

SCHWEITZER MOUNTAIN in IDAHO HAS IT ALL, 124" of SNOW, a GREAT BASE, EVENTS and DEALS

SCHWEITZER MOUNTAIN, ID – Since its beginning in 1963, independently owned Schweitzer Mountain Resort has transformed into a true destination ski and snowboard resort lauded for superb tree skiing, outstanding snow and dramatic views of three states, Canada, and majestic Lake Pend Oreille.

Situated in the Selkirk Mountains in Idaho's Panhandle, Schweitzer Mountain boasts an impressive open bowl that is easily visible from the idyllic town of Sandpoint, Idaho. This stunning view showcases some of the varied terrain that can be found at Schweitzer but only offers a glimpse of all that the mountain has to offer. The "hidden" backside is another massive open bowl, giving Schweitzer a total of 2,900 acres of lift served terrain and access to some incredible backcountry skiing and riding. With 2,400 vertical feet and 300 inches of snowfall annually, there are plenty of places to explore and enjoy all winter long.

Sandpoint (population 8,000) hosts a plethora of year round events that complement any stay at Schweitzer, including the renowned Festival at Sandpoint summer outdoor music series. The amazing 148-square-mile Lake Pend Oreille is a fantastic spot for sailing, wakeboarding, and fishing during the summer months. The unforgettable friendliness of the area is one of the biggest reasons why people keep coming back year after year.

Schweitzer's own amiable village offers shopping, dining and nightlife at an easygoing pace that invites guests to relax.

Dining

Schweitzer's village has something to suit everyone's cravings, from the Chimney Rock Grill's comfortable fireside dining featuring burgers, steaks, salads, and pasta to the Mojo Coyote Café's casual eatery, offering sandwiches and fresh

baked goods. Other village options include tavern fare at Pucci's Pub, ski hill favorites at the Lakeview Café, après-ski at Taps, gourmet pizza at Sam's Alley and coffee at Cabinet Mountain. For delicious delights like grilled paninis, Gourmandie is the go-to spot for light eats and specialty wine and craft beer selections.

The Outback Inn, located in the mountain's Outback Bowl, offers hot food and cold drinks inside or on the deck near the bonfire during the winter months. Sky House, Schweitzer's premier mountaintop venue, offers small plate options in the intimate bar, The Nest, or delicious up-scale "grab-n-go" options from the Red Hawk Café.

Shopping

Anyone needing a ski break can choose from several village shopping options right at their fingertips. The Source and The Alpine Shop sell mountain gear essentials like goggles and gloves, plus specialty equipment and demo rentals. The Artists' Studio, a local artist cooperative, highlights unique photos, drawings, paintings, glass art, jewelry and more. The Market at Schweitzer has a great selection of fine spirits, sundries and ice cream as well those forgotten items you might need to make your stay more enjoyable.

Day Care and Children's Lessons

Children, ages 4 months to 6 years, are welcome daily during the winter season at Kinder Kamp for lessons, crafts and snacks. Older children can sign up for lessons at the Ski and Ride Center where they will enjoy their group or private lesson with one of the experienced instructors. Multi-week programs are available for kids ages 5-14.

Lodging

The Selkirk Lodge features hotel style accommodations with a variety of room types that can accommodate couples and larger families, all just steps away from three outdoor hot tubs and the resort's heated pool. In addition, slopeside, the White Pine Lodge boasts gas fireplaces, views overlooking Schweitzer's village or Lake Pend Oreille and other amenities such as full kitchens, cable TV, DVD players and 2 outdoor hot tubs. Other condominiums are located throughout Schweitzer's mountain community and feature full kitchens, ski-in/ski-out access and luxury amenities.

Solstice Spa

Treat yourself to a relaxing massage with the Solstice Spa, located in the Selkirk Lodge. A wide variety of therapies is available from Eastern bodywork, hand and foot massages, to full body treatments.

Meetings and Events

Looking for a place to host your mountaintop wedding, corporate retreat or family reunion? Schweitzer's Group Sales team can offer customized event planning to fit any group needs at this unique mountain. They will arrange all your group's needs from comprehensive audio/visual equipment, banquets, bars, and outdoor group activities including skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and tubing. The Schweitzer staff is wholly committed to creating memorable experiences for any event.

