



Amazing 2022/23 Winter Brought Record Snowfall

The amazing winter of 2022/23 brought snowfall totals that easily defy imagination. A massive 701 inches was recorded at China Peak from Nov. 2022 to April 2023.



Massive snowfall nearly covered the base area structures at China Peak in winter 2023.

This ranked in the top 10 in California ski resorts. China Peak's opening date was November 12, while the ending date was May 7. This marks the longest season on record here at Huntington Lake.

Up and down the high slopes of the Sierra Nevada a barrage of heavy storms, fueled by unprecedented atmospheric rivers, deluged California leaving behind a giant frozen reservoir.

There was plenty of snow for people to enjoy. But unfortunately, several times nobody could get to the China Peak or snow play areas.

At one time the only access to Shaver Lake and Huntington Lake beyond, was via the old, switchback laden Tollhouse Road to the top of the four lane.

Auberry Road was washed out at Alder Springs. Hwy 168 between Lodge Road and Cressmans was blocked by avalanches and wash outs. Hwy 168 between Cressmans, (continued on page 27)

Chair 6 Quad Will Transport Over 60% More Visitors At One Time

Skiers and boarders are now able to access the mid mountain runs including Sundown Ridge, Canyon, Ridge, Mainstream, Jack's and The Face from the new quad Chair #6.

The quad chair, similar to Chair #2, was purchased from a ski resort in Jackson Hole in 2022 and was installed this past summer by Sam Mellen Construction.

"Sam's crew did a fantastic job for us this summer," said Troy Cohee, Director of Operations. "It in-

China Peak Landing Open on Weekends

Winter visitors can rely on vehicle fuel and the store at China Peak Landing being open on weekends. In addition hot coffee or chocolate, food, snacks and beverages, as well as basic snow accessories like beanies, mittens, scarfs, etc. are available. Snow chains and snow park permits. (559) 893-3234



The fuel services and general store at China Peak Landing will be open on weekends.

creases our out-of-base-area capacity by 50%, and gives the base area a modern look."

"Sam's company will be installing the new Fire Bowl quad lift next summer and also work with us on installations at our other three resorts."

Chair #6 will travel nearly the same path as the old Chair 6, load-



New quad Chair #6 set to carry 60% more skiers and boarders to the slopes this season. ing just outside the main Day Lodge and bringing skiers and riders just under 3,000 feet in distance and 800 feet in vertical rise.

"It will transport over 60% more skiers and riders at one time with a much more modern and comfortable experience," added Cohee.

"With the installation of this new Chair #6 we now have all triple and quad chairs at China Peak. We look forward to adding the new Fire Bowl lift in 2024, which will add for the first time chair lift service to this amazing terrain for all levels, plus easier access to a seldom skied but very fun run, Stadium Bowl," said Troy Cohee, Director of Operations.



Bear Valley Mountain Resort, on Highway 4, was purchased by the California Mountain Resort Company and joins the China Peak, Dodge Ridge and Mountain High resort group.

California Mountain Resort Company Acquires Bear Valley Mountain Resort

California Mountain Resort Company (CMRC), owners and operators of Mountain High (Wrightwood), China Peak (Lakeshore), and Dodge Ridge (Pinecrest), acquired Bear Valley Mountain Resort.

Bear Valley Ski Area is located along Highway 4, in the Stanislaus National Forest. It is best known for offering amazing skiing and snowboarding. The highest elevation is 8,500 feet and the mid-mountain lodge is propped on the mountain at over 7,700 feet.

New Fire Bowl Lift Set for 2024/25

Another new lift installation is planned at China Peak. With the addition of the upgraded "Canyon" Chair #4 out of the base area for the 2023/24 season, China Peak's owners aren't stopping there.

A new lift has been purchased and delivered to China Peak, with a planned installation of Summer 2024. The new lift comes out of Taos Ski Valley in New Mexico. The lift, previously called "chair 4" at Taos, is a fixed quad that will replace the Firebowl t-bar on the east side of the mountain.

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sive 67 trails altogether, 25% of the trails are designated for beginners, 40% for intermediate skiers, and 35% for advanced skiers and snowboarders. The area gets around 30 feet of snow annually. It features an advanced snow making system that covers over 100 acres of runs.

"Bear Valley brings an entirely different mountain experience to our resort group, with topography, elevation and vertical rise competitive with most of Lake Tahoe's top areas," said Tim Cohee, President of CMRC and also President of China Peak and Bear Valley.

"Our goal is to bring Bear Valley back to a position of popularity it enjoyed for decades. Most skiers (continued on page 3)

Cali Pass Offers You Exceptional Access

What's a better way to enjoy skiing and boarding than having unlimited access to four iconic California resorts? The answer is getting 19 worldwide Powder Alliance gems in the bargain.

Yes, the Cali Pass is here, and it's promising a winter like no other. Get ready for your new pass to good times in the snowy paradise of California and beyond!

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Fat Bikes Gain in Popularity as Mountain Cyclists Enjoy Winter

Don't be overly surprised this winter to see a bike rider cruise by you on a wintry day. Cross country skiers, people on snowshoes and those riding snowmobiles are seeing more bicyclists on the trails.

Mountain bike enthusiasts are no longer forced to pack away their rides and wait for the snow to melt. More and more cyclists are gearing up with fat tire mountain bikes. So what's a "Fat Bike".



Many mountain bikers take to snowy trails in the mountains to get their regular exercise.

They are defined as mountain bikes sporting tires with a width of 3.5 to 4.8 inches. These have been around for more than a decade, but their popularity has surged in recent years.

Snow riding and fat bikes emerged as an offshoot from mountain biking in the late 1980s. It got a huge boost

from the first Alaskan Iditabike event in 1987 in which riders followed snowmobile and dog sled tracks.

Even with fat tires to help the bikes float on the snow, riding in winter has its own set of challenges. For starters, it doesn't take much for the snow to soften making pedaling a challenge, particularly for beginners who aren't used to lowering tire pressure for extra traction. And stopping in deep snow can come with another problem. If the snow is soft it's easy to post hole a leg which can result in a tumble.

Snow riding necessitates layers of clothes. Once the rider gets moving they need to manage outerwear to avoid overheating which can lead to sweat soaked clothes and a sudden chill.

One of the main thing aspiring winter riders need to remember is safety. There are risks inherent to backcountry travel in any season. But mountain bikers attempting to head out in the winter need to be especially prepared for the conditions.

In general, not only is there less daylight and higher cold weather risks, there tend to be fewer people in the backcountry in the winter which increases the isolation factor.

You're just more exposed, you are out on your own. You are in the wilderness and far away from safety.



Buckhorn patrons take time out for a break from the slopes. In addition to great food and beverages they are treated to an array of fantastic music to offered up by DJ Mvsty.

Live Music Scheduled for Popular Buckhorn and Jack's

Skiers and boarders can take time out during and after their adventures on the slope to enjoy live music at China Peak all winter long.

Live music will take place every Saturday and Sunday at the popular resort. Expect a variety of acoustic and electric solo guitarists, larger bands, and DJ's.

There will be live music on the decks at the Day lodge and Buckhorn every weekend, as well as live music inside Mainstream on a variety of weekends.

DJ Mvsty

China Peak Resort visitors, as well as the staff, will be happy that DJ Mvsty will be welcomed back for another year.

Mvsty, seen above, is most often found spinning tracks for those taking a break up at Buckhorn.

But he can occasionally be found in the base area during events such as Pond Skimming. Mvsty's mix of new and old school beats has something for every music taste.

Erick Tyler

One of China Peak's newest ad-



Erick Tyler made his debut at China Peak Resort near the end of the 2022/23 season.

ditions to the music scene is Erick Tyler, who made his China Peak debut at the end of last season. Erick's mind melding electric guitar solos will have you thinking you stepped

straight into a rock concert. He's often seen arriving with as many as six guitars, now that's a quiver!

Terry Mullins

Terry Mullins will be back at China Peak this season. Terry can be heard in the base area, at either the Day lodge or Mainstream, multiple weekends a month. His acoustic melodies provide for a great atmosphere to unwind after some hard skiing. Plus, his jokes aren't half bad either.



The acoustic melodies that flow from Terry Mullens' guitar provide great atmosphere.



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Addition of Bear Valley Adds Major Benefit to Calif. Mountain Resort Company

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in the Central Valley and Northern California markets are familiar with Bear Valley and its reputation as a leading High Sierra attraction.”

Bear Valley is both a ski resort and mountain community, with the Stop for Pizza While Skiing and Boarding

Skiing or boarding and eating pizza go good together. Why? Well the answer is “they can both release hormones known as endorphins.”

Endorphins are boosted by exercising such as skiing or snowboarding along with eating, and many other activities. They make you feel good.

“Honestly, pizza is delicious,” laughed Tristan Cohee, who manages the resort’s food and beverage operations. “It is a meal packed with all sorts of tasty ingredients. But who would of thought that pizza and skiing had so much in common!”

Grab one at Buckhorn this winter!

Bear Valley Village located five miles from the resort’s main day lodge. The Village is home to 900 residents, including homes and condominiums plus the resort’s lodge, restaurants, outdoor pool in the summer and several shops.

Future plans include the installation of the long talked about ‘Village Lift’ which will transport guests and homeowners in the village to the resort, also adding lift service to hundreds of acres of seldom skied terrain on the resort’s south slope, known as Sunrise Bowl. Additional future plans include the replacement of several lifts, aggressive grooming of the famous Grizzly Bowl and Snow Valley, additional snow making and new food and beverage services.

Bear Valley was added to the Cali Pass, the new multi resort pass that provides pass holders unlimited access to all four CMRC resorts.

Cali Pass Gives Access to Slopes in U.S., Canada and New Zealand

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Cali Pass holders can enjoy unlimited skiing and snowboarding at China Peak, Dodge Ridge, Mountain High, and the newly added Bear Valley.

But the adventure doesn’t stop in California. Cali Pass holders receive a bonus of 57 Free tickets to explore the slopes at 19 Powder Alliance Resorts around the world.

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Take advantage now and don’t miss out on this fantastic opportunity to make the 2023/24 winter season the most memorable one yet.

Your Cali Pass will unlock a world of exciting skiing and snowboarding adventures for you in places you may have only dreamed of. Restrictions may apply.

For information and to purchase your Cali Pass, visit www.thecalipass.com or visit China Peak’s season pass office in the base area.

It’s not just about the skiing. It’s so much more.



Don’t think you have to be a pro skier to join in all the fun. After all, we’re a social club with a skiing problem! Whether you’re just getting started or well seasoned, you’ll find friends at your level and others eager to help bring your skills up to the next.

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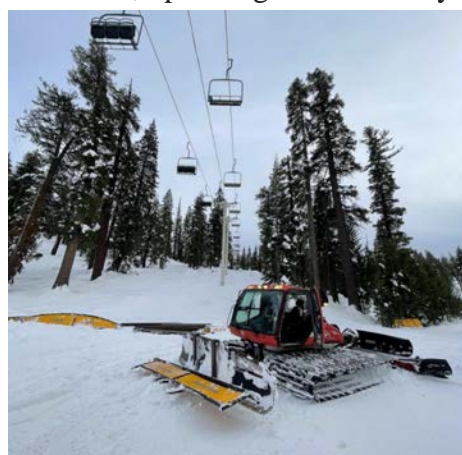


Grooming Crew Responsible for Providing Fresh Corduroy

Chad Sainsbury is responsible for all grooming operations at China Peak. Under his direction the grooming department is hard at work from the moment the lifts stop spinning at 4 p.m. to the moment they start back again at 9 a.m.

The extremely important grooming staff works behind the scenes to ensure there is fresh corduroy on every section on the mountain. This extends from the green trails to the double black diamonds.

The grooming staff has two shifts, 4 p.m. to midnight and midnight to 8 a.m. But frequently these hours go longer. This means that for at least 16 hours there are 4 snow-cats, at a minimum, operating consecutively.



Snow cat operators work from the time the lifts close until they spin again in the morning.

The grooming team's first priority is maintaining the pathways up the mountain, so snowmobiles can travel freely.

During a big storm this can mean that one operator is consecutively making multiple passes along a trail

to keep the snow packed down.

"On a heavy snow night we're lucky to get a handful of runs finished," said Sainsbury. "You can move quick, but it all gets covered again just as quickly. We prioritize packing out the main ways up the mountain and the highest traffic trails".

The grooming team needs to ensure the main pathway up the mountain is kept open. Academy is packed out enough for snowmobiles to travel freely.

When lift operators are preparing to get the chair lifts open in the morning, they need a clear path to each lift, regardless of how much snow has fallen.

Keeping travel clear up the mountain is a key part of the grooming team's job, every other on mountain department relies on them.

In the breaks between storms Chad and his team will continue to lay fresh corduroy everywhere else on the mountain.

"Our goal is always to have every trail freshly groomed," Chad said. Once the highest traffic areas are groomed and maintained, the team can start to move to new trails."

Last season, for the first time in many years, the grooming team was able to groom Waterfall Bowl. The grooming of Waterfall Bowl made it easier for guests to access a number of black and double black diamond trails which otherwise can be difficult to navigate in and out of.

