

CATAMOUNT and BERKSHIRE EAST SET the STANDARD for WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

SOUTH EGREMONT, MA - There is a buzz in western Massachusetts; have you heard it? Independently owned Berkshire East and Catamount Mountain Resorts are on the move, with common ownership and season pass options that have re-defined southern New England skiing with affordable, family-friendly offerings. With the rise of corporate mega-season passes and the associated impacts of consolidation within the ski industry, it is refreshing to find two ski areas that put guests first and keep the emphasis on an independent, friendly vibe while providing state-of-the-art snowmaking, lifts, grooming, culinary options and learning programs.

Run by the Schaefer family for nearly 45 years, Berkshire East Mountain Resort is a hidden gem. With modern facilities, a top-notch snowmaking system, first class grooming operation, ski and snow-board lessons, on-site dining options and nearby lodging, Berkshire East is worth the trip from any-

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The Berkshire East community is made up of dedicated employees, long time locals, enthusiastic first-timers, and folks simply looking for the classic small town New England ski resort vibe that defines Berkshire East.

As true pioneers in the Pioneer Valley, Berkshire East was the first ski area in the world to produce 100 percent of its electricity from onsite renewable energy. The resort invested over a million dollars in snowmaking upgrades and efficiencies in 2021, giving it 100 percent trail coverage and making Berkshire East the best kept secret in the industry.

New for the 2022-23 winter season, Berkshire East is excited to offer seasonal equipment rentals including new Rossignol ski and snowboard gear for all ages. Packages include skis or snowboard, bindings, boots, and poles. Note, poles are for skiing only if age appropriate. The package will also include one mid-season basic tune from the Tuning Shop. With these new seasonal rental packages, you will save time and enjoy the convenience of always having your equipment with you and ready to go.

If you are not a skier or snowboarder, Berkshire East also offers a Snow Tubing Park with three 500-foot-long tubing lanes and a Magic Carpet to bring you back up to the top fast. Snow tubing, a great introduction to winter activities, is fun for almost any age and is great for groups.



EGREMONT, MA - A beautiful cruise down one of many perfectly groomed trails at Catamount heading to the large and inclusive base facilities. Just 2.5 hours from New York City, Catamount offers 44 trails with 93 percent snowmaking on 1,000 feet 13 trails and building vertical. They have night skiing/snowboarding on 13 trails and two terrain parks.

Photo courtesy of Catamount Mountain Resort

After your activities, you will want to warm up and relax in one of the Base Lodges. The main lodge has three dining options, including a grab-and-go window if you want to hang out around the fire pits on the patio before heading back to the lifts, a quick service cafeteria with ample seating and views of the mountain, and the Crazy Horse Bar & Grill, a full service fast-casual restaurant. The West Lodge is a nostalgic and cozy building with a central wood burning fireplace. Here, you will find waffles made to order, hot chocolate and beautiful views of the western slopes.

In 2018, the Schaefer family acquired Catamount Mountain Resort in the southern Berkshires, located on the border of Hillsdale, N.Y., and South Egremont, Mass.

Catamount Mountain Resort offers big mountain skiing and riding and is situated just 2.5 hours from New York City. Catamount offers a great mix of 44 slopes and trails (with 93 percent snowmaking coverage) for all ability levels on a vertical drop of 1,000 feet, with some of the best steeps in southern New England and premiere beginner and intermediate terrain for both acquiring new skills and progressing to ski podcast and many others for more info in the resorts

new levels. The resort has undergone a stunning transformation since the summer of 2018. Three new lifts, a new lodge and base area, hundreds of new snowmaking machines, four snowmaking ponds, miles of pipe, and countless other upgrades make Catamount one of the best mid-sized ski areas on the East coast. Expanded night skiing, a re-configured learning area, a new action-packed event calendar and a new snowtubing park all debut for winter 2022-23.

Catamount has also heavily invested in the overall resort experience – with a variety of culinary outlets debuting recently. Among them is the signature Campfire venue, located in the new Catamount Lodge and featuring menu items with strong BBQ influences along with a full-service bar. Fat Cat, located in the Berkshire Lodge, is your go-to choice for tacos and other Mexican-style entrees served with a fabulous selection of Margaritas and draft beverages. Jacked Up is a new coffee and espresso bar, also located in the Berkshire Lodge, and Slopeside snacks offers grab-and-go convenience for quick snacks, drinks and other items meant to refuel hungry skiers and riders. Stateline Grill features traditional mainstays such as burgers, fries, chicken fingers and other tasty treats.

Catamount is conveniently-close to all that the Berkshires and Hudson Valley have to offer, including beautiful Great Barrington, the Berkshires, Hudson, Tanglewood, Mass MOCA, the Clark Art Museum, and many more cool hill towns, activities, restaurants and fun for you and yours.

Both Catamount and Berkshire East strongly suggest advanced purchase of lift tickets, lessons and rentals via their respective websites at www.catamountski.com and www.BerkshireEast.com, as capacity can be limited on peak days.

Additionally, advanced purchase typically offers lower pricing as compared to walk-up window rates at the ski area.

Finally, both resorts partner with the Indy Pass and provide two visits at each to Indy passholders looking to experience all that the resorts have to offer.

Visit: www.CatamountSki.com and www.BerkshireEast.com

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