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STEAMBOAT KEEPS GOING with ANOTHER CHAMPAGNE POWDER YEAR with 137" of SNOW SO FAR and DEALS

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO – After last winter's upgrades that included the Outlaw Mountain Coaster with 3,680 linear feet of downhill fun, gondola upgrades, more flights and automated weather recording history, Steamboat did not stand still. Upgrades to food and beverage, more flights, improved trail signage, loyalty programs and great pass deals await skiers and riders for 2018-19.

Food and Beverage

Timber & Torch: The base area restaurant and bar experience is transformed with the complete overhaul of the Bear River establishment into Timber & Torch. The centerpiece restaurant for Gondola Square now features expanded indoor seating for 290, a new outdoor heated patio, two indoor/outdoor bars, an exterior fireplace and a new outdoor grill. Terrace seating was increased as the Umbrella Bar was removed to provide more space for guests soaking in the sun. Timber & Torch features gastropub inspired food, including an open-face steak sandwich, the T&T Rachel, hand-cut fries, drunken mussels in locally brewed beer, flatbreads and charcuterie boards. In addition to an extensive craft beer lineup, Timber & Torch's bars serve signature craft cocktails. Timber & Torch is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner this winter.

Taco Beast: Taking the food truck to new levels, Steamboat announced the Taco Beast, an on-mountain snowcat redefining "slopeside" dining. The Taco Beast will serve four types of trail tacos, the resort's take on street tacos, esquites (Mexican street corn on the cob) and Mexican-style beer. Guests can learn more info about the Taco Beast, including expected locations, dates and times of operations, and how to track the Taco Beast, online at www.Steamboat.com/TacoBeast

Umbrella Bar & BBQ: The popular Umbrella Bar moved from the base area to Rendezvous Lodge, providing additional indoor/outdoor bar service to guests in the Sunshine Peak area of the mountain. The Umbrella Bar will be open daily from 11

a.m. to 3 p.m. serving drinks and quick bites during the winter season.

JetBlue Flights

New JetBlue nonstop flights: Steamboat is proud to collaborate with JetBlue Airlines to offer three new nonstop flights from Boston Logan International (BOS), Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International (FLL), and Long Beach (LGB). The Boston and Long Beach flights will operate twice a week, and Ft. Lauderdale will operate once a week from Dec. 15 through March 30 with an A320 aircraft capable of accommodating 150 passengers. In addition to serving skiers and snowboarders in these three markets, JetBlue offers convenient connections from additional destinations across the country.

15 Nonstop Flight Markets

Steamboat's air program continues to be one of the most robust in the Rocky Mountains with 10 new nonstop markets in the past seven years. With 15 total nonstop markets flying to Ski Town, U.S.A.®, Steamboat is one of the most accessible ski resort destinations in the Rocky Mountains.

On Mountain Projects

Trail Signs: In an effort to make it easier for guests to navigate the mountain, resort crews undertook the massive job of replacing and relocating all on-mountain signage during the 2018 summer. Guests will notice easier to read signs, more effective sign placement and route finding, and new sign locations spread across the resort's 2,965 acres. True to Steamboat's Western roots, the job required additional horsepower, as horses were used to haul the signs to some remote locations.

Loyalty Programs

Ski Your Pass Off: Bragging rights are part of the skiing and snowboarding experience, and Steamboat aims to reward its most loyal powder hounds with the Ski Your Pass Off loyalty program. Tested during the 2017-18 winter season, and wel-

comed with great fanfare, Ski Your Pass Off rewards guests for the number of days they hit the mountain. As little as 10 days earns skiers and riders a sticker for posterity and \$10 towards any Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation restaurant. From there, guests receive rewards at 20, 40, 60, 80, 100 and all 144 days of the season. There is also an early season "Ski Your Pass Off" incentive; guests who ski or ride 10 days prior to Dec. 31, 2018, will receive a complimentary First Tracks ticket for use anytime during the winter season.

Retail

Steamboat Mercantile: Located in the heart of Gondola Square across from Gondola Joe's, the resort's newest retail outlet features Steamboat logo wear, including apparel from resort partners such as Marmot and The North Face, and gift items. It is open daily during the winter season starting at 8 a.m.

The North Face Store: Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation and The North Face opened a downtown Steamboat Springs located on main street, at 827 Lincoln Avenue. It offers a wide range of The North Face products including summer and winter active wear, outerwear, footwear and accessories.