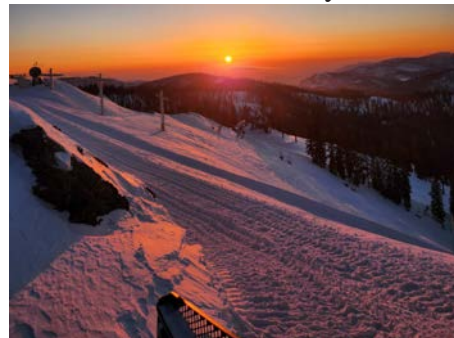
Grooming the steepest terrain on



The grooming crew on snow cats are responsible for keeping the slopes in great condition so skiers and boarders experience an exceptional time hitting runs all over the mountain.

the mountain can be most challenging and is something China Peak's grooming staff prides itself on.

Regular grooming of China Bowl and The Face are no easy feats. To



The sunset views observed by the grooming team are beautiful and can be spectacular.

make this happen the groomers utilize winch cables. They attach the

winch cable to a fixed anchor at the top of the trail, the cable helps them ascend and descend the trail without losing traction and sliding.

"Grooming runs that steep can be nerve-racking. You're practically standing on the windshield of the cat," grooming team member Neil Buller said when asked about grooming The Face.

Despite the intense weather systems groomers can be faced with, they also witness some of the most beautiful natural spectacles. When you're at the top of the mountain at 8700' watching the sunset or sunrise, with no one else in sight, time seems to stop for a minute.



Keep Up Your Energy With Delicious Food from the China Peak Restaurants

Whether you are craving a breakfast burrito before hitting the slopes or a burger and brew during a mid-day break, there are a variety of dining options at China Peak.

This season you'll enjoy new menu options and improved service at all the resort's dining locations. Convenience and quality for each China Peak guest is at the top of the mind of each food service employee.

Buckhorn Bar and Grill

For a break mid-mountain, visit the Buckhorn Bar and Grill located at the base of Chair 2. Serving up your favorite hot sandwiches, and more. Catch the game with Buckhorn's new big screen and grab a quick drink so you can get back on the slopes fast. Full bar service and a variety of beers on tap.

Day Lodge - Mainstream Station

The Base features both the Day Lodge and Mainstream Station. Here you can watch games on the big screen at Jack's Place or Sul-

ly's Pub. Each offers full bar service and a variety of beers on tap. You will find all your favorites at the Day Lodge including burgers, fries, pizza, chili bowls and more! The Mainstream Station serves up soups, hot sandwiches, and burgers!

Basecamp

For a slope side view of the resort, check out the new outdoor Basecamp facility located at the bottom of Chair 1, serving up cocktails, brews and snacks.

The Inn's Restaurant and JW's Original Bar

After a day on the slopes, sit down for dinner in the restaurant after having cocktails and appetizers in JW's Original Bar. Enjoy a hearty meal of steak, fish, pasta or gourmet burgers. All homemade soups are made fresh nightly. JW's Original Bar has a variety of beers on tap, many cocktail selections and a great wine list. Both facilities are located off the lobby of the Inn.



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Purchased from the Taos Ski Resort in New Mexico, the Firebowl Quad will open up access to China Peak's Stadium Bowl, a great intermediate bowl that is now difficult to access.

Freestyle Skiing and Boarding Requires Paying Careful Attention to Safety Rules

Freestyle terrain have jumps, hits, ramps, banks, fun boxes, jibs, rails, half pipes, quarter pipes, snow cross, bump terrain and other constructed or natural terrain elements.

Freestyle skills require maintaining control on the ground, and in the air. Follow instructions, warnings and signage. The **Orange Oval** is a symbol, identifying freestyle terrain.

Make a Plan - Make a plan for each feature you want to use. Speed, approach and takeoff will directly affect maneuvers and landings.

Look Before You Leap - Inspect the terrain before use and throughout the day. The features vary in size and change due to snow condi-

tions, weather, usage, grooming and time of day. Do not jump blindly. Use a spotter when necessary.

Easy Style It - Always ride or ski in control and within your ability. Do not attempt freestyling unless you have sufficient ability and experience to do so safely. You control the degree of difficulty you will encounter in using Freestyle Terrain, both on the ground and in the air.

Respect Gets Respect - Have respect for others. Only one person on a feature at a time. Wait your turn and call your start. Always clear the landing area quickly. Respect all signs and do not enter Freestyle Terrain or use features when closed.

New Quad to Replace T-Bar to Firebowl Terrain in 2024/25

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The addition of a new lift in Firebowl will open up access to varied terrain that is very suitable for all skill levels in a section of the mountain that is currently under-utilized.

The main trails the lift will service are Firebowl and the Stadium Bowl, as well as Upper Academy.

"The access of Firebowl is a big deal, it's the widest trail on the mountain, over a dozen snow cats wide, close to double the width of most of the other trails," said Troy Cohee, Director of Operations.

The team at China Peak currently grooms the Firebowl trail, but without a lift to take you back up, it can be difficult to traverse back to the main sections of the mountain, especially for snowboarders.

"It's basically a dead zone now, the new lift will completely change that," Troy said.

The new lift will also open up access to Stadium Bowl, a great intermediate bowl that is currently overlooked because of its difficult accessibility.

"On a powder day we'll groom it out and it'll be a great beginner and intermediate powder run where people who aren't ready for China Bowl will enjoy," Troy said of the

potential on Stadium.

The new lift will also be welcoming to beginners. The lift will make lapping Upper Academy easy, which will allow beginners and lessons to spend a lot of time on that section of the mountain.

This will also alleviate some of the congestion on Lower Academy and Chair 4, giving beginners more space to spread out and great options to explore the upper mountain.

Those who find themselves at home in the park will be excited to hear of the possibilities for park features on Firebowl.

Troy said that guests can expect




to see a beginner and intermediate park in Firebowl, likely the first year it opens.

Firebowl is a great alternative to Ullman's Alley or Middle Academy, where the progression parks are usually placed. This will continue to help alleviate congestion on Tollhouse and Chair 4.


The new Firebowl quad will begin construction in the Summer of 2024, with plans for it to be operational for the 2024/25 winter season.

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How to Winter Proof Your Dog for Winter Adventures

If you have a furry friend or two, chances are you like taking them wherever you go. This is especially true with those who enjoy general snow play, cross country skiing or snowshoe hikes. Outdoor dogs are not picky about where you take them. Getting to romp through the snow somehow seems like they're living their best lives. But cold temperatures and snowy conditions introduce some new concerns for your canine. So, it's wise to take precautions during your winter outings together.

Dr. Bill Rosolowsky, a retired veterinarian, knows a lot about canine care. For 33 years he worked in the field. Here he shares tips to help you make sure your dog's prepared for winter days.

First, assess your dog's overall health. Paw care is indeed a key concern, but the paws are connected to the rest of the dog. So, first consider whether your dog is healthy enough for a winter adventure.

Get your vet's advice specific to your dog's medical history. Prevention is better than treatment:

In general, "arctic" breeds, such as huskies, Samoyeds and malamutes, do well in winter. They have a thick fur, an undercoat cover, thick fat deposits under their paw pads and robust circulatory systems. Other breeds have these characteristics, but to a lesser degree.

If your dog is out in the snow and the outer coat collects only snow, but not any ice, it's a sign that it's reasonably well adapted to winter. If you see a lot of ice forming, that's

a sign that you need to take extra precautions to keep your dog warm.

Because ice and cold can be especially hard on paws, you do want to pay special attention to them. Inspect your dog's pads, just as you would before a summer hike. Examine the paw pads closely to ensure there are no injuries that your planned outing might aggravate.

Try winter dog booties. You can find dog winter boots, too, that are fleece lined for warmth. If you get a pair, make sure they fit properly. Take time to acclimate your dog to wearing them. It's also important to recheck and readjust the fit after 15 minutes or so of wear.



A dog's paws are in need of protection when spending a lot of time on the snow.

Break in new booties by working them with your hands first. Then put them on your dog so it can move incrementally from having them on briefly, to short sessions in the house, to walks of increasing distances.



Periodically check your pet's paws for ice or frost. This helps protect them in the winter.

Use dog paw wax: Sled-dog owners will tell you that a great way to prevent ice balls from forming on dog paws is to prevent snow from adhering to them in the first place. Once snow accumulates, the dog's body heat can melt and then re-freeze it into clumps of ice. Rubbing your dog's paws with some type of "musher's wax" helps keep snow from sticking to its paws in the first place. These paw waxes are also formulated to be nontoxic should a dog lick the wax off.

Should you trim paw hair? If your dog breed is well adapted to snow and cold, then there's no need to trim paw hair because ice buildup is less of an issue. Waxing, though, is still wise. If your dog is prone to ice accumulation on its fur, then trimming paw hair is prudent—and then waxing is a must because having snow collect on the stubble can lead to ice



It is fantastic to share all types of adventures with your furry friends year around in a variety of outdoor recreational activities. Just make sure they are ready for the activity.

accumulation close to the skin.

Trim your dog's nails: It's always wise to keep your dog's nails neatly trimmed: A broken nail can sometimes bleed, a complication you don't want in winter (or summer). In addition, long nails can splay toes farther apart when your dog walks, which open up tender spaces between toes to snow and ice accumulation.

A dog's body prioritizes core warmth over extremity warmth, so steps that maintain a healthy level of overall warmth will also aid the paws' cause. Not surprisingly, the same things you do to keep yourself warm on winter outings will also help your dog

Dress your dog warmly: Your dog's fur and undercoat serve as a nice base layer. If the temperature is sufficiently cold, consider adding a sweater or dog jacket as an outer layer, especially for a non-arctic breed.

Feed your dog high-calorie food: Dogs metabolize food to stay warm, so they need to ingest more calories and carbohydrates in winter. Make sure, though, that any new food is tested out at home to be sure your dog tolerates it well.

Give your dog extra water: Cold air is dry air and a dog's panting expels water with each breath. So be sure to give your canine companion plenty of water on your winter excursions together. Lukewarm water works better, too, because your dog doesn't need to expend calories to warm it up.

Keep your dog moving and out of the wind during breaks: Activity generates heat, so a moving dog is generally a warmer dog. When you do rest, look for an area sheltered from breezes so that wind-chill doesn't become a concern. Having an insulated sit pad can also help.

Watch for signs of hypothermia in dogs. Listlessness, curling up, reluctance to move and shivering are all signs that your dog is struggling with the cold.

When you see these, it's time to curtail the trip and head back to a warm place. Small dogs tend to be more susceptible to the effects of cold, so you should carry your dog back to warmth if they are small enough to do so.



Gift Cards Are Available Online and at the Peak

China Peak gift cards are excellent gifts for skier or snowboarder friends and family. They are perfect for the holidays, birthdays and anniversaries or for someone who wants to learn to ski or snowboard.

Gift cards are available anytime, in any amount, at regular price. Cards are valid for all services at China Peak including lodging, season passes, lift tickets, food and beverage and sport shop merchandise.

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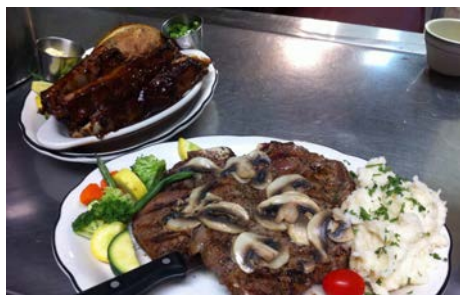
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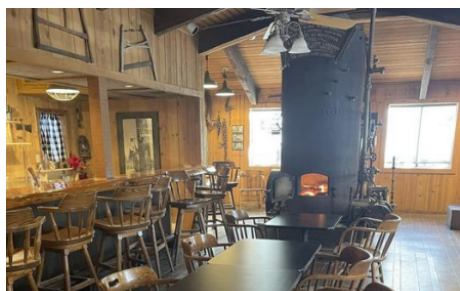
Pizza Factory - Prather



The Inn at China Peak Restaurant



Shaver Pub 'n Grub



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Mountain Tripper offers patrons with several delicious breakfast and lunch selections. A variety of coffee and tea selections also await you. Eat inside or outside. Free WiFi. Located next to Bob's Market. (559) 841-7106.

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The Trading Post is Shaver Lake's oldest and one of the most popular dining houses in the mountains. Enjoy a drink at the beautiful bar and then sit down to great food, their top priority. Indoor and outdoor seating is available. (559) 841-5394. ShaverTradingPost.com

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Short Horn Bar and Grill is considered the favorite place in town for locals to meet, eat, drink, dance and chat. This facility has the only pool table in town. (559) 841-6464. Visit ShortHornBarandGrill.com.

Shaver Pub 'n Grub has atmosphere, drinks, fish & chips, burgers, pastrami sandwich and more.



Shaver Lake Restaurant - At The Point

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Big Creek General Store on Point Road in Big Creek, features delicious meals and has outdoor seating available, weather permitting. Naturally it also carries everything you would expect in a general store. (559) 839-3332

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Buckhorn Bar and Grill is located midway on the slopes at China Peak Ski Resort. The popular facility offers delicious food, especially pizza, and your favorite libations. SkiChinaPeak.com (559) 233-2500.

Lakeshore Saloon and Grill is located at the popular Lakeshore Resort on Huntington Lake. Enjoy a wide variety of tasty food and beverages while watching your favorite NFL team in action. Check the Lakeshore-Resort.com website for details on musical entertainment. (559) 893-3193.

