## SADDLEBACK RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS and GETS BRAGGING RIGHTS

Discover Saddleback Mountain: Why Everyone Is Talking about This Mountain in Western Maine

RANGELEY, ME -- As winter's chill sweeps across New England, the mountains beckon, offering a snowy retreat that has become an annual pilgrimage for many. While the cities bustle with their own charm, the enchantment of the mountains provides an experience every New Englander should savor. Tucked into the stunning wilderness of western Maine's High Peaks, Saddleback Mountain promises expansive terrain, warm hospitality, and an unforgettable winter ad-

A Winter Wonderland in Rangeley, Complete with a High-Elevation Restaurant

Nestled in the quaint town of Rangeley, Maine, Saddleback Mountain is a hidden gem waiting to be discovered by snow enthusiasts. Riding up on the resort's "Rangeley Express", Saddleback's newest high-speed chairlift, you will be greeted by breathtaking views of the Rangeley Lakes and surrounding wilderness. More than just a ski destination, Saddleback offers a chance to fully immerse yourself in nature's beauty. With its rich history and natural splendor, Saddleback is a perfect reason to journey north for a winter escape.

What truly sets Saddleback apart is its new high-elevation restaurant – the Nest. Located at an impressive 3,620 feet and tucked into the alpine trees, this dining experience is a must-do. Enjoy creative dishes like Frenchstyle tourtière hand pies, a hot bowl of delicious homemade ramen, or a drink at the ski-up bar. All this while taking in spectacular views that make every meal a retreat of its own. Proximity and Accessibility

Saddleback's accessibility is one of its major draws. It is closer than you might think, with a scenic three-and-a-halfhour drive from Boston bringing you to this winter haven. Saddleback's easy access from major New England cities makes it an ideal destination for a weekend escape or an extended winter vacation. In addition, the resort offers great value, making it more affordable than larger, busier resorts, while still delivering an exceptional winter experience. If you have flexibility to stay midweek, enjoy great ski-and-stay offers as low as \$179 per person per night with ski-in, ski-out direct access. Learn more by visiting www.saddlebackmaine.com/lodging.



RANGELEY, ME - Snow guns and quad lifts, including the Rangeley Express Quad, are part of "Saddleback's Roadmap." Since 2020, Saddleback has invested more than \$30 million dollars in mountain improvements, including new lifts, groomers, snowmaking infrastructure, a renovated base lodge and a new Mid Mountain Lodge. Photo courtesy of Saddleback Mountain

Exceptional Skiing and Snowboarding with 40 Acres of Beginner Terrain

For skiers and snowboarders of all levels, Saddleback Mountain delivers a fantastic variety of terrain. With a summit elevation of 4,120 feet and nearly 2,000 feet of vertical drop, Saddleback offers trails suited for everyone, from seasoned experts to first-timers.

Known for impeccable grooming, the resort ensures every run feels just right. Saddleback also features 40 acres of dedicated beginner terrain, equipped with a moving carpet to make learning easier for first-timers learning the sport. To enhance safety and comfort, this green-circle terrain is completely separate from advanced trails, offering beginners the perfect environment to build their skills. The Roger Page Ski and Ride School provides excellent lessons to help newcomers get started.

A Warm & Welcoming Community

Unlike some commercialized resorts, Saddleback shines through its authenticity and sense of community. It is a place

where visitors are greeted with warmth and genuine hospitality. The camaraderie among staff and fellow skiers creates a welcoming atmosphere that is as cozy as the fireside glow in the lodge. Even if you are only there for a weekend, you will feel like part of a close-knit winter family.

The base lodge at Saddleback exudes classic New England charm. After a day on the slopes, it becomes a lively gathering spot. Warm yourself by the fire, enjoy a hearty meal in The Pub, and trade stories of your best runs with new friends. Saddleback's après-ski scene is all about genuine connection rather than flash. If you are venturing down into the town of Rangeley, you will be pleasantly surprised with a vibrant après-ski scene in town as well. From a bowling alley to breweries, restaurants and quaint shops, Rangeley is a bustling lakeside ski town.

Embrace the Adventure of Snowboarding, Skiing, and More

When planning your winter adventure, look no further than Saddleback Mountain, where you will discover that winter is about more than just conquering slopes. It is about embracing the spirit of adventure and finding

warmth in a welcoming community. Whether you are a diehard skier or snowboarder, a family seeking fun, or simply looking for a serene escape, Saddleback has something for everyone. This corner of western Maine is home to a massive network of snowmobiling trails, and the Rangeley Lakes Trail Center on the Saddleback Mountain Road offers miles of pristine Nordic and snowshoeing trails. Here, the thrill of winter sports, the natural beauty of Maine and the sense of belonging come together to create memories that last a lifetime. Once you visit Saddleback and Rangeley, you will be hooked. Chances are this will not be your only trip to Maine's Favorite Mountain.

