



ARIZONA SNOWBOWL 2017-18 UPHILL USE POLICY

Arizona Snowbowl, and the Coconino National Forest embrace uphill travel access within the special use permit at the ski resort. With uphill skiing and snowboarding on the rise across the snowsports industry, we would like to welcome you as a guest of the resort. Please remember, as an uphill traveler, to respect our policies, employees, and patrons, in order to keep this uphill privilege available.

Arizona Snowbowl operates under a special use permit from the Coconino National Forest. We enhance the use of your public lands by offering easy access to the Peaks, plowing Snowbowl road, use of our parking lots, supporting our unique community culture and outdoor recreation opportunities. Please keep in mind that uphill travel access is a privilege, not a right, on USFS permitted land.

This policy has been created for the safety of our guests and employees. Many potential hazards exist in a mountain environment, and under the Arizona Skier Safety Act, any person using any of the facilities of a ski area is considered a skier, and as such is required to adhere to, and obey all posted information, and to be aware of trail closures and other operational considerations.

The ski area is not maintained for uphill access, and trails are not patrolled outside normal ski area operating hours, therefore emergency services are not available. Use the buddy system and always go with a friend! Be especially aware of other skiers and riders approaching from above or below when on-mountain. Snowmobiles, snowcats, winch cat cables, snowmaking hoses, and other equipment may be encountered at any time. There are inherent risks while recreating at the ski area, and **you assume all risk of injury and property damage.**

General

- **Arizona Snowbowl reserves the right to close the permit area for any reason including, but not limited to mountain operations, avalanche mitigation, and special events.**
- **During early season operations, Arizona Snowbowl may close the resort due to preparations, and multiple hazards that may be present for the opening of the ski area.**
- You are required to have a complimentary uphill access pass. Passes may be obtained early season at off site events (see our web-site) or at the Guest Service office located at the Hart Prairie Lodge during operating hours from 8:30 am-4:30pm. You must carry your complimentary pass on your person at all times while travelling uphill. You will also receive a free reflective armband that must be worn on your person at all times while travelling uphill.
- Please check the **Uphill Access kiosk** located in parking lot 6 for closure information, routes, and updates. **Routes will be posted by 5:00 pm daily.**
- **Our gate is locked every evening so park in lot 6 to avoid being locked in the resort. Vehicles will be towed.**
- **Minimize damage to our freshly groomed trails:** Please respect that we have a business to operate and our groomers take pride in providing a quality product for our customers. Please stay to lookers left when travelling uphill and skiers right when travelling downhill, as close to tree line as possible.
- **Dogs are not allowed on the ski slopes inside our boundary.**
- **Please obey all posted closures.** Closures may be for a number of reasons including but not limited to; Avalanche control, grooming, snowmaking, and events.

- Terrain Parks are always closed during non-operational hours.
- Reflective clothing is recommended.
- Headlamps are recommended.
- Stay clear of our equipment, and do not assume an operator can see you. Proper etiquette is to move to the side of the ski run, and let the snowcat pass.
- No motorized vehicles allowed including, but not limited to snowmobiles.

Operating Hours

- No uphill travel is allowed during ski area operational hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Uphill Travel Hours 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. (uphill travelers must be off the ski slopes no later than 8 am).
- Those individuals with backcountry permits may access the Humphreys trailhead, during operational hours, located at the north end of parking lot 8, and may cross the Hart Prairie ski run to access the trail, but must yield to skiers and riders travelling downhill.

Routes

- Routes are determined daily due to mountain operations such as, snowmaking and grooming.
- Information regarding routes are updated daily and can be found at the **Kiosk** in parking lot 6.
- **Terrain Parks** are always closed during non-operational hours.
- **Always** travel up on lookers left, and down on skiers right, as close to tree line as possible. **Please do not ski/ride in the middle of any groomed run or across a trail.**
- **Respect the corduroy.**

Avalanche Danger and Explosives

- **Uphill access during avalanche operations will be closed.**
- **Violation of an avalanche closure, or any closure will result in revocation of ski/ride privileges.**
- **Avalanche danger may exist** following any new amount of snow or wind, which may result in Ski Patrol conducting avalanche control work, including the use of explosives.
- During avalanche control operations, a **sign, flashing beacon, and warning flags** will be posted on the Arizona Snowbowl entry gate.

Hazards

Participants must beware of, and avoid all mountain hazards. These hazards include, but are not limited to:

- **Winch Cat operations: Under no circumstance may anyone access any area where winch cat operations are taking place! Operations involve cables that are stretched tightly across the terrain and can be very dangerous! Skiing into them could result in serious injury or death. Please respect our signage and flashing beacons.**
- **Snowcat grooming: Give snowcats a wide berth, and make yourself visible to operators, do not assume the operator will see you.**
- **Do not ski/ride between fan guns, or hydrant locations on edge of trail!**
 - Hoses used for snowmaking have very high pressure, do not ski over hoses.
 - Snowmaking electrical cords are high voltage! Do not ski over electrical cords.
 - Look for snowmaking hydrants, and avoid open sites.
- **Snowmobiles: Stay to the skier's right of trails, for your safety to avoid collisions. Do not assume a snowmobile can stop in time to avoid you, or the operator will see you!**
- **Other hazard** areas, operations, or conditions may exist. **Ski/ride at your own risk!**