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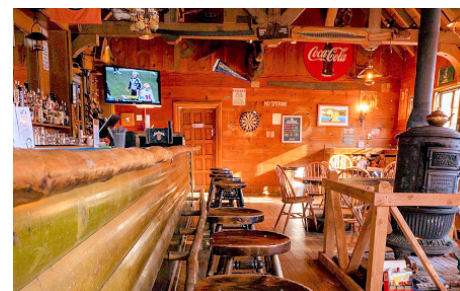
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Lakeshore Resort Saloon



Tristan and Sully - Their Battle for China Peak's Best Bloody Mary

The Bloody Mary is a staple at every ski resort, China Peak is no different. When Jack's Place opens at 8:30 a.m., the tomato-based red liquid starts flowing. But where can you find the best Bloody Mary at China Peak? The answer is up for debate.

Mark "Sully" Sullivan, resident bartender at Jack's Place, has poured a lot of Bloody Mary's in his time. It all started at Kirkwood, where he perfected his famous secret Bloody Mary mix. "It's a trade secret", he says. "One that can only be tasted when Sully is behind the bar."

Tristan Cohee, Food and Beverage Manager at China Peak and resident bartender at Buckhorn, has been battling to create a better tasting Bloody Mary since he started bartending at China Peak at the age of 21.

Tristan has his own secret recipe for Bloody Mary Mix, one that was passed down to him from a retired bartender at Buckhorn.

"I couldn't tell you what it consisted of, I'd get shot," Tristan jokingly said when asked about the mix.

When the Buckhorn bartended retired, Tristan spent the next handful of seasons putting his own twist on the recipe that was passed down to him, until it evolved into what it is today.

Whether you get a Bloody Mary at Jack's Place or Buckhorn it'll

come garnished with a cocktail onion, olive, and a cherry pepper. But, Tristan's signature Bloody Mary at Buckhorn also comes with a slice of bacon and a celery stick.

Sully's comes simpler, "It's just delicious to start with at the Daylodge, we don't need any extra additives," he said when asked about the lack of bacon and celery in his version.

Both bartenders said that they pour the most Bloody Mary's early in the day, but that they keep it going all day long. "People say they wait all year to come back and have our Bloody Mary's," Sully said.

"The Bloody Mary is a staple here, people come from all over and say they don't drink Bloody Mary's any time of the year other than winter at China Peak," Tristan said.

Sully and Tristan enjoy the friendly banter that comes with the battle for the best Bloody Mary.

Tristan said, "When I first started here we would keep tallies of who's Bloody Mary the guests said was better." Now they just make jokes in passing about the Bloodys being better at Jack's or Buckhorn.

Whether it's 8:30 a.m. and Jack's just opened, or 3 p.m. and Buckhorn is getting ready to close, you can always count on getting a delicious Bloody Mary from Sully or Tristan.



The Buckhorn Bar is a favorite place to take a break at China Peak and one of the more popular drinks served here is Tristan's Bloody Mary. But Sully says his is better at Jack's Bar.

Ticket Deals and Discounts for the 2023/2024 Season

All deals and discounts are only available for purchase at the resort. Identification is required.

MILITARY - Retired and veteran military personnel can purchase 1 (one) discounted all day lift ticket per day for their use only, valid any day, including holidays*. Active duty and dependents of active duty military can purchase 1 (one) discounted all day lift ticket per day for their use only, valid any day, including holidays. \$93 non-holiday, \$104 holiday, please present current military ID at the time of purchase.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Enjoy your birthday on the slopes at China Peak! You are entitled to purchase an all day lift ticket at 25% OFF of

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GROUP RATES - Group discounts are available for lift tickets, rentals, Learn to Ski or Ride packages as well as custom catering for groups of 20 or more for all occasions at China Peak. The group can be a mix of experienced skier and riders that just need a lift ticket to first timers that need a full lesson and rental package.

*Holiday dates December 26, 2023 - January 1, 2024, January 13-15, 2024 and February 17-19, 2024 All prices are subject to change.

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Suits & Boots

The Suits & Boots party at Buckhorn is back for the third year.

Bring your best business attire out to Buckhorn to participate in the best dressed contest, win prizes in China Peak trivia, and take party laps with the rest of the office crew to blow off some steam from those 9 to 5's.



Pond Skimming

Pond Skimming is back at China Peak as usual.

Grab your swim suits and join in as you make the treacherous transition from snow to water, hoping to make it all the way across the pond without getting soaked. The Pond Skim will take place late March or early April, depending on weather and snowpack. Win prizes for best skim, best trick, and best wipeout.

Don't want to risk a wet wipeout? Join the spectators on the sidelines and help the kids pelt competitors with snowballs. There will be live music and lots of goodies to be had from the event sponsors.

College Days

College Days are here at China Peak. On select Sunday's in January, February, and March, college

students will receive discounts on rentals, lessons, and lift tickets.

Whether you're an experienced shredder or novice looking to get your first taste of sliding on snow, the best deals for college students will be found on these days.

Each College Day will see the presence of the Fresno State Ski and Snowboard Club, stop by their booth and see how you can join in on the fun.

Easter Bunny

The Easter Bunny has China Peak marked on its route. Join China Peak Easter weekend on March 29, 30 and 31 for family friendly egg hunts in the base area.

The fun is for all ages. The rumor is that the Easter Bunny doesn't stop at the base area, it makes its way all the way up the mountain!

Keep your eyes open for egg hunts across all terrain on the mountain.

Far West Race Series

Come cheer on the China Peak



race team as they compete in the Far West race series. The U12 race at China Peak will take place March 1st-3rd. The U14 race at China Peak will take place March 8th-10th.

Super Bowl

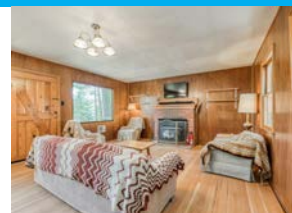
Join the sports crowd at China Peak on February 11th. Ski in the morning, catch the game in the afternoon. Enjoy the game with friends and family at all food service locations, Jack's Place in the Daylodge, Mainstream, and Buckhorn.

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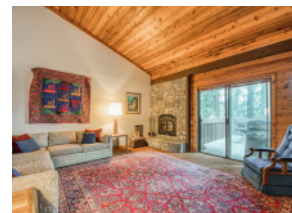
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Sled Dogs Moved Supplies for Big Creek Project 1920-1925

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This project earned its nickname as “the hardest working water in the world.” The name stems from the sheer volume of water flowing through the series of powerhouses, generating electricity multiple times.

But as amazing as the Big Creek

ser Pass. No mechanized equipment capable of making the trip existed. There was no easy way of getting supplies, medicine or mail to these isolated workers.

So, the Edison team looked to Alaska, known for an abundance of snow, for an answer. The answer came in the form of a seasoned musher and his seven-dog sled team.

Edison representatives were impressed with the team and their owner Jerry Dwyer. They were satisfied



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story is, one small part is usually omitted in its telling.

This tiny piece of the story doesn't concern technology, engineering, or water distribution. No. It's the tale of Southern California Edison's famous dogsled team led by Jeremiah “Jerry” Dwyer.

Late in 1919, while the huge San Joaquin River hydroelectric venture was progressing in the Huntington Lake region, a problem arose. During the long winter months, hundreds of employees were left to work in the Florence Lake area, about 29 miles away. It was almost totally cut off from the outside world. The snow could get 20-30 feet deep over Kai-

ser Pass. No mechanized equipment capable of making the trip existed. There was no easy way of getting supplies, medicine or mail to these isolated workers.

that “Silent Jerry,” as he was called, knew how to handle the dogs. They were also convinced that the dogs and handler could survive the harsh winters in the Sierra high country. A deal was struck, and Dwyer and his dog team became employees of Southern California Edison.

Thus in 1920, Jeremiah “Jerry” Dwyer packed up everything he owned and set out for Huntington Lake. He was a quiet man who rarely talked about himself, but he always had plenty to say about his beloved dogs.

Babe, the powerful lead dog, his favorite, was three-quarters wolf. Patsy was part Alaskan malamute

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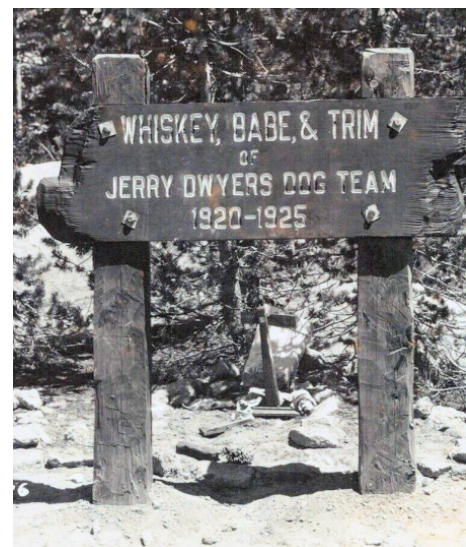


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and Gordon setter; Dooley was a cross between malamute and shepherd; and Riley was half wolf and half St. Bernard. The remaining three - Barney, Whiskey and Trim - were part staghound and Airedale.

The team became the winter lifeline to the workers, making daily trips from the Huntington Lake post office to the marooned workers at the high elevation Edison snow camps.

By the way, Dwyer buried Babe on Kaiser Pass and the U.S. Forest Service sign paying tribute to that famous dog and two her teammates, can still be seen today near the summit close to the White Bark turnoff.



Sign at summit of Kaiser Pass honors three members of Jerry Dwyers old sled dog team.



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Join the USCSA to Compete at the College Level on the Slopes

If you get a thrill out of skiing or boarding competitions and are currently enrolled in college, you should join the United States Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Association (USCSA).

The USCSA is a sports federation dedicated to collegiate TEAM ski racing and snowboarding in America. There is an alpine, Nordic, snowboard, free ski or ski jumping collegiate competition program for you. You can be part of a team at any college in the United States. If your college does not have a team, we can assist you in getting one started!

Through the USCSA, student-athletes, of ALL levels and abilities, are given access to a quality and exciting venue of competition. The organization also recognizes “student” comes before “athlete” and for our members to be successful individuals, academics should take priority.

The group’s Mission Statement is “To be the national governing body of collegiate team ski and snowboard competition in the United States; to promote and increase awareness of and participation in alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, free skiing and snowboarding; and to provide competition and development opportunities for student athletes in a team atmosphere leading toward

National titles in each discipline.”

The USCSA has over 170 member institutions, more than 5,000 annual student-athletes featuring at least 250 alpine racing teams and 100 plus snowboard/free ski teams. Additionally, there are over 40 Nordic teams spread over 11 conferences in 6 regions.

Team performance is emphasized within the USCSA. This is a major departure from the typical individual or World Cup scoring format in skiing. USCSA Teams field five or more racers, with the top three performances used for the team score. Most former USCSA athletes agree this team orientation has been the seed for developing and nurturing a team approach in other aspects of their lives and careers.

Overall team performance is considered separately for each discipline, so a college can field any single or combination of women’s alpine, men’s alpine, women’s cross country, men’s cross country, women’s snowboarding, men’s snowboarding, women’s freestyle, men’s freestyle, women’s jumping and men’s jumping.

For more details contact your college ski team or athletic office or visit uscsa.org/2024nationals.html.



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Practice Your Turns on the Slopes to Gain Confidence

Snow skiing is an outdoor activity which is effected by several variables. These include, but are not limited to, the weather, snow conditions, terrain and equipment.

The following valuable tips were presented by Nick Cohee, a former professional skier who was ranked among the top GS skiers in the world.

Elements of a ski turn involve an athletic stance, shoulder width apart and solid fore/aft, side to side balance.

Where is the body weight? Is it behind the heels, or are you standing over the front of the shins in a readied position? If the answer is yes to the latter then there is hope yet!

Hands are up and forward. Hips are tall. Chest and shoulders face down the hill with confidence and anticipation.

Ankles cocked, shins pushed against the tongues of the boots, hips shoulder width, athletic stance, hips tall, shoulders rolled forward, hands wider than elbows and palms facing out allowing for pole touch or plant if necessary.

This is the body position of a skier. Muscle memory is a key component to skiing so it is important to find your position at the top of every run.

Now for the turn, it will be broken down into three phases: beginning, middle and end. In the beginning, skis are pointed across the fall line

to control speed. As skis cross the fall line you begin to apply pressure to the downhill ski, which is defined as the lower ski down the hill from your body. If you are making a turn to the right it is your left ski, in contrast a turn to the left the downhill ski is your right ski. In this example, we will be turning right, or a left footer (right turn in skiing is a left ski turn). As you apply pressure to the downhill ski the side cut of the ski will initiate the turn. In this moment in time remember the balance portion of the body position. No longer in a standstill position you'll need to factor in a change in balance point from center, on balls of the feet, equal weight distribution, to shifting more pressure and weight on the outside foot, shin and ski. With confidence and commitment, you move your body down the fall line, stand strong on your downhill ski and prepare for it to come around.

As the beginning of the turn becomes the middle or the apex, speeds will increase because you are no longer going against the fall line. Forces of gravity will want to push you over in the middle of the turn because the apex has the most energy stored. Your equipment and body position are being tested by the



Perfecting your turns on the slopes will give you more confidence in controlling your speed. The more confidence you have in your abilities, the more you will enjoy skiing.

speed and gravitational forces, pushing you against the downhill ski.

The key is to stand strong on the downhill ski and resist against the forces wanting to push you over. Hands, hips and shoulders driving through the apex. Your core is flexed and your body is skeletally stacked against the powers that be as your skis bend and begin to cross the fall line, entering the final stage of the turn.

