

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING at BURKE MOUNTAIN in VERMONT

EAST BURKE, VT – As another winter season continues, we think of ski resorts with roaring fires, big blankets. Outside we think of blankets of fresh powder on the trails. With all that in mind, here is a look at what has happened at Burke Mountain in preparation for winter 2019-20. The improvements include snowmaking upgrades, an enhancement of the learning area and plans for a big winter coming to the mountain.

Snowmaking Upgrades

Burke Mountain installed 30 new high-energy efficient guns are on Upper Willoughby and Lower Bear Den. This means more and better snow earlier in the season. Add to that, an infrastructure correction on Upper Willoughby that will deliver more snow on the trail more efficiently than ever.

The two new river intake pumps this winter gives Burke three new pumps, out of four, in the last two years. This almost doubles the gallon per minute intake of water for snowmaking. It also helps with more uphill pressure allowing Burke to fill the snowmaking pond faster than ever before. Couple this with two dump trucks worth of sediment removed from the system, and the result is that the snowmaking on the lower mountain is greatly benefitted.

Burke also added snowmaking on Upper Doug's Drop trail. The resort in 2019-20 will, for the first time ever, open this trail with snowmaking. As the installation took place this past summer, Burke's hopes were that the closure ropes would drop earlier and stay down later than past seasons on this long-time favorite trail.

Trail Map Changes

The Magic Carpet has been moved from the back of the hotel down to the lower mountain to expand the learning area. This also adds some much needed pitch and lift capacity. With this move, the resort is also creating some new ticket options that are great for your less-accomplished, ski-learning friends and first time on skis Burke guests. A Lower Mountain pass will be just \$39 per person, and a J-Bar/Carpet pass being will only be \$20 per person. This is perfect for those just starting out or others looking for a mellow day on the mountain.

Last year, Lower Foxes Folly was rechristened as "Graham Slam" in honor of long-time Burke supporter Don Graham. His contributions to Burke Mountain Academy (BMA), Burke Mountain and the Burke community have been numerous and deep-felt. As both a thank you to, and recognition of, Don Graham, who has never asked for either, you will notice that change on the trail map this winter.

Another welcome change that you will find this winter is the short trail through the woods from Open Slope to the T-Bar has been officially added to the trail map. After years of helping guests to avoid climbs uphill from Mid Burke, this shortcut is now on the map and named Hemlock Hill.

Burke Mountain Hotel and Conference Center

Burke opened their 116-suite Burke Mountain Hotel in September 2016. It is located just below the Mid Burke Express quad. It can accommodate more than 450 guests per day. The facility also features a fully carpeted day lodge with a deck and is complete with a restaurant, pub, coffee shop, retail store and arcade.

Fun Events This Winter

With a deep-seated belief in the Farmer's Almanac, Burke is planning on a big winter again this year. With or without Mother Nature's help there will still be plenty of fun and turns to be had thanks to improved snowmaking and the tireless work of their mountain operation teams.

For 2019-20, there is a slate of fun for everyone throughout the



EAST BURKE, VT – With 53 named trails and glades and 2,011 feet of vertical, it is no wonder that Burke is becoming a favorite. Opened in 2016, The Burke Mountain Hotel, and their high speed quad, provide for a great experience. Find it via easy access off Interstate 91, Exit 23 in Vermont. Photo courtesy of Burke Mountain

season. Expect après parties every Saturday at the Bear Den, Christmas festivities, a "Roaring into the 20s" New Year's Ball and more.

For an events calendar to view updated postings throughout the winter, please visit online at: www.skiburke.com/events-and-activities-2

Burke appreciates the continued commitment of their passholders and guests as part of their larger Burke community. It is in no small part, due to the local and extended community, that everyone continues to enjoy something really special in the Last Little Corner of Vermont. Find out for yourself this winter at Burke Mountain. See you on the mountain.

An Easy Interstate Drive to Burke

Burke Mountain is located only three turns off Interstate 91, Burke is perhaps the easiest resort to get to in Vermont. Take Interstate 91 to Exit 23. Take Route 5 through Lyndonville for two miles. Bear right onto Vermont Route 114 for four miles through East Burke Village and take a right onto Mountain Road. Follow Mountain Road one mile to the Sherburne Base Lodge entrance.

When looking for the Burke Mountain Hotel, stay on Mountain Road, following it uphill towards the hotel and the mid-Burke area. Mountain Road is paved. The hotel is approximately 2.6 miles from the turn for the Mountain Road at Roue 114 in East Burke Village.

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