

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S SKI AREAS ARE PREPARED for 2019-20 SEASON with CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

High-efficiency snowmaking and facility upgrades continue to be top priorities for improvements at New Hampshire ski areas.

CONWAY, NH – New Hampshire ski resorts unveiled new improvements for the 2019-20 season. The state's ski areas were hard at work during the snowless months, re-vamping everything from their facilities and trails to improving snowmaking capabilities. Below is a sampling of ways in which resorts have made skiing, the state's official sport, even more enjoyable for residents and visitors alike for the upcoming winter.

Bretton Woods

Resort enhancements underway at Bretton Woods include New Hampshire's first 8-passenger Gondola that travels at 1,200 feet per minute, debuting for the 2019-20 ski season along with a 16,000-square-foot on-mountain dining and event venue, anticipated to open during the summer of 2020.

Cannon Mountain

This season Cannon Mountain invested heavily in lift maintenance and infrastructure improvements with \$2.5 million spent on upgrades to the Mountain Station Tram building at the summit, including \$25,000 toward adaptive route paving at the Aerial Tramway and \$650,000 in lift maintenance projects. Cannon also has a brand new Prinoth Bison Winch Cat Groomer with the latest technology to tackle the steeps. Cannon's recently upgraded snowmaking system got a boost with 20 new HKD Phaser snowguns along with new hydrants and pipe for the Tossup Terrain Park.

Cranmore Mountain Resort

Phase II of Kearsarge Brook Condominiums at Cranmore Mountain Resort broke ground on Aug. 20, 2019. This is the second phase of a \$50 million development that will transform the resort into a vibrant mixed-use community with year-round residences and expanded base facilities.

Gunstock Mountain Resort

Gunstock Mountain Resort spent in excess of \$1 million on improvements this year. Gunstock invested in additional high-efficiency snowmaking equipment, including 47 new HKD Impulse snow guns and one TechnoAlpin TR8 Fan Gun. Gunstock Ski & Sport, formerly Moun-



PATS PEAK, HENNIKER, NH – Skiers and riders will enjoy more time on the great snow surface this season since Pat's Peak added additional energy-efficient snowmaking fan guns and towers. The resort already had 100 percent snow coverage capabilities. This makes their system more efficient and saves energy.
Photo courtesy of Pats Peak

tain-side Outfitters, was remodeled and enlarged. Other improvements include an enhanced Terrain and Freestyle Park, new grooming equipment, trail signage, and new base lodge furnishings.

Loon Mountain Resort

Loon Mountain Resort has installed 50 more semi-automated snowmaking hydrants on major trails. Loon Mountain has expanded and remodeled its lodge facilities with the Summit Café remodel and the addition of the all-new Pemigewasset Base Camp. Loon Mountain Resort has introduced RFID ticketing to its resort this winter. Lift tickets, Fly cards and season pass products are now loaded onto reusable cards, which are scanned remotely by electronic gates.

Pats Peak

Pats Peak has built a new post and beam lodge featuring new enlarged bathrooms, an elevator and ski boot-friendly stairs. They have also added more energy-efficient snowmaking fan guns and towers to their arsenal that already gives the mountain 100 percent snowmaking coverage.

Ragged Mountain Resort

Ragged Mountain Resort has remodeled the interior and exterior of the Elmwood and Meetinghouse Lodges and has renovated the New Hampshire Mountain Inn. Other resort improvements include snowmaking system upgrades, new gladed trails, a live streaming camera and a new Rossignol rental fleet.

Mount Sunapee Resort

Mount Sunapee has installed new snowmaking pipe and updated the valve activation for more strategic and specific snowmaking capabilities in its South Peak area. In addition, plumbing and facilities upgrades were made to their maintenance building. Mount Sunapee has also acquired new racks for skis and boots that accommodate the addition of new rental equipment for Ski School.

Waterville Valley Resort

The Freestyle Lounge at the Waterville Valley base lodge is close to completion and has an anticipated winter opening. Other base lodge improvements include a private event space and a family area.