The apex of the turn is like a loaded spring. Energy stored in one turn needs to be transferred to another. As you cross the fall line again, the tension and torque from the forces pushing you down begin to subside. The dynamic, angulated position your body is in at the apex of the turn gracefully moves upward and

forward. Following your skis briefly in end of the turn (also called transition phase) weight gradually shifts from the left foot dominant downhill ski to the right footed new downhill ski. As you cross the fall line, body position in mind, you have just completed a turn and are ready for more.

Practice the body position for a ski turn at your home in the door frame or at work, with your hips pushing or resting against one side of the frame and your feet on other, keeping your shoulders level and hands forward.

Muscle memory and cross training are great ways to gear up for another winter and don't forget to enjoy the learning process as it should be rewarding as the end result.

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Fresno Ski Club Will Travel to Europe for the 2024 Season

It is a little known fact that the Fresno Ski Club is one of the oldest ski clubs in the United States. The group was founded in 1934 and incorporated in 1937.

The Fresno Ski Club has earned an excellent reputation for offering outstanding domestic and international ski ventures for their members through the decades.

For the first time in several years, the Fresno Ski Club will travel to Europe for a very special "Dream Trip".

The destination is Zermatt, consistently ranked as the #1 ski resort in Switzerland, and a top 10 resort in all of Europe.

Located at the base of the famous Matterhorn mountain, the car-free, pedestrian only village, offers hundreds of shopping and dining options as well as many non-ski activities.

The ski area is the highest lift served area in Europe topping out at over 12,700 feet.

In addition to Zermatt, the club also has 2024 trips scheduled for Mammoth Mountain CA, Dodge Ridge CA, and Mt. Bachelor OR.

And, as they have for many years, the Club will be hosting its ever popular monthly Fun Days at their home resort, China Peak.

Fresno Ski Club is an extremely friendly group. Throughout its history, the Club has been a great ven-

ue for people meeting people with similar interests, resulting in long lasting friendships.

And, no one ever has to ski alone. Whether you are an experienced and avid skier, or returning to the sport years later, the Club is comprised of all skill levels of skiers and snowboarders.

The group ranges from the beginner and novice to the accomplished. There is no need for anyone to be shy, even if you have forgotten how to snowplow.

Members are always willing to be a ski buddy for you to observe, emulate, an experience from which you will ultimately improve your skills and safety on the slopes.

It's not all about skiing. When the snow melts Fresno Ski Club is active off the slopes as well, offering social get togethers at private home and restaurant venues, day hikes, golf outings, lakeside picnics, community outreach and philanthropic activities, fellowship and more.

Affiliated with Far West Ski Association, Fresno Ski Club members have access to additional economical ski, scuba and sight-seeing trips to world-wide destination resorts.

Visit the club's current website at www.fresnoskiclub.com, or find us on Facebook. The Fresno Ski Club welcomes you!



Above are several members of the Fresno Ski Club during the group's trip to Mammoth Mountain this past March 2023. Join this friendly organization and enjoy great outings.

Easy Access Makes China Peak Resort a Favorite Winter Skiing Destination

The easy drive access to China Peak Mountain Resort makes it a favorite for the Central Coastal and Central San Joaquin Valley skiers and snow boarders.

This low-key resort on the Sierra's west side is just 70 miles north-east of Fresno along Highway 168.

It features nearly 1,700 feet of vertical runs that gives patrons a sweeping view of the beautiful surrounding terrain from its highest point at 8,700 feet.

The goal is to be a place that's easy to get to, and that has something for everyone. Kids can build their skills on Progression Park in

Ullman's Alley.

More advanced boarders and skiers ride the rails, boxes, hips, and spines of popular—and challenging—Tollhouse Park. The Canyon gives skiers and boarders a place to play on bank turns, rollers, and jumps.

Many skiers are surprised to learn China Peak is the eighth largest resort in California, and has the fifth highest base elevation and the sixth highest peak.

For an old-time end to your day, plan on staying at the Inn at China Peak. Then put up your boots and relax at J.W.'s Original Bar, in the unpretentious base lodge.

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Rental Shop and Repair Facilities Are Now Housed Together at Day Lodge

“We have consolidated our entire inventory into one location... the Day Lodge,” beamed Corinthian Jones, Rental Shop Manager.

“Beefing up our inventory in one main location will help make us stronger and more prepared for those busy weekends!”

“We have opened up the space a bit to allow for multiple lines to flow

through, eliminating the bottleneck that often happens between booting up and picking up your skis/board. More shelving and racks to accommodate the increase in inventory.”

This year’s new product inventory is as follows: 150 pair of skis and 150 snowboards, 100 pair snowboard boots, 100 pair ski boots, and 250 pair poles.

“This inventory is bigger and better,” continued Jones. “The newer the gear, the better the technology. Every year companies are innovating and coming up with new ways to make your ride better, lighter, and faster, making it a smoother transition through the learning curve.”

If you are an experienced skier or snowboarder Jones recommends trying out demo equipment, saying “Demo products allow you to be more aggressive, cut harder, go faster.”

“Our demo inventory is made up of the best skis from Head, Volkl, or K2 and Burton snowboard demos are used exclusively. There is equipment for all mountain, park, or powder and sizes for men and women, short and tall.”

If you come skiing or boarding regularly, you can be a seasonal rental customer and bypass the daily rental shop lines and pick up your equipment on site.

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The China Peak Rental Shop has 150 sets of skis and/or snowboards available for your use. Consider the Seasonal Rental Program where you keep the same gear for the season.

Events This Winter

- Christmas Break**
December 18 to January 2
- New Year’s Eve Fireworks and Party**
December 31
- Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend**
January 13, 14, 15
- Presidents’ Day Weekend**
February 17, 18, 19
- Winter Break**
February 19 to 23
- Far West Ski Regionals**
March 9
- Easter Break**
March 25 to 29

and forth from the car, our seasonal rental program makes renting so much easier.

“We have seasonal rentals available for both skis and snowboards,” said Jones. “China Peak has a check-in, check-out system.

Fill out the required paperwork one time for the whole season. You will be issued a seasonal rental access card.”

When you arrive at China Peak you will pick up your equipment and at the end of the day you will drop your equipment off. The staff will make rental equipment is stored properly and prepared for your next visit!

Use the equipment as much as you like all season. Seasonal rentals are \$343 for ages 13+ and \$257 for children 12 and under. Seasonal rentals are subject to availability and will sell out so gets yours early!

For further details you can email rentals@skichinapeak.com or call 559.233.2500 ext 2702

Rental Rates

Skis/boots/poles or snowboard/boots	All Day	All Day	Half Day
	Online	9 - 4	12:30 - 4
Adults 13+	\$69	\$73	\$57
Child 6-12	\$49	\$51	\$40
Skis and Poles		\$66	\$52

Consecutive day rentals are 1/2 the day rate for each extra day. Damage waiver is \$5.

China Peaks’s full service repair shop is at the Day Lodge. The professional staff will get you ready and keep you sliding all season.

Take advantage of same day service, or leave your equipment overnight and pick up the next day!

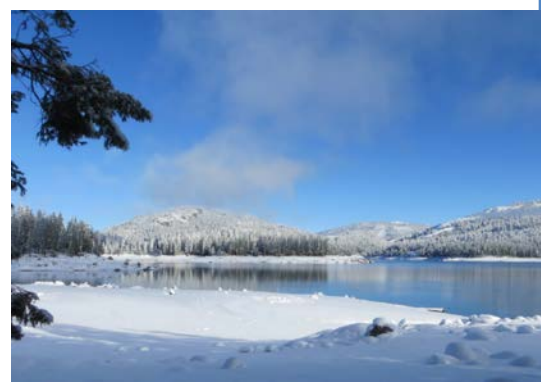
Tuning and Repair Rates

	Hand	Graphic Hand	Jet
Waxing	\$19	\$24	\$13
	Base	Stone	Hand Edge
Edging	\$19	\$35	\$41
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China Peak is your destination for Winter Outdoor Education, offering a school field trip opportunity that students and teachers will be talking about for years to come!

The U.S. Forest Service and China Peak joined together to present an interactive outdoor experience including a day of skiing or snowboarding at one low group rate, \$47 per student Monday to Thursday and \$52 on Friday, non-holiday*.

Price includes:

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- an all mountain lift ticket
- rental equipment, skis or snowboard, boots, bindings and poles
- an any level group lesson with our staff of professional ski and snowboard teachers

China Peak offers lunch services and discounts for parents and sib-

lings as well.

Each visit can feature a different science lesson. Some optional pre-visit lesson packets available for teachers to review.

Groups must have a minimum of 15 students (ages 5-18) and 2 chaperones. Rates are based on the group size, day of the week and frequency of visits.

This program is available midweek, non-holiday* beginning January 8, 2020. Ask about special discounts available to groups visiting four or more times per season.

Contact Group Sales to book your date today at (559) 233-2500, 5010 or just email Groups@ski-chinapeak.com. To get more about weekend and holiday group rates visit SkiChinaPeak.com/field-trips.

*Holiday dates: December. 26, 2023 thru January 1, 2024 January 13-15, 2024 and February 17-19, 2024. All prices are subject to change.



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Tim Cohee earned the Bob Roberts Award of Excellence for 2023, recognizing a lifetime of leadership in the California mountain resort ski industry. Above is Tim with wife, Anita.

China Peak's Tim Cohee Named Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient for 2023

Tim Cohee, for the past 13 years the Managing Partner of China Peak, has been named the recipient of the Bob Roberts Award of Excellence for 2023, an annual award presented the California Ski Industry Association (CSIA) recognizing a lifetime of leadership in the California mountain resort industry.

"Tim's resume over the past 44 years is hard to match by any resort operator in America," said Michael Ritzell, President of CSIA. "His reputation as a marketer and resort owner/operator has few peers across the nation's resort industry."

Cohee began industry employment as a ski instructor at Snow Valley in the Southern California mountains 49 years ago, and his management career at Snow Summit in Big Bear Lake in 1979.

He was widely recognized as one of the nation's top ski marketers for nearly 15 years when he earned his first operator role as President, CEO and General Manager of Kirkwood Mountain Resort near Lake Tahoe, a position he held for 17 years. He purchased China Peak along with two partners in 2010, adding numerous improvements during his 12 years as Managing Partner.

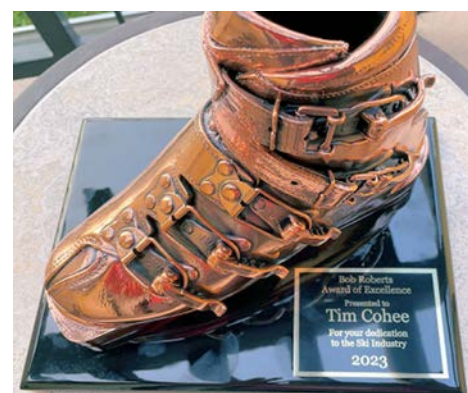
He sold China Peak in 2022 and joined his operating partner Karl Kapuscinski to put together a group of resorts under one ownership, including Mountain High in Wrightwood; China Peak; Dodge Ridge in Pinecrest and Bear Valley, located on Highway 4, east of Murphys and Arnold.

Cohee will focus his energies mostly on China Peak and Bear Valley, while his partner Kapuscinski shares time between Mountain High and Dodge Ridge.

"I've had a long and exciting career, including time at Snow Summit, Bear Mountain, Heavenly, Kirkwood, Sunday River (Maine), China Peak and now adding Bear Valley.

There have been bumps along the way but things have always worked

out. I look forward to the next challenge of bringing new energy to Bear Valley, an iconic resort with a strong team and lots of opportunities to return the resort to a position of prominence among California's top resorts."



Here is a picture of the actual award with which Tim Cohee was presented for 2023.

Learn to Ski or Ride Package Is Just \$296

Three Day Learn to Ski or Ride Program is back. Pick any 3 days, they do not have to be consecutive.

If you are a **First Time Skier or Rider**, visit LearnToSkiAndRide.com for information about your first day on the snow for just \$296 (online)!

Program includes three days of rentals, group lesson for each day and beginner ticket valid for the moving carpet on all three days. Access to chairlifts is allowed during a lesson with an instructor.

Valid for beginners ages 4+. Participants can opt to upgrade for an additional fee to a chairlift ticket after 12 pm after completing their lesson.

After completing the third day you will receive an all mountain ticket to finish the day along with an ID card that gives you half-price tickets, rentals and group lessons for the season.

The purchaser is committing to learn to either ski or snowboard, not both. If at any time during the three day program purchaser decides to switch to skiing or snowboarding, the program starts over and purchaser is required to purchase a new three day package.

Details available online at SkiChinaPeak.com

Driving on Snow Covered Winter Roads Can Prove to Be Very Tricky

Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry. And take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.

Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning – nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.



Driving carefully and under control in winter conditions helps you to avoid accidents.

The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.

Know your brakes. Whether you have anti lock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold braking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.

Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.

Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed down hill as slowly as possible.

Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.

Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don't tempt fate: If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.



With unparalleled beauty, a wedding at China Peak Mountain Resort is nothing short of magical. Impress guests with the dynamic meals prepared by the on-site catering experts.

China Peak - More Than a Venue, It's an Entire Wedding Experience

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Explore Wedding Day Options

Planning a wedding is truly an art. This is why couples rely on the knowledge, preparedness and creativity of wedding professionals. These planners have been down this road "a time or two" to guide their customers on an extraordinary journey.

It is time to come explore your wedding day or special events op-

tions offered by China Peak. Several locations are available for your event:

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Make Your Event Memorable

Treat your wedding guests to dynamic culinary flavors prepared by skilled on-site catering experts. Whether you are looking for a sophisticated cocktail buffet, an intimate brunch, or a grand reception banquet, they will make it all happen. Every element is customizable to your tastes.

