



PENNSYLVANIA'S BEST SKIING



It's Like Skiing in Vermont...without the Drive!

344 ELK MOUNTAIN ROAD, UNION DALE, PA 18470 www.elkskier.com



USE THE QR CODE TO BUY LIFT TICKETS ONLINE.

ELK IS CLOSE to HOME with GREAT GROOMING and SNOWMAKING

UNION DALE, PA — It all started in 1959, when a mountain became a new recreation complex for skiing. Elk Mountain, as it was named, started out with only a handful of trails. Today Elk Mountain Ski Resort has evolved into a sprawling 27 trails and some of the most challenging terrain in Pennsylvania. During its opening year, Elk featured a small base lodge (now the picnic lodge), a 2,200-foot T-bar and several slopes. There were also some rope tows and a small warming hut built a few years earlier by the Scranton Ski Club.

The first Hall double chair was installed in 1961, heralding the development of five expert trails and various intermediate trails from the top. Elk's first expert trail, completed before the chairlift itself, was host to the 1960 Pennsylvania State Championships. Enthusiastic competitors and gatekeepers actually walked to the summit from the top of the T-bar to run the race.

A year later in 1962, snowmaking was installed and a new A-frame base lodge was built. Skiing at Elk got a lift - quite literally - with the installation of a beginners J-bar in 1964 and a double chairlift from the lower parking lot to the top of the mountain in 1965.

The original T-bar was replaced with a chairlift in 1969, and the J-bar was retired for a double chairlift in 1973. Skiers saw Elk in a whole new light when, in 1966, lighting was installed on the East and West slopes for night skiing. Lighting was installed along three summit trails in 1972. Now a large number of trails are lit for night skiing, including the entire beginner area.



UNIONDALE, PA – Elk Mountain is an independent mountain dedicated to great grooming and snowmaking. It is a big mountain experience without the drive. Scan the QR in the ad to buy lift tickets online.

Photo courtesy Elk Mountain

Elk Mountain continued to build on that legacy of great skiing when it upgraded its snowmaking ability by adding tower mounted snow guns on the Tecumseh trail. Additional guns were also placed on Stomping Grounds Terrain Park. These guns helped to ensure better coverage in the most challenging ski seasons.

From the recently upgraded and resurfaced parking lots to the more than 1,000 Norway and White Spruce trees that were planted slopeside, your Elk experience is always a pleasant and environmentally friendly one from arrival to departure.

First-time skiers, established skiers, or snowboarders looking to learn or fine-tune their skills can do so with a lesson from a member of the Elk Mountain Ski School.

The school is a member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) and utilizes the American Teaching System. With a staff of approximately 75 trained instructors, Elk has a program and the staff to meet your individual needs. Class sizes are limited to provide a quality experience. Lessons may be sold out during busy periods so check online. Details are available at the ski school desk.

The perfect time to learn to ski is while you are young, and the staff wants to make your child's skiing experience fun. They offer programs that allow parents to enjoy themselves while children learn to ski with confidence.

You can view, read and share this page online at: www.skiernews.com/East2025-ElkBear.pdf

Scan the QR code above to buy tickets and ski school online. Please call Elk at 1-800-233-4131 or log on to: www.elkskier.com and get your Elk visit started online.

BEAR CREEK IS READY for YOUR GREAT WINTER VISIT



MACUNGIE, PA - Bear Creek Mountain Resort is home not only to a great ski, snowboard and tubing mountain but also a great hotel, conference center and wedding venue.

Photo courtesy Bear Creek Mountain Resort

MACUNGIE, PA – Bear Creek Mountain Resort is excited for the 2024-25 ski season. With many upgrades and a continued focus on guest experience, Bear Creek is confident that this season will be better than ever.

When Bear Creek first opened its doors in 1967, then known as Doe Mountain Ski Area, guests enjoyed a modest t-bar, rope tow and just two trails. Today, 56 years later, Bear Creek has transformed into a complete snowsport destination resort with six lifts, 23 slopes, trails and parks along with a tubing hill, three restaurants, a full-service salon and spa, a 116-room hotel and more.

This transformation is a testament to Bear Creek's continued commitment to enhancing guest and employee experience across the resort, and this year was no different. With the replacement of much of the piping used to pump water up the mountain to make snow along with the addition of 19 new fully automated snow guns, Bear Creek will be ready to make high quality snow whenever possible. Bear Creek also added to their groomer fleet by purchasing a new Prinoth groomer along with a Tube Shaper to that will pay big dividends in the Parks and Tubing area.

One area that has not changed is Bear Creek's commitment to providing the best guest experience possible. "Each year we



strive to enhance our guest experience across the resort," stated Gary Kline, Director of Guest Relations and Marketing. "Whether that's through expanding and updating the resort's infrastructure to maintain the resort as a whole or introducing new products for guest convenience, we are dedicated to creating a memorable year-round destination for families in Pennsylvania and beyond."

Bear Creek is a single owner resort that strives to create a family fun experience by keeping their guest experience at the helm. The team at Bear Creek Mountain Resort invites you to join them in Berks County, Pa., for some fun on the slopes. Take advantage of the resort's Ski-and-Stay hotel packages, offering discounted stays for the 2024-25 season. Just a short drive from Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C., Bear Creek is the perfect place to hit the slopes this winter.

View, read and share this page online at: www.skiernews.com/East2025-ElkBear.pdf

For more, please listen to the Bear Creek Mountain Resort podcast episodes, visit: www.AlwaysUpright.com and easily find them linked from the East section label.

Visit Bear Creek Mountain Resort directly at: www.BCMR.com or info@bcmr.com

Winter's best moments start here.

23 Slopes, Trails, & Parks | Snowtubing | Lesson Programs
On-Site Hotel, Spa, and Dining Options | And More!

BEAR CREEK MOUNTAIN RESORT
101 Doe Mountain Lane Macungie, PA 18062
610-682-7100 | info@bcmr.com | www.BCMR.com

