

BEGINNER TIPS

Snow sports are fun and challenging. The freedom experienced with motion and gravity is exhilarating and exciting. As with all gravity sports, the potential for injury is present.

As a new skier or rider your first responsibility is to stay in control by learning how to turn and stop. The best way to learn is by taking a lesson. Winter Park instructors will help you discover the easiest and safer process for learning to ski and ride. You will have more fun than trying to learn from a friend or family member. You will be introduced to a progression of terrain choices that will help you have an easier time learning. This section will introduce you to the Winter Park Mountain as well as seeing various types of lifts and learning more about riding them.

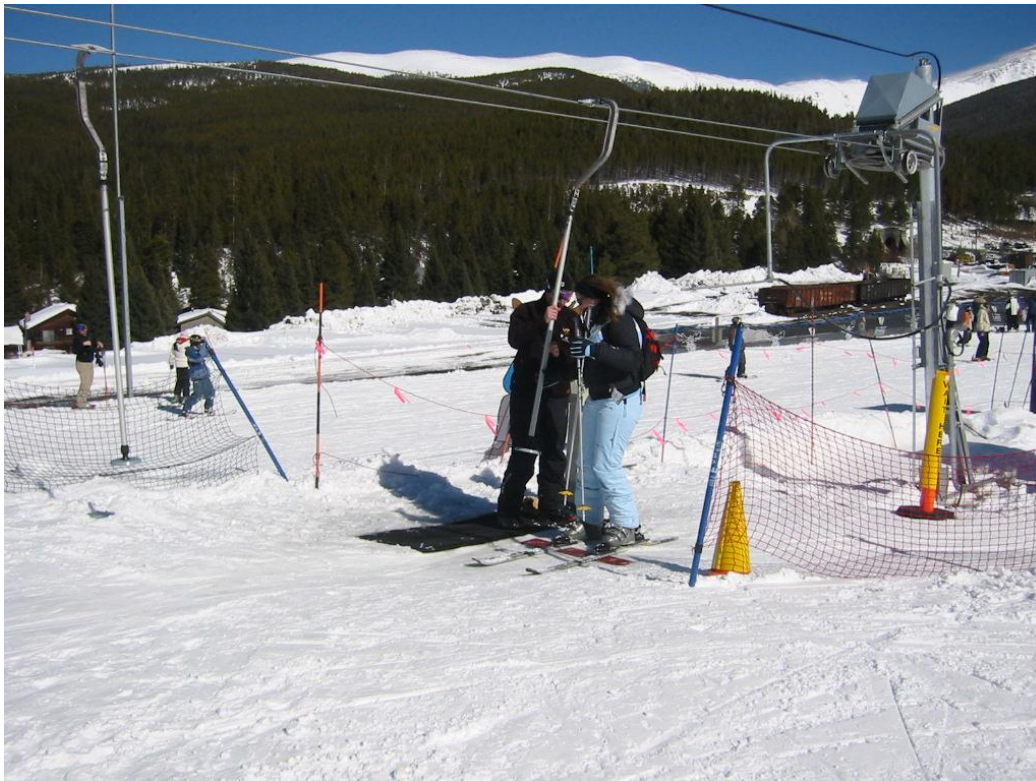
Where to Start



Sorensen Park is the beginner zone at the base of Winter Park. This is the first stop for all beginner skier and riders. Learn here before going up high on the mountain as the terrain will be more fun and you will progress more quickly. Don't let your friends try to talk you into going on terrain too difficult for your ability.



There are two surface lifts to take you up the hill. They are called Magic Carpets and are similar to the moving walkways at airports. Slide onto carpet and stand there while the carpet moves you uphill. Move out of the way of the other people exiting at the top.



The Spirit Platter lift will take you to the next level. Platter lifts can be difficult to ride for beginner snow boarders if you haven't taken a lesson.

This is how you ride the platter - don't sit down, just stand up with the disk between your legs and let it pull you. At the top, stay standing and just release the bar.



Once you are comfortable with turning and stopping, the next step is a ride up the Gemini Express Lift to Discovery Park.



Please read the “Your Responsibility Code”, the “Warning” the “Know These Symbols” and the “Loading Procedures” signs.

If you have any questions feel free to ask the lift operator for assistance.



When you have finished reading the signs, and you are comfortable with trying your first chairlift ride, stand on the **red**, Wait Here line. Remove your pole straps. When you (and any chairlift partners) are ready, follow the next chair by shuffling forward out to the **blue** load here line. Stand on the **blue** line and look back at the chair. Sit with your back against the chair back, keep your skis/snowboard straight and you are off! If there is an overhead bar, make sure your lift partners are prepared, and then pull the bar down slowly. Never bounce or swing the chair, and look for instruction signs on the towers on your ride up the lift.



At the top the yellow post marks the Stand Up Here location. Stand up at the sign, keeping your weight centered, look forward and ski straight ahead.



Discovery Park is the next level of beginner trails. There are two chairlifts here. Hone your skills in Discovery Park. Turnpike, Porcupine or Village Way trails are the easiest routes to the base. If you are tired you can also ride the Gemini Lift back down to the base. Lower Parkway is a more difficult green trail on the lower mountain, so avoid it until you have mastered Jack Kendrick. When you are comfortable and in control on Jack Kendrick, you are probably ready for the other **green** trails on the mountain.



The Prospector Lift is your ride to Jack Kendrick. It is just north of Discovery Park below Snoasis, the mid-mountain restaurant.



Trail signs are at intersections and near the top of chairlifts. Degree of difficulty ratings and symbols are relative to each resort. Choose your trail based on the following ratings:

Green circles = Easiest trails.

Blue squares = More Difficult (Intermediate)

Blue/Black (square with diamond inside) = More Difficult (Advanced)

Black Diamond = Most Difficult (Expert)

Orange oval = Freestyle terrain



There are trail maps available at Guest Services & at chairlift entrances. There are also large maps at the top of many chairlifts. Choose your route based on your ability.

Progress from greens to blues as your ability improves.



If you need help on the mountain, Ski Patrol Emergency phones are located throughout the resort. You may also call the emergency number direct to Ski Patrol if you have a cell phone 970-726-1487 (it is listed in the trail map). You may also ask any area employee if you have any questions or need any assistance.

Please take time to check out other helpful information throughout our web site www.winterparkresort.com. We want to help you to have a fun and safer vacation at Winter Park. Enjoy a lifetime of skiing! See you on the slopes!

