiing. Elk Mountain, as it was named, started out with only a handful of trails. Today Elk Mountain Ski Resort has evolved into a sprawling 27 trails and some of the most challenging terrain in Pennsylvania. During its opening year, Elk featured a small base lodge (now the picnic lodge), a 2,200-foot T-bar and several slopes. There were also some rope tows and a small warming hut built a few years earlier by the Scranton Ski Club.

The first Hall double chair was installed in 1961, heralding the development of five expert trails and various intermediate trails from the top. Elk's first expert trail, completed before the chairlift itself, was host to the 1960 Pennsylvania State Championships. Enthusiastic competitors and gatekeepers actually walked to the summit from the top of the T-bar to run the race.

A year later in 1962, snowmaking was installed and a new A-frame base lodge was built. Skiing at Elk got a lift - quite literally - with the installation of a beginners J-bar in 1964 and a double chairlift from the lower parking lot to the top of the mountain in 1965.

The original T-bar was replaced with a chairlift in 1969, and the J-bar was retired for a double chairlift in 1973. Skiers saw Elk in a whole new light when, in 1966, lighting was installed on the East and West slopes for night skiing. Lighting was installed along three summit trails in 1972. Now a large number of trails are lit for night skiing, including the entire beginner area.



UNIONDALE, PA - Elk Mountain's spacious Day Lodge serves great food at reasonable prices and is a great après-ski spot.

Photo courtesy Elk Mountain

Elk Mountain continued to build on that legacy of great skiing when it upgraded its snowmaking ability by adding tower mount snow guns on the Tecumseh trail. Additional guns were also placed on Stomping Grounds Terrain Park. These guns helped to ensure better coverage in the most challenging ski seasons.

From the recently upgraded and resurfaced parking lots to the more than 1,000 Norway and White Spruce trees that were planted slopeside, your Elk experience is always a pleasant and environmentally friendly one from arrival to departure.

First-time skiers, established skiers, or snowboarders looking to learn or fine-tune their skills can do so with a lesson from a member of the Elk Mountain Ski School.

The school is a member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) and utilizes the American Teaching System. With a staff of more than 75 trained instructors, Elk has a program and the staff to meet your individual needs.

Class sizes are limited to provide a quality experience. Lessons may be sold out during busy periods. Details are always available at the ski school desk.

The perfect time to learn to ski is while you are young, and the staff wants to make your child's skiing experience fun. They offer programs that allow parents to enjoy themselves while children learn to ski with confidence.

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BEAR CREEK HAS GREAT LIFT TICKET and RENTAL DEALS and DISCOUNTS for SKI CLUB MEMBERS and COLLEGE STUDENTS

MACUNGIE, PA – Bear Creek Mountain Resort is a four-season resort located in Macungie, Pa., just miles from I-78. The resort is a premier destination with beginner-friendly staff and slopes to help you on your next winter endeavor.

New for the 2018-19 ski season is the role Bear Creek is playing in the winter sports industry. The resort has a strong local community, however, Bear Creek wants to increase interest in mountain sports outside the area. The outreach efforts of the team have paralleled the new 2018-19 pricing in hopes of making skiing and riding more accessible and affordable to families.

New to winter sports? Bear Creek has new group lessons starting at \$69 (rentals and lift ticket included). If you are dedicated to conquering the slopes, 3-lesson packages are available for \$145 (rentals and lift ticket included).

Got your own gear? Kit up and hurry in for some sweet lift ticket deals. For a limited time, the resort is offering three tickets for \$109 or five tickets for \$150. These ticket pack deals end Dec. 23, but in case you miss out, you can still snag daily discounted tickets throughout the season online at www.Liftoptia.com. The window prices have also dropped since last year with prices up to \$10 cheaper. So no matter what your commitment level is, Bear Creek has a tier fit for everyone, whether you are an avid alpine enthusiast or the "I only ski when it snows" type.

As always, Bear Creek is rewarding the loyal ski club members as well as college stu-

dents. Every Monday through Thursday (non-holiday), enjoy all-day skiing for just \$25 with your club membership or college ID. These deals offer the flexibility and affordability to satisfy the needs of frequent, loyal skiers throughout the upcoming winter.



MACUNGIE, PA - Close to the Philly metro area and all of Northeast PA, the trails at Bear Creek lead to their beautiful hotel, conference center and day lodge. Book a midweek discount deal, or visit for a fun day trip.

Photo courtesy of Bear Creek Mountain Resort and Conference Center

As a thank you to all those moms and dads who facilitate youth sports, you will be smiling the entire way down the mountain knowing your wallet still has substance. Bear Creek's season passes are offered at last year's rates and are available with stretch pay. Now, you can do more activities with your kids for less. And you will even have a bit left over to treat yourself to something nice.

The 2018-19 winter season is here, and it is more affordable than ever to ride all 23 trails, including four terrain parks, or go for a thrill ride down the 10-lane tubing park. Bear Creek has everything you need to get hooked on winter sports. Go to www.BCMR.com to start planning your next winter endeavor.

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