

# MT. BACHELOR ADDS NEW CLOUDCHASER HIGH-SPEED QUAD TO OPEN PRIME TERRAIN

*Solidifies central Oregon's gem as one of North America's Top Resorts*

BEND, OR – Already the largest ski resort in the Cascade Range, Oregon's Mt. Bachelor is set to only get better for the 2016-17 season. Mt. Bachelor has added the Cloudchaser high-speed detachable quad lift on the mountain's east side, the most noticeable of the resort's off-season improvements.

The addition of Cloudchaser makes Mt. Bachelor, which is set atop a spectacular, 9,000-foot dormant volcano, all the more impressive. Named Cloudchaser because of Mt. Bachelor's unique weather patterns, the lift's strategic placement on the mountain's more-sheltered east side shields snow riders from the elements during storm cycles and inclement weather.

Thanks to a \$6 million capital investment, Mt. Bachelor's eleventh and newest chairlift provides access to 1,448 vertical feet and 6.2 miles of groomed runs, and adds 635 skiable acres to the resort.

With 4,318 acres of skiable terrain, Mt. Bachelor is now the fifth-largest ski and snowboard area in North America.

The off-season improvements to Mt. Bachelor did not stop there. Guests will also enjoy the expansion of the West Village Lodge outdoor patio area, which has been expanded by 2,000 square feet to create one continuous heated patio. The renovation has increased bar and barbecue operations and outdoor seating, allowing guests to bask in the sun on bluebird days.

Already spectacular

Mt. Bachelor has been calling to snow lovers for generations, evolving into the premier ski and snowboard resort in the Pacific Northwest. The tallest resort peak in the Cascades with a lift-served summit of 9,068 feet, Mt. Bachelor towers over vibrant Bend, Ore., 20 miles to the east. The mountain receives an average of 462 inches of light, dry powder each year, creating among the most reliable snow packs in North America. Moreover, the snow riding season typically lasts from Thanksgiving weekend through Memorial Day weekend.

Bend and the resort village of Sunriver, 25 minutes to the southeast, put lodging, nightlife, and endless outdoor pursuits in close proximity to the lifts, yet far enough away to maintain Mt. Bachelor's unspoiled wilderness setting. Central Oregon's impressive range of lodging choices includes everything from luxury resorts and condos, to boutique hotels and historic homes. In addition, with 30 local craft breweries in the region and an emerging culinary scene, off-slope fun is not hard to find.

Getting to Mt. Bachelor has never been easier. Redmond Municipal Airport (RDM) is just 20 minutes north of Bend and is served by Alaska, American, Delta, and United airlines, with daily nonstop flights to and from Denver, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Seattle.

All to enjoy

Mt. Bachelor is welcoming to all, no matter age or skill level. Kids 12 and under ski free with the advance purchase of an adult three-days-or-more lift ticket. Mt. Bachelor's award-winning Ski-or-Ride in five lessons program promises to turn beginners into lifelong lovers of snowsports. Moreover, an easy ride up and gentle slope down can be found on Carrousel, the free beginners chairlift.

Mt. Bachelor grooms more than 30 runs each night, placing seamless corduroy across all ability levels of trails. The more experienced can ride any direction from the summit, with 360 degrees of powder-filled options. Experts can bomb down the steeper glades off the Northwest Express lift, while terrain park enthusiasts can jump and jib in five designated parks, a half pipe, and boundless natural features across the mountain.

Mt. Bachelor is also home to a cross-country facility with 56 kilometers of trails and the longest groomed Nordic season in North America. Other on-snow activities include Iditarod sled dog rides, snow tubing, and free snowshoe tours guided by the U.S. Forest Service. Gravity Sports, the largest specialty retail shop in Oregon, adds to a list of amenities that includes lesson services, rentals, demos, dining and events.

All-year adventure

With 39 consecutive years of May skiing, unique spring opportu-



BEND, OR – Whether you enjoy powder or groomed runs, you will find them in abundance at Mt. Bachelor either below or above the tree line. The Outback Quad services great terrain or take the Summit Quad for groomers or to ski the volcanic peak for a 360-degree experience. At the base is a free beginner lift along with beautiful intermediate trails for families, friends and groups.  
Photo courtesy of Mt. Bachelor

nities arise. Each spring morning snow riders enjoy turns down typically sunny slopes. By afternoon, it is time to enjoy one of Central Oregon's many other outdoor pursuits, including golf, mountain biking, rock climbing, fishing and more. In addition, special events like Memorial Day weekend's "Springtacular" celebration, which includes pond skim-

ming and the Brewski beer festival, have made spring at Mt. Bachelor a must.

Summer is no time to rest, either. For the more adventurous, the Mt. Bachelor Mountain Bike Park presents a 13-mile network of machine-built, lift-served flow trails and hand-built single track. Others can enjoy scenic chairlift rides, Sunset Dinners at the Pine Marten Lodge, disc golf and summer hiking.

Mt. Bachelor's Sun Country Tours, the region's premier river outfitter since 1978, serves up water adventures, including whitewater trips, stand-up paddle boarding and river tubing.

Save time and money by pre-purchasing Mt. Bachelor lift tickets, equipment rentals and other services online. Multi-day lift tickets are available for as much as 30 percent off when purchased at least four days in advance.

More Information

Mt. Bachelor planned to open for the winter season on Friday, Nov. 25, if conditions allowed. With a planned closing date near the end of May, Mt. Bachelor intends to offer once again one of the world's longest ski and snowboard seasons.

With 462 inches of snowfall on average, Mt. Bachelor has reliable snow year after year. The mountain has operated into the month of May for 38 consecutive seasons.

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