

OKEMO IS ALL THAT IS SKIING PLUS SO MUCH MORE and NOW EPIC

LUDLOW, VT – Known for its big-mountain skiing and snowboarding with superb snow and surface conditions, Okemo Mountain Resort is also home to some of the East’s best off-mountain activities.

Visitors can enjoy a mountain coaster, ice skating, snow tubing, fat bike riding, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, indoor golf, swimming, racquetball, fitness classes, aerobic and weight training, massage, sauna, relaxing by a fire, or soaking in a hot tub. There is also great shopping and dining. Local points of interest and activities in the area include museums, historic sites, country stores, cheese factories, sugar houses and farm visits.

Okemo’s Timber Ripper Mountain Coaster is a thrilling ride through an alpine landscape. Cars that carry one or two people glide smoothly on tubular rails that follow the natural contours of the mountain, twisting and turning between trees and along giant, banking corkscrew turns. Passengers control their speed, making each ride a distinct experience down the mountain.

The Ice House, a multi-functional, year-round sports pavilion, features a covered skating rink that is maintained by an ice resurfacing machine. Skate rentals are available and skaters can enjoy a hot chocolate by the fireplace inside the attached warming room.

Snow tubing is a popular early-evening activity at Jackson Gore. Specially groomed chutes keep inflatable snow-sliding “inner tubes” on track for an exciting slide down a snowy slope. Snow tubes are available for rent and a magic-carpet style surface lift returns tubers to the top of the chutes after each exhilarating ride down.

Fat bikes are all the rage for riding on sand and snow, and Okemo offers a fleet of fat bikes for visitors to rent. Equipped with a light custom frame and cartoonish tires, fat bikes were born for dirt, dunes and even snow-covered bike trails, like those located at Okemo’s Jackson Gore. Demos are available at Mountain Outfitters, located under the stone archway of the Jackson Gore Inn.

Snowcat excursions offer a different mountain perspective from inside a specially-designed cabin attached to an all-terrain Okemo snowcat. Each ride departs from the Jackson Gore base area for an hour-long sojourn that includes time to get out at the summit, take pictures and learn a bit about the mountain and the area along the way.

Located between Okemo’s Jackson Gore base area and original Clock Tower base area, the Okemo Valley Nordic Center welcomes winter enthusiasts with 22 kilometers of tracked and skate-groomed cross-country skiing trails and 13 kilometers of trails designated for snowshoeing. Okemo’s Nordic Center trails are ideally suited to all ability levels, and they are groomed daily using state-of-the-art grooming machines. Inside the well-appointed welcome center, visitors enjoy a fully stocked Nordic Shop with the latest advances in outdoor clothing and accessories. Demos, equipment rentals, repairs and waxing are available on-site.

Golfers can stay on top of their game with Okemo’s Indoor Golf Training Center at the Okemo Valley Nordic Center. The 6,000-square-foot practice facility houses a 700-square-foot putting green, swing stations and a computerized virtual golf simulator. Golf instructional programs are available with group and private lessons offered. The Indoor Training Center is an ideal way for golfers to improve upon their skills and maintain their swing during the winter months. Golf enthusiasts can purchase a golf winter season pass to the indoor golf facility or visit one day at a time for a daily fee.

The Spring House is Okemo’s center for relaxation and rejuvenation. The two-level, 18,000-square-foot pool and fitness center features a recreational swimming pool with lap lanes for designated swim times, a five-person hot tub and a children’s pool with a whimsical frog slide and numerous splash and fountain features. In addition to all that aquatic action, The Spring House offers a racquetball court, a fitness studio with a full slate of fitness classes, weights and cardio equipment, a sauna, and

locker rooms that include a unique family locker room area. For the ultimate indulgence, spa services are available just steps away, inside the Jackson Gore Inn.

For resort visitors who opt to travel farther afield, the village of Ludlow and the entire Okemo Valley offers shopping, dining, cultural and historic points of interest, and a variety of community events that are open to the public.

An Epic Journey

This past June, Vail Resorts, Inc. announced that it had entered into an agreement to purchase the parent company of Okemo Mountain Resort in Vermont, Mount Sunapee Resort in New Hampshire, and Crested Butte Mountain Resort in Colorado. That deal was finalized in late September.

As part of a separate transaction, they also purchased Stevens Pass, in Washington.

Vail Resorts has plans to invest \$35 million over the next two years, across the four resorts to elevate the guest experience. The 2018-19 Epic Pass, Epic Local Pass and Epic Military Pass include unlimited and unrestricted access to all three Eastern resorts, with seven and four unrestricted days for the Epic 7 Day and Epic 4 Day passes, respectively. In addition, Vail Resorts will continue to honor all 2018-19 Okemo season pass products.

Assorted projects took place in preparation for the winter and included the upgrade of Okemo’s snowmaking system. A multi-year project to increase water flow to the mid-mountain area has led to the replacement of 12-inch pipe with 16-inch pipe which was connected to another 6,000 feet of lines to increase efficiency. Okemo’s snowmaking covers 98 percent of the trails.

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