Lodging includes 48 guest rooms, suites and two private chalets that provide access to an unrivaled mountain sanctuary.

You can begin exploring your wedding day options by speaking with the China Peak Wedding Coordinator, Tess. Please contact her by phone at (559) 673-5684 or (559) 960-5014. You can email her at weddings@skichinapeak.com.

A Few Traveling Tips for Keeping You Safe During Outdoor Snow Play Winter Trips

What a great morning! It rained all night in the Central Valley and it is snowing at China Peak. The ski report lists two feet of powder is waiting for you on the slopes and more is expected during the day.

Thanks heavens it's a weekend. You've made up your mind, you're going skiing and you don't have to figure out an excuse to call in sick!

Obviously, you need to carry chains and drive carefully when venturing into the mountains during the winter.

Getting safely from your home and back has a lot to do with planning.

For instance, you know your vehicle is in good condition. The tires are properly inflated. You will keep the fuel tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up. You have your cell phone and emergency numbers. You have packed blankets, kitty litter, a shovel, gloves, hats, food, water and any needed medication in your vehicle.

You know that if you become snow-bound, stay with your vehicle. It provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you. Don't try to walk in a severe storm. It's easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing snow and become lost. Don't over exert yourself if you try to push or dig your vehicle out of the snow.

Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or place a cloth at the top of a rolled up window to signal distress. At night, keep the dome light on if possible. It only uses a small amount of electricity and will make it easier for rescuers to find you.

Run the engine and heater just long enough to remove the chill and conserve gasoline. Make sure the exhaust pipe isn't clogged. If blocked, exhaust could cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to leak into the vehicle with the engine running.

But, why worry. You're prepared! Hit the slopes and enjoy yourself!



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There are a lot of things to remember on the slopes. When it is time to rest, stop somewhere sensible like on the side of the piste or where you can easily be seen and don't get run into.

Always Ski and Board in Control When You Go Down the Slopes

Keeping in control helps make sure you and others on the hill stay safe and are having a great time.

Skiers in front of you have the right of way. If a slowpoke is blocking your line, give them space so you don't hit them.

When it is time to rest, stop somewhere sensible like on the side of the piste or where you can be visibly seen and don't get run into.

Use the free trail maps provided to make sure to know the trail you are taking. Stop and help fellow skiers who have fallen or look hurt. If you see a downed skier go over and see if they need the ski patrol.

Don't duck ropes or ski into closed areas. There's a reason it hasn't opened yet, and it usually has something to do with your safety.

Skiing and boarding off groomed runs in powder is one of the best parts of the sport, but take precautions. Watch for tree wells and deep snow.

Deep snow can trap you and then you cannot pull yourself out. ALWAYS ski and ride with a partner. Keep each other in sight at all times.

It is your responsibility to know how to ride a chair lift safely. Ask the lift attendant for help. Smallest kids should load closest to the attendant.

Children under 51" tall are required to ride with an adult, and if in a lesson must always ride with an

instructor. Remove and carry backpacks. It is OK to miss a chair and wait for the next one.

China Peak maintains an open boundary policy. The terrain beyond the ski area boundary is in its natural state and entering the backcountry involves risks including those posed by deep snow, avalanches, steep terrain, cliffs and other terrain variations.

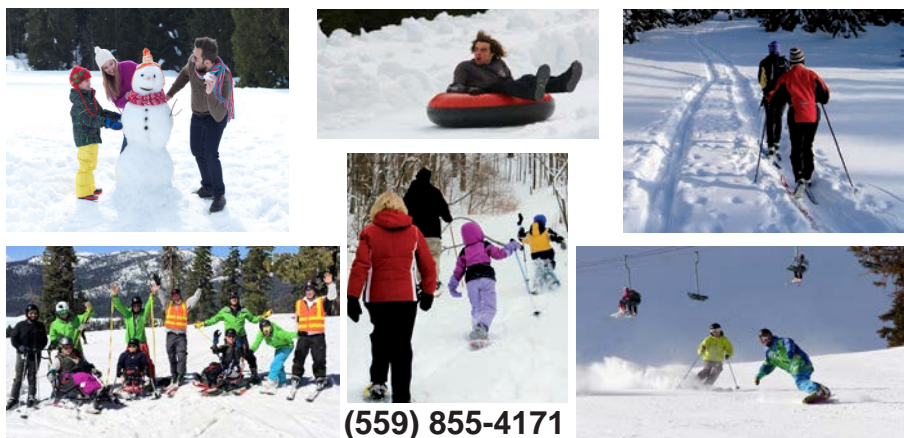
The ski area assumes no responsibility for skiers or snowboarders beyond the ski area boundary. Areas beyond the ski area boundary are not patrolled or maintained. The cost of rescue in the backcountry, if available, will be the responsibility of you or your heirs.

Persons involved in a skiing or boarding accident, who leave the scene of the accident knowing or having reason to believe that any other person involved in the accident is in need of medical or other assistance, except to notify the proper authorities or to obtain assistance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

The use of electronic devices with headphones while skiing, snowboarding and riding lifts or using surface transport is unsafe and discouraged by China Peak Mountain Resort. Snow cats, snowmobiles, other vehicles and snowmaking equipment and operations may be encountered at any time.

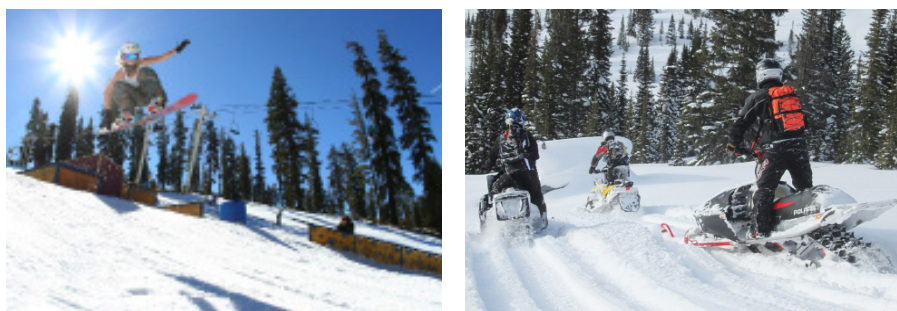


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This comfortable home in the Granite Ridge Subdivision near Shaver Lake offers modern amenities and plenty of space for a large group or multiple families.



There is a wood-burning fireplace and comfortable leather furniture in the living room, a huge deck with forest views for outdoor dining, soaking up sunshine, and running around.



Kitchen has a gas grill and is fully outfitted for all your cooking needs. Group the kids together in the large bunk room to play games or watch movies.

Variety of Accommodations Offered for Winter Guests Planning a Trip to the Local Mountains



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Tamarack Lodge - Lakeshore



Shaver Lake Cottages



Shaver Lake Village Hotel



The Inn at China Peak



Lakeshore Resort



Moose Haven - Shaver Lake

China Peak Mountain Resort, in the Sierra Forest, is called California's Best Kept Secret, and is the hub of Fresno County winter activities.

Many visitors stay for more than a day, thus requiring a place. There are a number of options available.

The following regional facilities are listed for your convenience. Call ahead or visits websites to see if you can bring your furry friends!

Accommodations feature a range of amenities travelers desire. There are cozy cabins, elegant condos, bed and breakfast inns as well as full service resorts, comfortable motels, hotels, campsites, AirBnB, Vacasa and VBRO offerings.

The Inn at China Peak offers slope side lodging just a few steps from the Day Lodge and lift lines. Relax apres ski in JW's Original Bar and enjoy drink specials and tasty appetizers. Then enjoy dinner at the restaurant. (559) 233-2500 or SkiChinaPeak.com.

Elliott House B&B is near the center of the Shaver Lake Village. Each guest room features a luxurious feather bed and cozy sitting area. They are specifically designed to ensure comfort and relaxation. Patrons are treated to a delicious home cooked breakfast. (888) 841-8601 or ElliottHouseBandB.com.

Shaver Lake Village Hotel is near the end of Shaver Lake, by Ken's Market. There is an extensive array of accommodations, including hotel rooms, spacious cabins, well appointed suites and a bunkhouse. Enjoy a Continental breakfast each morning. (559) 841-8289 or ShaverLakeVillageHotel.com.

AirBnB and VBRO represent a variety of accommodations in Big Creek, Auberry, Lakeshore, Prather and Shaver Lake. To make your arrangements, contact the individual owners of these facilities through AirBnB.com or VBRO.com.

Vacasa Vacation Rentals feature the largest selection of private homes, cabins and condos in and around the Shaver and Lakeshore. Some conveniently located about five minutes from China Peak. They are all warm and comfortable. (855) 861-5757. Vacasa.com

Tamarack Motor Lodge is just six miles below China Peak. Six suites are available. Each of the units has a kitchenette, private bath and TV with cable. (559) 893-3244 or TheTamarackLodge.com.

Talahi Ranch Retreat is just 40 miles away and sleeps up to seven. Smart 48" flat screen TV, mini refrigerator, microwave, coffee and hot water maker, private bathroom, laundry facilities and private entrance. You can BBQ on the deck. Call (559) 298-3133 or make a reservation at AirBnB.com/h/talahi

Daddy Joe's - Auberry Rental homes are in the Auberry foothills. They include: Yellow House, Barn Bungalow, Flat, Bear Den, Cottage, Sweet Bear's Suite and Cub Suite. The lodging units are just 38 miles from China Peak Mountain Resort. Reservations at 559-855-2828 or DaddyJoesLodging.com

Moose Haven - Shaver Lake Comfortable Granite Ridge Home offers modern amenities and plenty of space, with a wood-burning fireplace in the living room. The kitchen has a gas grill and is fully outfitted for all your cooking needs. Sleeps 16 in 5 bedrooms. Airbnb.com/h/moosehaven

Musick Creek Inn and Chalets are on Highway 168 as you enter Shaver Lake. Get a cozy feeling with their most adored rooms, including 10 hotel rooms, three chalets, one cabin, and one honeymoon suite. Amenities include: Breakfast, Widescreen TV, Wifi, Air conditioning, Laundry and Jacuzzi musickcreekinnshaverlake.com (559) 841 5303 or (559) 545 6904

Camp Edison is in a pine forest on the Shaver Lake shore. Select campsites are available for the winter season. Electricity and water included. A dump station is onsite. WiFi available for a fee. Open year-round. CampEdison.com.

Lakeshore Resort at Huntington Lake features remodeled rustic cabins that sleep up to four. Have a good meal and favorite drink at the Saloon. Reservations at (559) 893-3193 or LakeshoreResort.com.

Shaver Lake Cottages are at The Point. There are standard and deluxe rustic cabins available that sleep from two to six. Bed, compact refrigerator, coffee maker, microwave, a large flat screen TV provided. (559) 841-2286 or shaverlakecottages.com

Camp Sierra sits between Shaver Lake and Big Creek, featuring individual cabins of all sizes for family or friend groups. Can sleep up to 10. It is a 30 minutes to China Peak. Open year-round. (559) 893-3333 campsierra.org.

Camp Chawanakee Located 30 minutes from China Peak. Cabins contain a flush toilet, vanity, shower and kitchenette. Cabins have lights and heat. Beds have mattresses. Each cabin can sleep 7 people. There is a sitting area and a front porch. We're open year-round. 559-320-2100. seqbsa.org.

Knotty Pine Cabins located in center of town with four cabins that sleep up to nine people. Pet friendly with a fee. Wifi system is free. Full kitchen with all amenities, and deck with fire ring. Up to two queen bed and two twin beds with roll-a-way available. (559) 841-6526



Camp Edison - Shaver Lake



Talahi Ranch Retreat - Prather



The Chalet's and Musick Creek Inn



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Camp Chawanakee



Knotty Pine Cabins - Shaver

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Above is a group photograph of the 2022/2023 China Peak Race Team. These youngsters learn teamwork, loyalty, and camaraderie, the cornerstones of the Racing Program.

China Peak Race Team Builds Ski Racing Skills, Grit and Character

Kids wishing to hone their ski racing skills are encouraged to join the China Peak Race Team.

The mission is to develop a life-long love for the sport of Alpine Skiing. The China Peak Race Team program is designed to not only develop skiing athletes, but to promote a healthy lifestyle, enrich the child/family experience and foster a love for snow sports.

Through the fundamental development of skiing, training, and teamwork the China Peak race team and the coaches strive to create a resource for personal development for each of our athletes.

Teamwork, loyalty, camaraderie are cornerstones of the China Peak Race Team.

Providing alpine ski racing youth with a supportive environment of teamwork, skills development and competition. Goals stem from a core desire to develop each athlete to reach their full potential both personally and athletically.

The organization is committed to help ski racers to achieve long-term success and enjoyment. They must develop into great skiers first, and only then they can become great ski racers. Through the USSA program of SkillsQuest – the coaches are committed to age appropriate progression starting with fundamental skiing skills, then developing advanced skills required to race.

By skiing with the China Peak Race Team, athletes can look forward to being rewarded for working on those things that will bring out their full potential in the long run. Coaches track their progress so parents can see how their children are growing in all aspects of the sport.

The race team trains, weather and snow permitting, every Saturday and Sunday as well as major school



The China Peak Race Team competes in the Far West Division Central Series Races.

holidays (with the exception of the 4 scheduled Central Series races).