About Ski New Hampshire

Ski New Hampshire is the statewide association representing 32 alpine and cross-country resorts in New Hampshire. For more information on ski areas, trail conditions, vacation planning, and updated winter events at Ski New Hampshire resorts, visit www.SkiNH.com.

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PATS PEAK – LOCALLY OWNED SINCE 1963

HENNIKER, NH – The 2019-20 season marks the 57th consecutive ski and snowboard season under the same local family ownership. Pats Peak in Henniker, N.H., offers day and night fun with skiing, snowboarding and snowtubing.

There is something for everyone with trails for all ability levels, terrain parks and a snowtubing park. Snowmaking, with 100 percent coverage, guarantees great conditions all season long. Kids 5 and under ski free anytime when accompanied by a ticketed adult. Pats Peak is a learn-to-ski-and-snowboard mountain offering lessons for all abilities. The Beginner's Area, with a carpet lift, is free to everyone!

When the sun sets, the fun continues with night skiing and snowboarding on all the trails on the main mountain. Pats Peak has one of the largest night skiing facilities in all of Northern New England, featuring New Hampshire's only beginner run off the summit, open both day and night.

Saturday Night POP (Pay One Price)

Under the Lights: One Low Price

Saturday Night POP (Pay-One-Price) Under the Lights is one low price of \$52, starting Sat., Dec. 28, through the end of the season from 3 to 10pm. POP includes skiing, snowboarding, tubing, rentals, lesson tips, bonfires and entertainment.

POP Goes February Vacation Weeks where a great deal is also available during Feb. 15 through 29, 2020 (except Sun., Feb. 23). POP Group Discounts are for groups of 15 or more people with advanced reservations made by contacting Pats Peak Group Sales.

Great Programs for Beginners

The Passport Program PLUS is for beginner skiers, where they can earn a free season pass and free pair of new Elan skis with bindings. This pre-paid program can be purchased for \$389 by guests ages 18 and up, and includes four lift, lesson and rental packages.

At the completion of the program, the beginner skier will receive their own pair of Elan skis with bindings FREE along with a Pats Peak Season Pass. Limited quantities are available. Pats Peak has collaborated with five ski shops to provide a shop for participants to receive discounts on boots and accessories.

Another great beginner program is the Passport Program. It has the same great benefit of earning a Pats Peak Season Pass, good for the rest of the season, but it is pay as you go. This is a four-day program where skiers purchase four Starter Special Packages on four separate days for \$99 each (total: \$396).

For all the details on these great programs, please log on to their website at www.patspeak.com.

More Improvements for this season

Pats Peak is constantly making improvements to the mountain for their guest experience. This year's list of capital improvements for the 2019-20 season include an addition to the lodge, snowmaking and grooming improvements, and new rental equipment.

The new lodge addition features new enlarged bathrooms, an elevator, ski boot friendly stairs, additional lodge space and a host of other things that makes the lodge experience better.

The resort added additional energy-efficient snowmaking fan guns and towers to increase snowmaking capabilities by adding to an arsenal that already gives the mountain 100 percent snow coverage. This season, seven new SMI Polecat towers pierce the skyline on Cyclone to give skiers and riders wall to wall packed powder. Pats Peak was one of the first ski areas in New Hampshire to offer snowmaking and continues today to be a ski industry leader

The Cyclone power line upgrade will deliver more snowmaking capacity to the upper mountain like never before. This will allow more snow guns to be able to run at one time and be more efficient with their snowmaking power.

New rental equipment has been added to the rental fleet to keep the equipment in great shape. Whether it is skiing, snowboarding, snowblades, freestyle, snowbikes or snowshoes, the Pats Peak Rental Shop has the latest in rental equipment. The 9,600-square-foot Starting Gate Rental Shop is Northern New England's largest rental shop. The rental shop provides fast service to renters with its self-service check-in, where renter information is stored to make each rental process quicker to get out on the mountain even faster.

Pats Peak is only 20 minutes from Concord, 40 minutes from Manchester and 90 minutes from Boston.

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