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## **ESCAPE to UNREAL WINTER ADVENTURE in MAMMOTH LAKES**

MAMMOTH LAKES, CA With Mammoth Mountain reporting an average of 400 inches of snow per season and simultaneously boasting over 300 days of sunshine, it is no wonder this destination delivers the ultimate winter getaway. Surrounded by boundless acres of breathtaking national forest, encompassing one of the biggest and best skiing and snowboarding resorts in California, Mammoth Lakes is truly a West Coast wonderland. It might sound too good to be true, but that is kind of their thing. This unreal alpine retreat will stay warm in your hearts and frozen in your memories for years to come. If you are skeptical of pristine, snow packed peaks mere hours from sunny southern California beaches, then go see it for

Everything about Mammoth Lakes is distinctly California. Where else can you barrel down a powder-soft mountain taking in views of a stunning crystalline lake while a golden sun beams against an azure sky? It is a shame you cannot capture it in a snow globe and keep it forever.

Mammoth Mountain has geography to thank for its abundant snow

conditions. It is nestled into the Sierra Nevada range at an elevation of 11,053 feet, with the legendary Sierra snowpack. It is the massive collection of fresh powder that puts the slopes in a league of their own. One run down from the peak and you will be hooked and exhilarated.

When the Northeast's gray, clouded canopy is starting to wear thin, try cruising down Mammoth's magical runs under the bluebird sky. Let California's highest lifts take you to new triumphs. The aptly named Mammoth Mountain boasts a giant 3,100-foot vertical drop from the summit to the base lodge. In addition, there are 25 lifts, 175 trails and 3,500 skiable acres of unique terrain.

Whether this is your first trip or you make the pilgrimage every year, Mammoth Lakes promises new and exciting thrills at every turn. No wonder it is a bucket-list destination for any East Coast skier or snowboarder. Pro



Mountain. Plan your trip west to Mammoth Lakes this winter, getting there is easy. Fly into nearby Bishop, Calif., from San Francisco or Denver for an easy drive to Mammoth Lakes. Mammoth Mountain is an unreal Ikon Pass resort.

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tip: Grab an Ikon Pass and get unlimited seasonal access to Mammoth Mountain's winter fun.

Adventure-seekers could write an endless love letter solely to this mountain. However, if you are looking for some off-mountain excursions, explore three million acres of wide-open wilderness in this expansive outdoor paradise. Slip on some snowshoes and trek up to Minaret Vista for insane views of Mammoth Lakes' signature mountain skyline or glide across more than 140 miles of cross-country trails. For family-friendly activities, try tubing at Woolly's Tube Park, or skate around the new Olympicsized LA Kings Ice indoor rink.

Whatever you are into, a wide range of winter recreation ensures there is enough fun for everyone.

When it is finally time to take a break from snow-filled activities, head to The Village at Mammoth. That is where

the relaxation and après-ski vibes are at their highest. Soak in the warm hues of a California sunset while you breathe in the crisp mountain air. Enjoy a tasty bite at a local restaurant. Grab a glass of wine and settle in by the fire. Snag one-of-a-kind souvenirs at the local shops, or enjoy live music at the thriving bar scene. There is so much to love in this mountain town and thanks to the free trolley service, it is easy to take it all in.

From its laid-back California vibe to the countless snowy adventures, Mammoth Lakes truly offers the best of both worlds. Its unique location in the High Sierra already blesses it with one of the longest seasons in the country, and with a few early dustings of snow already this year, winter anticipation is getting a major head start. So do not miss a once-in-a-lifetime snowpacked adventure at Mammoth Lakes, a nationwide premier alpine destination.

Getting to Mammoth Lakes

Traveling to Mammoth Lakes from New York, Boston or D.C. is easier than ever. Flight options from United Airlines get you to Bishop, Calif., with just one con-

nection. Moreover, you can fly to Mammoth in less than an hour nonstop on Advanced Airlines from flights out of Carlsbad and Los Angeles.

Find more info about flying to the area, as well as insider info on the best sights to see, places to eat and the abundance of things to do once you arrive, view: visitmammoth.com and at: #KeepMammothUnreal

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