Core training typically runs from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm with a short lunch break. Early morning speed training is also provided on a limited basis. Training includes skiing drills to develop fundamental ski technique and gate training to further develop technique and tactical skills. For team applications, please fill out the contact form at <https://www.chinapeakrace.com/contact>.

The China Peak Race Team understands that for many corporate sponsors, the underlying sponsorship objectives extend well beyond simple branding, logo recognition and affiliation. As such, the importance of corporate objectives such as community outreach and employee engagement cannot be overlooked. We are pleased to work hand-in-hand with our partners to develop strategic activation programs that allow our sponsors to leverage their sponsorship investment and achieve optimal return on their sponsorship objectives.

If you would like to become a sponsors, please call: 559-224-2313.

China Peak Seasonal Lockers Still Available

Skiers and boarders will be happy to note that seasonal lockers are available for them at China Peak Ski Resort.

This is in response to requests made in the past to have additional lockers in place for those that needed them.

To make arrangements to reserve your locker, please contact Lyndsie at events@SkiChinaPeak.com.

Buy Online and Save

Save on the ticket window rate by purchasing your tickets online at SkiChinaPeak.com! All online tickets expire at the close of the 2023/2024 winter season or April 30, 2024 whichever comes first. No credits or rollovers will be granted for use during the following season. Make sure to use them up!

Beginner area lift tickets for moving carpets are only available for purchase at the resort.

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A Couple of Swingers Hanging Out Here at China Peak Resort

Keith Swinger's Story

My first experience at China Peak was in 1970. My family did not ski, so when I got to high school my friends' families would drive up. A memory from one of those first times was a ride to the top of the old Chair 1. At that time, the offloading ramp was a long steep shoot and was a crazy ride for a first timer. And then your friends that could ski saying, well we will see you at the car after the lift closes.



Keith enjoys a run down the slopes of China Peak where he has skied for over 50 years.

Surprisingly, I developed a passion for skiing at that time and joined my high school ski club to be able to go up to China Peak on the weekends. By the time I was a senior, I was the President of our ski club in charge of planning the ski trips.

Upon graduation, I took a year off from school and moved to Mammoth Mountain and worked as a fry cook in the main lodge. During this winter, I was able to ski over 180 days which helped to improve my skiing ability. I attended the ski instructor college held by Mammoth Mountain and let it be known that I wanted to work at China Peak the next winter. Phil Kerridge, the

Director of Ski School at that time came to Mammoth and introduced himself the day before the exam and let me know he had been watching my training and was satisfied with my ability to teach part-time while attending college.

I taught for a few years, and then went on to ski at China peak recreation ally over the years until the late 80's when Spencer Neville became the snow sports director, he recruited myself and many of the previous instructors to come back to work. I joined once again to teach part-time, but due to a knee injury and the mountains risk policy was not able to return for the next season. But I did continue to ski for fun every year.

Then in the winter of 1993, I ran into an acquaintance at CP. We rode the chair and skied together that day, and then met up a few weekends throughout the winter. We then started dating and after 3 years, Marcia and I were married.

We both started teaching in 2001, part time for me and full time for Marcia. We also moved to Shaver full time so that we could be closer to CP. I taught alpine, telemark and snowboarding, sometimes all in one day. After about 10 years, I helped Stephanie coach the race team for few years and have been skiing for fun since. We both believe that everyone can benefit from coaching to help them be the best skier or rider that they can be.

When Tim Cohee bought the resort, we joined the Peak Club to show our support for the mountain and to take advantage of the parking, lift line and other privileges.

We love to ski CP, and it is a part of our year-round social spot for hanging out with friends. Whether it be at Buckhorn during the ski day having a cold beer, or at the sun deck



Keith and Marcia Swinger have a long relationship with each other as well as with China Peak, where they have both worked as Skiing and Snow Boarding Instructors for many years.

in the spring, or on Friday nights at the hotel for dinner and music. One of the reasons we live in Shaver is the close proximity to CP.

We have seen all the changes over the years of ownership, and the growth of skiing terrain and the addition of new chairs. We are excited about the newest changes and are optimistic for the upgrades coming in the future.

For the past 22 years, Marcia and I have attended the Professional Ski Instructors Association clinics that are held in December and April.

between ski school (under Jennifer Gray and then Spencer Neville). I taught every age on every type of terrain, but my favorites were all the local kids. I also taught 3 years with the "littles" for the Race Team (under Stephanie Callahan). I learned from them as well. We had a blast!

One of the things I look forward to every year is Luau Day. We started this with a bunch of friends and all dress in HAWAIIAN, have a party on the Day lodge Deck (as well as all over the mountain!) and pass out Leis to employees as well



Marcia has been a strong advocate over the years for the Central Valley Adaptive Sports Program at China Peak. She enjoys working with folks in helping them to enjoy the outdoors.

The clinics are 2-3 days of all day training to improve our teaching and skiing skills. I am constantly working on my skiing skills and every turn is a new turn.

Marcia Swinger's Story

I started skiing when I was 40 and was introduced to it at Wolverton then Badger a couple times. But my home mountain has always been China Peak, although I learned to teach skiing at Brianhead, Utah.

I learned to teach in order to become a better skier. (**TRY IT!** As an instructor you can take clinics here as well as other resorts and apply what you've learned to your students as well as to your personal skiing)

From Utah we moved back to California and up to Shaver Lake. I taught skiing here for over 20 years

as to the public.

We have a memorial run for those who've gone before us and a Passing of the Red Wig Ceremony that began as honoring the group of hard core skiers known as the Buckhorn Boys and evolved into honoring skiers that love China Peak and ski here regularly and heartily.

We then end the day with the public honoring the China Peak Employees for all of the hard work they've done all season long with pizza, finger food and a keg just for them.

The people we've skied with and worked with all feel like family.

China Peak is a great mountain with friendly, accommodating employees and reasonable pricing with a variety of terrain and I wouldn't trade it for anywhere else.



Pond Skimming is a very popular activity during the spring time at China Peak. Above Keith takes his shot at making it all the way down the slope, on to and over the pond.

California Law and How to Use Snow Chains for Winter Travel

If you are planning to visit regions offering winter outdoor activities like Yosemite National Park, the Shaver Lake area or the Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks, you need to know the rules regarding snow chains and how to properly use them.

Snow chains or cables are devices fitted to a vehicle's drive tires. They add traction when driving through snow and ice. They are usually purchased to match the tire size (diameter and tread width).



Vehicle Codes regarding chains and cables are written to keep you safe while you travel.

From November 1 to April 1 in California, all vehicles are required to carry tire chains (or cables) when they enter a chain control area, even if it isn't snowing at the moment.

Consequences of not having them

Enjoy a Few Days at China Peak in Your RV

China Peak allows RV parking on site. No RVs are allowed to enter between 8 am - 5 pm on weekends or holidays, no exceptions.

Rates are \$54 per night per space non-holiday, \$64 per night on holidays*. Rates are also subject to a 12% resort fee.

Weekend stays require a two-night minimum. Holiday periods require a three-night minimum.

Sixteen RV spaces, each 15' wide to allow for pop-outs and safe distances between vehicles are available with 30 amp electrical hookup.

All tow vehicles must park opposite of their RV along the bank of East Lot #1.

RV guests must check in to sign a policy agreement at the Inn at China Peak's front desk prior to parking.

At times, after a major snowfall event, RVs may not be allowed for a period during or following a storm or cancel reservations. It is imperative we have our parking lots 100% free of all vehicles.

For reservations or more details, please call the Inn at China Peak at (559) 233-1200 or email cpinn@skichinapeak.com.

*Holiday dates are 12/23/23 through 1/2/24, 1/12/24 through 1/14/24 and 2/16/24 through 2/18/24

in those areas could include fines and charges for damages from an accident. You might also have to pay towing fees if a law enforcement officer stops you and decides the safest thing to do is to have your vehicle towed out of the snow area.

That all sounds pretty daunting. However, if snow conditions could be predicted with accuracy, it would be easy to know what to do, Mother Na-



If you do not have chains or cables on your vehicle, you may end up stuck off the road.

ture can change her mind about weather conditions in the Sierra Nevada.

A drive that starts out on a sunny afternoon along the Central Coast or further inland could take you into a situation where you'd not only need chains, but you'd need to put them on in a hurry. Or you could drive to your destination and encounter little snow on the way, but wake up in the morning to a blizzard.

California's winter weather is inconsistent, with wet years and dry years. It could snow as early as November. By late April, snow season is usually over.

For advance planning, you may want to know what the chances of snow falling are for your destination. Search online for any of your favorite weather apps but be sure



If you have never put chains on your vehicle, it is a good idea to practice beforehand. to pick your weather location at the highest elevation you plan to visit.

For up to date road conditions and closures you can follow Caltrans on their website or get their app for your mobile device. The following are the California DMV levels of snow chain requirements. You'll see them listed on signs like the one on this page.

Requirement One (R1): Chains, traction devices or snow tires are required on the drive axle of all vehicles except four wheel/ all wheel drive vehicles.

Requirement Two (R2): Chains or traction devices are required on all vehicles except four wheel/ all wheel drive vehicles with snow-tread tires on all four wheels.

Requirement Three (R3): Chains or traction devices are required on



The CHP is very active in monitoring chain control during the winter months. Without the proper use of chains, vehicles can easily slide over the center line into on coming traffic.

all vehicles, there are no exceptions.

Regulations require that all drivers MUST carry chains when driving in designated chain control areas, marked by a sign that says, "CHAINS REQUIRED" - even if driving a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

Unless it starts to snow, no one is likely to stop you and search your vehicle to see if you have chains with you. During a snowstorm, Caltrans or the CHP may close the roads to all motorists who don't have chains on their tires. And in the rare instance that you got in without chains and snow starts when you didn't expect it, you might get a traffic ticket, and/or your vehicle could be towed out of the snow area at your expense.

To find out if you have snow tires on your vehicle look on the wall of the tire for the letters MS, M/S, M+S

Come Work at China Peak for Good Jobs and Some Really Great Perks

Join the seasonal work force with jobs for those preferring the outdoors or indoors.

The staff at China Peak has a fresh attitude and a strong commitment toward servicing resort guests. As a customer service professional and employee at China Peak, you will enjoy more incentives and benefits than ever before including:

- Free skiing and riding.
- Free learn to ski or snowboard.
- Private monthly ski days begin in January, just for staff and friends.
- Food and sport shop discounts

and some dependent privileges at China Peak.

On site staff housing available for most jobs.

Big News! China Peak has been rated by ski industry insurance companies the "safest ski resort in America for staff members"!

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Snowmaking at China Peak covers about 40% of the total terrain. This breaks down by trail type to 5% expert/advanced, 15% beginner, and 20% intermediate. The system allows resort employees to open multiple important runs across all lifts in just a matter of weeks.

Snowmaking System Insures Earlier Opening of Ski Slopes, Profiting Guests and Resort

Labor Day is just a memory as September eases into October. Outdoor adventure enthusiasts search for their skis or snowboards, as they vision soft, white, powdery slopes.

Meanwhile, California ski resort managers begin to fret about how much snow will arrive by Thanksgiving. They know how important to their bottom line it is to open as soon as possible.

With Mother Nature being so fickle, resorts can never accurately predict when enough snow will fall, so they can open. Can resorts open without any natural snow?

Yes, but only with a snowmaking system large enough to produce sufficient water to convert to snow in a short period of time, typically a few to several nights. That's why an efficient snowmaking system is essential to California ski resorts.

Nearly all resorts make snow. Some systems cover almost the entire mountain. Others with more modest systems can only supplement natural snowfall.

Machine made snow is simply snow made by a machine. It's no different than natural snow. It is a combination of air and water sent through hoses at a high pressure to 'atomize' the water. Thus, millions of small particles with the right

combination of air temperature and humidity fall to the ground as snow. This combination is known as the 'wet bulb' temperature.

What is the primary goal of snowmaking? Ski resorts rely on holiday business to have a profitable year, and when a drought comes along,

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"Over the summer we evaluated our snow making machines and did some relocation," said Troy Cohee,



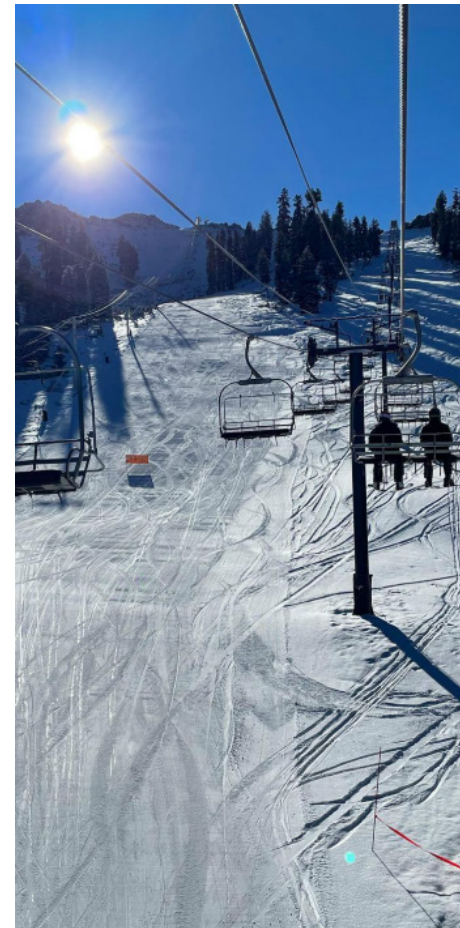
China Peak invested over \$3,000,000 in a snow making system so the guests could have confidence in the resort's ability to be operational for the important holiday season.

as it did seven times in the past 12 years. If you're not open for the Christmas and New Year holidays, it is almost certain there is no real chance of having a profitable year.