Ski Corral: Below the new Timber & Torch in Gondola Square, Steamboat has redefined overnight ski storage with a permanent Ski Corral facility. Complete with state of the art racking systems, guests will be able to leave their skis and snowboards and collect them with ease before loading the Gondola in the morning. There is also some long-term storage.

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BIG SKY RESORT in MONTANA DEBUTS WORLD'S MOST TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED CHAIRLIFT

BIG SKY, MT – On Dec. 15, 2018, Ramcharger 8, the first eight-seat chairlift in North America and the most technologically advanced chairlift in the world, debuted at Big Sky Resort. "This upgrade at Big Sky Resort marked a new age of lift technology in major zones of the mountain," says Taylor Middleton, president and general manager of Big Sky Resort. Shedhorn 4, a new high-speed quad on the south face of the mountain, was opened the following week.

A History of Firsts

"Doppelmayr and Boyne Resorts have been collaborating for over 40 years, and together have introduced many firsts to the ski industry," says Stephen Kircher, president, Boyne Resorts. Boyne Resorts' history of innovation in the ski industry includes introducing the world's first triple and quad chairlifts and America's first high-speed six-place chairlift. Ramcharger 8's installation marks the fifth historic chairlift upgrade for Boyne Resorts. "We are incredibly proud to bring the first eight-seat chairlift to North America, setting a new standard for lift technology in the world," says Kircher.

RAMCHARGER 8:

Unlike Any Other Chairlift in the World

At the base of Big Sky Resort, Ramcharger 8, the new eight-seat, Direct Drive, D-line chairlift, significantly improves the guest experience on the Andesite Mountain area of the resort. It paves the way for future on-mountain upgrades in that area. Guests will experience a whisper-quiet ride and incomparable comfort, benefiting from ergonomically shaped, extra-wide heated seats, a weatherproof Big Sky Blue Bubble and an adjustable loading carpet.

"Ramcharger 8 is the culmination of everything we have learned so far, and incorporates many firsts for the North American market; first eight-passenger chairlift, first direct drive motor, first locking restraint bar, first height-adjustable



BIG SKY, MT – Eight is enough on the new, super-high tech Ramcharger 8 high-speed lift. Ed Coyle Photo Courtesy of Big Sky

loading carpet, first high resolution video display, and the first of our newest generation detachable lifts, the D-Line," says Mark Bee, president, Doppelmayr USA. "We look forward to continuing to work with Boyne Resorts and Big Sky as they execute the Big Sky 2025 vision," says Bee. Ramcharger 8 whisks up to 3,200 skiers up Andesite Mountain each hour.

Speed at Shedhorn

Big Sky Resort's commitment to a world-class mountain experience and the most technologically advanced chairlift network in North America does not end with the introduction of Ramcharger 8. Shedhorn 4, debuted as a high-speed quad on the

south face of the mountain, doubles uphill capacity and shortens the ride time from ten minutes to just five minutes.

Everett's 8800

Improvements to Ramcharger 8 provide more comfortable access to Everett's 8800, Big Sky Resort's mountaintop fine dining experience featuring American alpine fare. This season, you can savor spectacular views at Everett's 8800 during First Tracks breakfast, lunch and dinner service daily.

The Future of Andesite Mountain

Following Ramcharger 8's upgrade, Big Sky Resort plans to introduce inventive, new experiences for future ski seasons. In the 2019-20 winter season, Big Sky Resort will add three Omega V gondola cabins to Ramcharger 8. Two will be dedicated Dining Cars, allowing guests to sit around a table installed in the cabin for a premier dining experience. "With the addition of the Omega V dining cars, Big Sky will be home to the smallest restaurant in North America," says Kircher. Another car will be reserved as a VIP cabin. The Omega V gondola cabins will be the first of their kind to debut in North America. Also, Big Sky Resort plans to add a night skiing experience on Andesite Mountain, serviced by Ramcharger 8.

About Big Sky Resort

Big Sky Resort, established in 1973, is located in the Northern Rockies of southwest Montana between Bozeman, Montana, and Yellowstone National Park. Big Sky Resort is home to the Biggest Skiing in America with 5,850 acres, offering an average of two acres per skier on its busiest day, and a 4,350 vertical drop. Big Sky Resort is owned by Boyne Resorts, a Michigan-based corporation and the largest family-run four-season resort company in North America.

Read all about Big Sky Resort, at www.bigskyresort.com

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