

# Camelback Mountain Resort: SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING

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he 2021-2022 winter season is in full swing at Camelback Mountain Resort, recently cited by Conde Nast Traveler as one of the "Best Ski Resorts in the U.S. and Canada." Nestled in the Pocono Mountains, Camelback is a year-round recreational destination ideal for multi-generational family experiences located 90 minutes from New York City, and two hours from Philadelphia. The 560-acre resort includes Camelback Mountain for skiing, snowboarding, and snowtubing; Camelback Mountain Adventures for ziplining, a treetop obstacle course, and alpine mountain coaster; and Camelback Lodge & Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark. Among the largest ski resorts in the area, Camelback is visited by millions during the winter months.

"This year's winter season may be our best yet," said Shawn Hauver, Camelback's managing director. "We have so many new adventures and dining options in store this year. We are especially excited for the new VR water slide at Aquatopia. We predict it will be a huge hit with kids and their adventure-seeking families and friends. Traditional activities have been updated and high-tech virtual reality experiences added. Of course, health and safety will always remain a top priority for our staff and guests with briefings and inspections of our facilities daily."

Camelback Mountain is a winter haven for adventure seekers. Whether an advanced skier anticipating the first run down a fresh coat of powder or a young family about to experience the thrill of tubing for the first time, snow enthusiasts of all levels and ages can expect a winter of epic skiing and riding.

Outdoor adventurers can enjoy 39 trails, 16 lifts and the country's largest snowtubing park complete with an out-of-this-world after-dark experience with music and disco lighting, 44 lightning-fast lanes, and two magic carpet lifts. In addition, the resort now offers an enhanced Camelback Ski & Ride Academy with dedicated locations for each of its four instructional programs. Also available are private lessons for beginners through advanced skiers.

### SKI-IN/SKI-OUT AT CAMELBACK LODGE

The only ski-in/ski-out resort in the Poconos. Camelback Lodge features 453 luxury guest suites with layouts to suit couples, families, and groups...plus Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark and Arcadia Arcade and Adventures spanning 170,000 square feet of entertainment space. Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark has 13 innovative water slides for adults and children. Arcadia Adventures include a 7D Dark Ride multi-sensory immersive experience; two climbing adventures; 4D Chaos Jump VR sci-fi adventure; a bumper car course; Game of Stones Escape Room; and a Laser Tag arena. The Arcadia Mega Arcade is packed with over 100 state-of-the-art video games including a new western-outlaw escape room involving the infamous Jesse James.

## Adventures in Winter Wonderland



#### FOOD FARE

Summit House is a ski-in/ski-out only restaurant offering both breathtaking views and classic Philly cheesesteaks, oysters on the half, Bavarian-style hot pretzels, along with a variety of German beers.

New this year is Big Pocono Food Hall featuring various grab-and-go offerings. Other delicious dining options include the recently renovated Thirsty Camel Bar & Grille, an indoor/outdoor restaurant featuring local breweries and pub-style menu; Tacos & Beer Truck; and Meatball Mayhem & Tap Bar, a draft beverage trailer, for meatball sandwiches, bread bowl chili and chowder along with beers and wines on tap plus cocktails and hot beverages.

An exciting new steakhouse, Berrelli's Italian Chophouse, features an extensive wine list in a fine-dining ambiance and a downstairs speakeasy-vibe game room for playing pool, darts and shuffleboard.

Camelback Lodge houses the new Café & Bar La Columbe a brasserie-style restaurant with coffee, pastries, sandwiches and salads to-go; Hemispheres, a family friendly breakfast buffet eatery; Trails End Pub & Grille, a ski-in/ski-out American brew pub open daily; Graffiti Pizza, a New York graffiti-themed pizza spot; and Oasis, the Poconos' unique indoor pool and swim-up bar reserved for guests 21 or older.

### **Best in Snow**

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Some of the resorts, particularly in the Pocono Mountains, are located relatively close to one another, so it's possible to visit more than one resort in a long weekend of skiing. Ideal for weekend or extended getaways, all resorts have snowmaking capabilities, generally over 100 percent of the mountain. Use this guide to plan your next great skiing adventure:



### CAMELBACK MOUNTAIN RESORT | Pocono Mountains

- Accommodations at the base of the hill, enabling car-free weekends
- Massive lodge with over 450 rooms and Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark
- · 800-foot vertical drop

- Space to ski or snowboard (each trail averages four acres)
- · 100 percent snowmaking coverage
- Modern lift infrastructure

Official site: www.camelbackresort.com