China Peak has invested over \$3,000,000 in a snowmaking system. Even though it was a very expensive investment, it needed to be made so China Peak could remain a viable business in the future.

How big is China Peak's new snowmaking system? It ranks among the second tier of resorts in California, one of the ten largest systems in California. The top tier includes Snow Summit, Bear Mountain, Heavenly, Mammoth, and Northstar.

The second tier includes China Peak, Mountain High, Boreal, Diamond Peak, Sugar Bowl, and Mt. Rose.



The snow making system allows guests to enjoy a beautiful sunny day at China Peak covered.

Ensuring the high priority regions of the mountain are covered by our snow making machines will allow us to consistently open by the Christmas Holidays, even without natural snow."

"Our goal is always to open by the Thanksgiving Holiday if temperatures allow for snowmaking. Currently we prioritize opening the 400' moving carpet, chair 6, and chair 2."

"This year we have 4 new TechnoAlpin TR9 snowmaking machines," continued Troy. "The snowmaking system operates between 3500-4000 gallons per minute."

"This means that when the 'wet bulb' temperatures hit the mid 20s and lower, our system can convert close to 4,000 gallons of water per minute to snow," concluded Cohee.

"This allows us to open multiple runs across all lifts in a matter of weeks. We make snow on at least one run off each of our lifts."

So, there you have a pretty solid explanation of how snowmaking works. China Peak management has invested heavily in a system that will provide their valuable customers a reliable skiing by the Christmas Holidays.



Water is atomized at a very high pressure to make snow that allows the resort to open.

Director of Operations. "This ensures our highest traffic, high priority, trails are adequately

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Veterans With Disabilities Enjoy Adaptive Sports Center's Support

The wonderful staff, sponsors and donors of the Central California Adaptive Sports Center (CCASC), will again help provide access to skiing, snowboarding and more to many who have suffered mental or physical injuries.

The Adaptive Sports Center strives to enhance the quality of life of people with disabilities through exceptional outdoor adventure activities.

Activities: CCASC's offers lessons for persons with disabilities of all skill levels and interests, including sit-skiing, stand-up skiing, ski-biking, snowshoeing and mountaineering. Family members are encouraged and welcome to participate in all activities.

Availability: Winter programs are available to all persons with disabilities Thursday through Sunday, Thanksgiving weekend through April 30. Naturally these dates are dependent upon Mother Nature and China Peak Mountain Resort's opening and closing dates.

Although drop ins can be accommodated, advance reservations are strongly recommended.



Two guides help steady an Adaptive Sports Center participant in learning to snow ski.

Through grant funding from the Department of Veteran's Affairs Adaptive Sports Program, CCASC is able to offer lessons to Veterans with disabilities at no charge. Discounted lift tickets and rentals are available for family members.

Duration: Most of CCASC's win-

ter activities are planned to last for a half-day or all day. Half-day programs run from 9:30 am - 12:00 noon or 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Full day programs run from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.

Location: All programs take place at China Peak Mountain Resort unless otherwise designated.

Participant Support: The ratio of participants to CCASC instructors is normally 2:1. For some activities, such as alpine (downhill) skiing, the ratio is 1:1. In most cases, a CCASC field assistant will be assigned to the instructor to assist with each participant.

Legal Stuff: All participants and



A volunteer guide with the Adaptive Sports Center assists blind skier enjoy the slopes.

persons associated with program activities are required to sign a liability release form. All participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult approved by the parent.

The successful programs the ASC provides are inclusive to families and friends, empower our participants in their daily lives and have a positive enduring effect on self efficacy, health, independence and overall well-being.

Some discounts and scholarships are available to non-veterans. For details or to schedule a program, contact: randy@centralcaladaptive.org or call 559-593-2504.

Miles of Groomed Snowmobile Trails Available in the Sierra National Forest

Throwing your legs over the saddle of a snowmobile and roaring off into the snow covered landscape is one heck of a thrill.

The region in and around Shaver Lake or Huntington Lake offers a wonderful opportunity to enjoy this popular outdoor winter sport.

Enjoy a view of snow covered peaks of the Kaiser Wilderness and Huntington Lake.

The backcountry around Huntington Lake region features scores of snowmobile trails that are well maintained.

All and all about 150 miles of groomed trails are available for riders and cross country skiers to enjoy.

The U.S. Forest Service has

worked several years in the Sierra National Forest developing several marked cross country ski trails along Highway 168.

Most of these trails are between the 7,000 and 7,500 elevation and are maintained with grooming during the season.

They range in length and difficulty from a one mile beginner trail at Huntington Lake to a six mile advanced trail near Tamarack Ridge.

Come and enjoy a day of winter fun. If you don't have your own machine, there is a local business that offer snowmobile rentals. Visit ShaverLakePowerCenter.com located near Ken's Market in Shaver.



A group from the A Combat Veteran's Hope gather in front of the Central California Adaptive Sports Center Office at China Peak Mountain Resort during a visit to enjoy the slopes.

Easy Drive, Spend Your Time on the Slopes, Not the Road

It is late Friday afternoon along the Central Coast from Pismo Beach to Santa Cruz. You just got off work, you packed last evening and you are ready for a weekend getaway with family or friends.

Now, China Peak Mountain Resort the hidden gem of the Sierra, is just an average four hour drive away.

"China Peak is very attractive for families," said Troy Cohee, Director of Operations. "A family vacation is hundreds of dollars less than most California ski resorts."

China Peak has great structure, with a vertical drop near 1,700 feet. With a base at 7,000 feet and a top of 8,700

feet, this place can get a ton of snow.

Plenty of lifts get skiers around the mountain, including four triple chairs and two quad lifts. The base area features a moving carpet.

Getting to those runs is fairly easy because the resort is known for short lines and open terrain. All you need is your trail map. Perhaps the biggest challenge will be finding the energy to keep going all day.

When you get low on energy, there are variety of food outlets catering to every appetite, from quick snacks to hearty meals, along with your favorite beverage. Visit SkiChinaPeak.com or call (559) 233-2500 for details.

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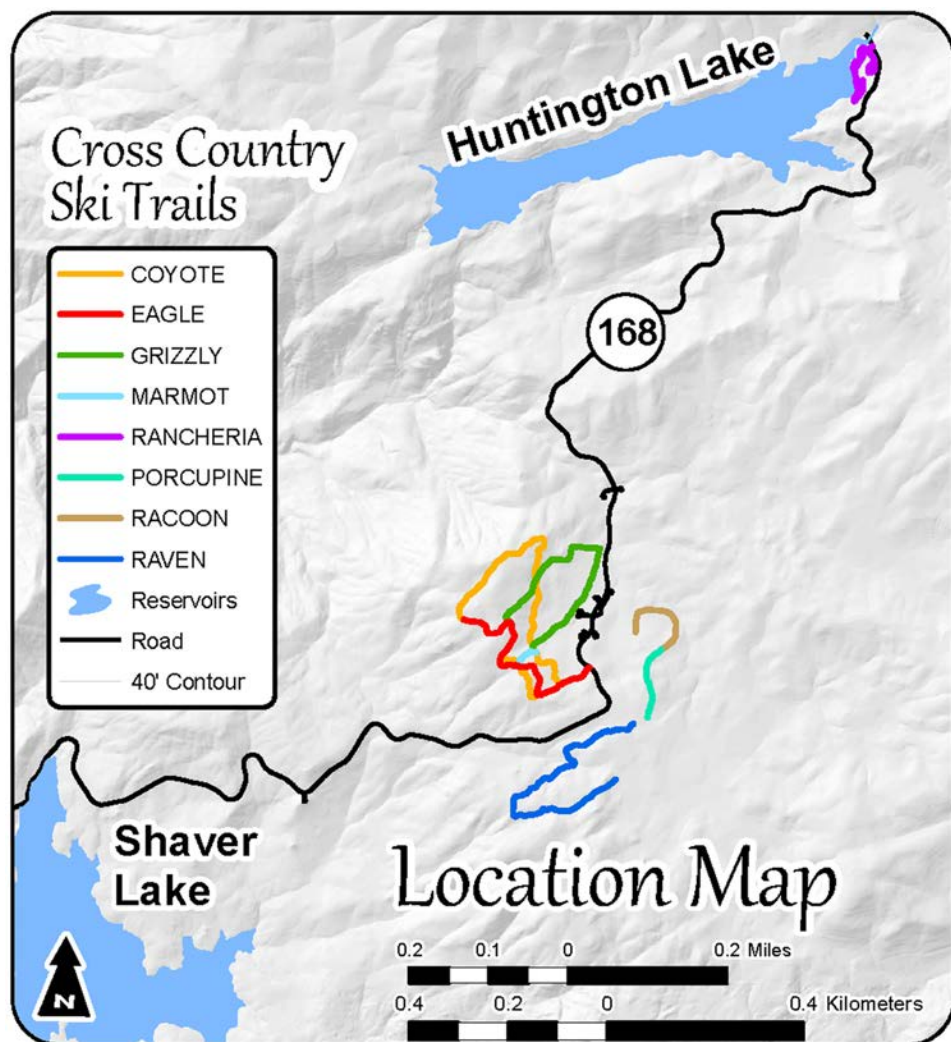
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The useful map above outlines the cross-country ski trails that can be explored from the Sno-Parks in the Shaver and Huntington Lakes region. Use it to enjoy some winter adventures.

Building a Snowman and Decorating It Is a Wonderful Way to Spend Family Time

When the winter arrives with heavy snow, get the family and your friends together, find a local Sno Park and build a snowman!

What could be more simple than rolling up three snowballs and stack them with the largest on the bottom and the smallest on top.

Check for snow that's moist and packable. Scoop some up and press it together. If it easily forms into a ball, you can make a snowman. Build your snowman on a flat surface. Try to put him in the shade.

Roll up your snowman by packing a snowball with your hands for the bottom section. Continue adding to it and make it into a round shape. Wear warm, waterproof gloves to protect your hands from handling cold snow.

Create a smaller middle section and put it onto the bottom ball. Make sure to center it on the bottom. Form a one foot snowball for the head and put it on top. Then pack



Building a snowman is a wonderful family adventure that can help build teamwork! some snow between the sections to give the snowman a uniform look.

Now bring your creation to life. Stick a carrot in his face for a nose. Use charcoal or pebbles for eyes. Make a mouth with a row of pebbles, charcoal or a couple of sticks.

Place two sticks for the snowman's arms. Top him off with a hat, scarf, a tie, sunglasses, or other accessories to make your snowman stand out.

Major Cross Country Ski Trails in the High Sierra Ranger District

Any snow-covered forest road or trail in the Sierra National Forest can be used for cross-country skiing. The High Sierra Ranger District has several cross-country ski trailheads along Highway 168 that provide access to eight designated and marked ski trails.

Most of the trails are between 7,000 and 7,500 feet in elevation. They range in length and difficulty from a mile and a half beginner trail at Huntington Lake to a six-mile advanced trail at Coyote Nordic Trailhead on Tamarack Ridge.

Coyote Nordic Trailhead

The Coyote Nordic Trailhead is located about 11 miles north of Shaver Lake on the west side of Highway 168. Vault toilets and trail information are available at the site. Trails in this area offer the novice and experienced skier a variety of terrain and scenic viewpoints. Snowshoers and hikers are asked to walk to the side of the Nordic ski track. This area is closed to all motorized vehicles during the winter.

Eagle Trail • (Easy) • 5 miles

The trail follows the road to Shaver Lake Vista where there is a panoramic view of the Shaver Lake Basin. On a clear day, skiers may view the Coast Range across the San Joaquin Valley. The trail follows the same route back to the trailhead.

Marmot Trail • (Difficult) • 2.2 miles

The trail follows a road and trail system for most of its length, but does allow the skier to do some cross-country for a short section of the route between the N7 and N11 location markers. This trail is rated more difficult as there are some steeper grades to negotiate.

Coyote Loop

• (Difficult) • 6 miles

The trail follows road and trail systems around the Tamarack Mountain area. There are several scenic vistas along the way. They provide views of Red Mountain, Huntington Lake, Kaiser Ridge and Shaver Lake areas. The trail is rated most difficult due to the length and steeper grades.

Grizzly Trail

• (Difficult) • 5.7 miles

The trail follows road and trail systems to the east of Tamarack Mountain. The trail crosses the Coyote Trail after about three miles. At this point, skiers may elect to ski to the trailhead by other routes. The trail is rated more difficult due to the length and steeper grades.

Tamarack Ridge

Nordic/Snowmobile Trailhead

The Tamarack Ridge Nordic/Snowmobile Trailhead is located approximately 11 miles north of Shaver Lake on the east side of Highway 168. Vault toilets and

trail information are available at the site. Trails in this area offer the novice and experienced skier a variety of terrain and scenic viewpoints. Snowshoers and hikers are asked to walk to the side of the Nordic ski track. This area is open to motorized and non-motorized use during the winter. Ski trails are marked with blue diamond-shaped markers. Over snow vehicle routes are marked with orange diamond-shaped markers.

Porcupine Trail • (Difficult) • 4.0 miles

The trail follows road and trail systems near the South Fork of Tamarack Creek area. The trail passes a scenic vista of the Kaiser Ridge area. At the N4 location marker, skiers may elect to return to the trailhead via the same route, Forest Road 9S23/Chipmunk OSV



Cross Country skiing is one of several thrilling winter sports available locally. (over-snow vehicle) trail, or by navigating cross country.

