

## **Arizona Snowbowl Uphill Use Policy 2021 / 2022**

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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, other equipment, and irregular ungroomed snow surfaces 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.**
- **Rescue personnel are not on site during uphill hours. Call 911 for emergency assistance.**
- You are required to complete the online agreement and obtain a complimentary uphill armband. Armbands may be obtained at off site events 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 reflective armband on your person at all times while travelling uphill.
- Please check [www.flagstaffuphill.com](http://www.flagstaffuphill.com), [www.snowbowl.ski](http://www.snowbowl.ski), and the **Uphill Access kiosk** located in parking lot 2 for closure information, the uphill route, and updates.
- **Our gate is locked every evening at 5:30 p.m. Park in lot 2, below the Snowbowl Ski Area gate, 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 right when travelling uphill and skiers left 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 armband is required and reflective clothing recommended.**
- **Headlamps are required..**
- **Stay clear of equipment, and do not assume an operator can see you.** Proper etiquette is to move to the side of the ski run, and let equipment and personnel pass.
- **No motorized vehicles** allowed including, but not limited to snowmobiles or bicycles.

### Operating Hours

- **No uphill travel is allowed during ski area operational hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.**
- **Uphill Travel Hours: Monday - Friday: 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 4:30 a.m. through 7:30 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
- Recreationists may access the Humphreys trailhead, during operational hours, located at the north end of parking lot 1, and may cross the Hart Prairie ski run to access the trail, but must yield to skiers and riders travelling downhill.

### Route:

- The Uphill Route is from Lot 2, up Lower Northstar, past Agassiz Lodge, up Roundup, Wild Turkey, and Logjam to the intersection of the Midway Catwalk. No other travel on the ski area is permitted.
- **Terrain Parks** are always closed during non-operational hours.
- **Always** travel up on lookers right, and down on skiers left, 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 and storm cycles, Uphill travel will be closed.

### 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.**
- **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.**
  - **Snowmaking hoses are very high pressure, do not ski over hoses.**
  - **Snowmaking electrical cords are high voltage. Do not touch.**
  - **Look for and avoid snowmaking hydrants and all other equipment.**
- Do not assume a snowmobile can stop in time to avoid you.
- **Other hazards, equipment, or conditions may exist. Ski/ride at your own risk.**