Raccoon Trail

• (Difficult) • 4 miles

The trail follows road and trail systems near the South Fork of the Tamarack Creek region. The trail loops within 200 feet of the South Fork of Tamarack Creek and is rated more difficult due to the length and steeper grades along the way.

Raven Trail

• (Difficult) • 4.4 miles

The trail follows road and trail systems to the southwest of the trailhead and accesses a scenic vista of Shaver Lake. The trail is rated most difficult due to the length and steeper grades.

Rancheria Trail • (Easy) • 1.5 miles

The trail is located within the Rancheria Campground in the Huntington Lake area on the west side of Highway 168. The trail follows the campground road system via several short loops and provides access to Huntington Lake. Skiers should beware of thin ice on the lake.

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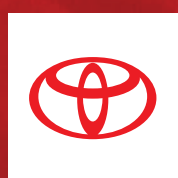
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Thousands Depend Upon the Dedication of Caltrans Crew 655

During the winter of 2022/23, a massive 701 inches of snowfall was recorded at China Peak Mountain Resort. Excellent, that means great skiing, boarding, snowmobiling and all around snow play.

Yeah, there was an abundance of snow for visitors to enjoy. But, unfortunately, this heavy snowfall created some extreme travel conditions in the region that is only accessible via Highway 168 which is maintained by Caltrans Crew 655.

At one time the only access to Shaver Lake and beyond, was via the old, switchback laden Tollhouse Road to the top of the four lane. Auberry Road was washed out at Alder Springs. Highway 168 between Lodge Road and Cressmans was blocked by avalanches and wash outs. Highway 168 between Cressmans and Shaver Lake experienced several other avalanches and traffic delays.

Without the absolute dedication to duty shown by the District 6 Cal Trans crews, the economic impact of the surrounding communities of Shaver Lake, Big Creek and Huntington Lake would have been much worse than it actually was.

This has never been an eight-hour shift job for the folks on the crew. The winter days are long and cold. The nights are even worse. Weekends don't exist and neither do holidays. Mother Nature dictates when this crew gets to take a well-deserved break. This past winter they spent weeks without such a break.

Crew 655 normally consists of at least 12 crew members. Conditions quickly required additional personnel that were brought in from other areas.

They worked 12 to 15 hour shifts. During a shift, crew members can be found manning at least six plow trucks, two blowers, and two graders. Often the seat of some equipment never has a chance to get cold. As soon as one person exits the vehicle another enters, and work continues.

The crew worked nearly round the clock to reopen the roads, repair the various road damage and keep traffic flowing.

In just a week in March, much of the Shaver and Huntington Lakes region received over 10 feet of snow. This massive snowfall actually caused snow removal crews to step back.

There were several factors involved in this decision. The biggest factor by far is safety. Not having access to equipment during the storm allowed snow to pile up to dangerous levels.

Prior to the storm, in a few location, the snow cats were just getting under tree limbs and power lines. The operators were digging down to pass under the branches or lines. There were at least four locations that power lines were certainly buried under snow.

So as locals and visiting tourists lay in warm beds, half of the 655 Crew is using dump trucks, loaders and blowers to remove snow from local parking lots and truck it to the outer edges of town making room for those who will seek local favorite treats in just a few short hours.

The other half of the crew can be found sanding roadways and clearing parking lots at the four local snow parks for visitors who will be



Caltrans crews put in lots of long hours of plowing roads, sanding icy pavement, alerting travelers to chain control requirements as well as helping stranded motorists to be safe.

coming up for the day.

As the sun rises and crowds descend upon the area, the crew will spend a portion of their day partnering with California Highway Patrol to enforce chain control.

Those not working the chain control areas are out using a road grader to peel the snow pack and ice off the road and the blowers to get the snow off the road to give a safer and wider travel space for motorists.

Days prior, the crew went into Storm Protocol, the process of planning and executing last-minute repairs, culvert cleaning, weather monitoring, pothole filling, and

Tremendous Snowfall Covered the Region for 2022/23 Season

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at the top of the four lane, and Shaver Lake experienced several other avalanches and traffic delays.

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The CHP had to provide escorts for trucks supplying fuel and basic supplies for Shaver Lake.

preparations for any environmentally sensitive areas that are susceptible to flash floods or rock slides.

The crew carefully times when the storm might hit and just how much time they can spend at home with families before Mother Nature calls them to work.

If you happen to head up to the Greater Shaver Lake region for a leisurely weekend, don't forget to show your appreciation to the Shaver Lake Crew. The best way to acknowledge their hard work is to give them plenty of time and space to do their work and remember #DontCrowdThePlow!

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The Farmer's Almanac prediction for the region in 2023/24 is a strong El Niño creating a wetter than normal winter, with above-normal mountain snow.

The stormiest, wettest periods will be in early and late January, early to mid-February, and mid-March. There will be a white Christmas across the Sierra Nevada mountains, but not in the valleys or along the coast.

Temperatures this winter will be colder than normal in the region. Coldest temperatures are expected in early/late November, early/late December, and late January.

Time will tell if this is true! Let's hope so! More snow on the slopes is good for the local economy.

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Four Local Sno-Park Locations for Exciting Snow Play Family Adventures

Plan to take a day this winter season and bring family and or friends into the local Sierra Nevada for an exciting day of outdoor adventures.

Here's a question for you. What can you do with a carrot in one hand and two lumps of coal in the other? Well, you can build a snowman!

So pack your companions into the car and head for one of the five Sno-Parks in the Shaver and Huntington Lakes region.

They are all accessed via Highway 168 between 60 and 75 miles from Fresno. They include Tamarack, Coyote, Eastwood and Huntington Lake.



Four regional Sno Parks provide a great place for family and friends to enjoy the day.

You will be pleased to find snow-cleared parking lots with sanitation facilities. Enjoy the snow play areas or try the cross-country ski and snowmobile trails.

Be advised that snow-cleared parking lots cannot be guaranteed on

a daily basis because of weather conditions and snow plowing priorities.

A Sno-Park permit is required for each vehicle from November 1 through May 30. Day Permits for \$5 or Seasonal Permits for \$25 are sold by local vendors.



Enjoy sledding, snowshoe treks, a ride on a snowmobile and more at local Sno Parks.

Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis. Overnight parking, including in-vehicle camping is allowed except where noted. Tent camping or sleeping outside in the parking area is prohibited.

Trash containers may not be provided, so pack out your own refuse. Always carry a shovel, blankets, water, flashlight and tire chains.

Remember that your common sense, skill level, use of proper clothing, and respect for the terrain and weather all affect your safety, so take some time to plan your trip. Call (800) 427-7623 for a CalTrans recording on highway conditions.



FEEL GOOD ENERGY



If You Don't Ski, Just Drop the Others Off and Go Snowshoeing

What started as a necessary means of travel thousands of years ago has evolved into a popular alternative winter activity for recreation and fitness. Why? Well, it's fun. That's why.

How do you get started? It's easy. As the saying goes, "If you can walk, you can snowshoe."

It's also inexpensive. You only need snowshoes, hiking boots, warm clothing, gloves, head gear and perhaps poles. That's it!

The learning curve is also much shorter than skiing, snowboarding or cross country treks. All it takes is a few techniques to practice. These include widening your stance (so you don't trip on your snowshoes), going up and down hills, traversing slopes and pole usage.

Snowshoeing offers participants a low-impact, aerobic exercise that helps you stay in shape during the winter. It's versatile. You can get an easy workout or be aggressive. Plus, your dog can follow along.

Trail etiquette is important. You will often be sharing the trail with cross-country skiers. Try to make your own trail whenever possible, staying out of the tracks these skiers have worked so hard to set. Skiers have the right-of-way on trail systems. This is obvious, since it's easier for you to step off the trail safely

than it is for a cross country skier to stop or go around. Always be polite to the folks you meet along the trail.

Snowshoeing techniques are simple. Get going by walking on flat surfaces when you first start out. Most snowshoes have simple "strap and go" bindings that fit a wide range of boot styles and sizes. Your stance should be wider than normal when you're on snowshoes in order to keep you from stepping on the insides of your frames.

Consequently, you may feel your hips and groin muscles ache after the first few times out. If possible, walk in the steps made by the person in front of you.

Always pay attention to your physical condition, the environment and your gear. Stick to established trails at first. The local SnoPark areas have cross-country ski trails that those snowshoeing can share. That way, you're never too far from others, and you're not likely to encounter avalanche hazards. Do not snowshoe alone.

Be aware of winter hazards like creek crossings, changes in weather along with tree or rock wells. If you plan to venture away from a patrolled ski area, be sure you and your companions are prepared. Carry a topographic map of the area, a compass and possibly an altimeter or a



Snowshoeing has gained popularity across the country as a wonderful way to exercise in the winter. You can try it by renting a set of snowshoes from Shaver Lake Sports or REI. GPS to help you navigate. Know how to use them. The winter backcountry is not the best place to learn. Before heading out, leave your trip plans with a responsible person and let them know whom to contact in case you don't return on time.

Know the signs of hypothermia so you can recognize them in members of your party. Stay hydrated by drinking water to keep your muscles functioning and helping your body fend off hypothermia. Keep your water from freezing by using an insulating cover for your water bottle. A vacuum bottle with hot drinks will keep you hydrated and warm.

REI at Riverpark and Shaver Lake Sports will rent and sell snowshoes. They will fit you with a pair that is appropriate for you. You don't need special shoes for snowshoeing, just waterproof hiking boots.

It's easy to learn to use snow-

shoes. Within five minutes you'll be having a good time. You're not going to be able to go as far as you can walk. So if you are used to walking five miles on a hike during the summer, you are probably going to go about two and a half miles in that same amount of time.

For snowshoes, it's imperative that you have the right size and maybe even have extensions for them so you don't sink into the snow. Extensions are tails that you clip onto the end of snowshoes to increase the surface area meaning you won't sink.

The size of snowshoes are dependent on how much a person weighs. The heavier a person is the larger snowshoes they'll need to keep them from sinking into the snow.

The sales staff at the store from which you bought or rented them will make sure you have the right ones for your height and weight.



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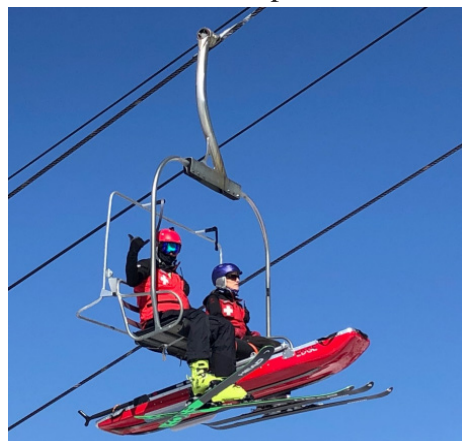
Visitor Safety is Main Focus for the China Peak Ski Patrol

One of the most important aspects of China Peak Management is to watch over boarders and skiers as they enjoy their time at the resort.

This responsibility falls on the shoulders of Rich Bailey who directs the efforts of his paid staff and all the volunteers.

You can join the China Peak Ski Patrol, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It derives primary financial support from membership dues, donations, and corporate sponsorships.

The volunteers pay for their own equipment and training. Members include ski and bike patrollers, base



Two patrol staff members share a chair lift taking them to the top of China Peak slopes.

patrol, mountain and bike host, alumni, and associates.

“The patrol staff takes accident prevention very seriously,” said

Bailey. “They are constantly working to promote mountain awareness to skiing and riding guests. The primary goal is to prevent accidents.”

For more information or to make a donation, please visit their website, ChinaPeakVolunteerSkiPatrol.org.

China Peak Mountain Resort is the proud recipient of a number of industry honors over the past several years. Perhaps the most important is the resort’s status as one of the best in the nation when it comes to providing care for resort customers.

This is due in large part to the China Peak Volunteer Ski Patrol. It is recognized as a national leader.

Typically patrol members help park cars, bus tables, handle traffic control on the highway. This is additional to providing at least 14 days of patrolling per year at the ski area.

Of course patrollers like to help injured skiers and bring them down the hill in sleds. They practice these skills almost endlessly. But they really prefer just cruising all over the mountain without incident.

“Our patrol has won numerous BEST IN THE NATION AWARDS for instructors, individuals, paid patrollers, and volunteer patrollers,” boasted Bailey.

“Simply stated,” said Bailey, “we have an awesome crew of passion-



Members of the China Peak Ski Patrol attend numerous training sessions during the season to make sure their skills are honed so when they are needed they are really ready.

ate patrollers! Many in this dedicated crew have provided ski patrol duties for over 20 years.”

“I am proud that our guys and



Patrollers speed into action when someone has a spill on the slopes and need assistance.

gals have volunteered to help other patrols with training, avalanche courses, first aid as well as assisting

when they were light on their own patrol,” continued Bailey.

Volunteer patrol coordinator Randy Baerg spends many hours a week to make his patrol team the best in the west. Each year, Baerg, along with his Board of Directors, make sure to facilitate the training of volunteer candidates. They are well prepared and earn the privilege of wearing a **Red Cross**.

“Randy works very hard to help bring out the best in each of our volunteers,” said Bailey.

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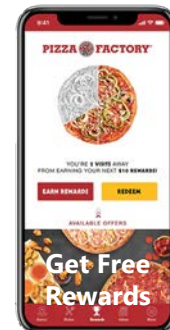
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