

THE POCONOS: YOUR WINTER WONDERLAND with SKIING, TUBING, INDOOR WATERPARKS and FUN for ALL

POCONO MOUNTAINS, PA – It is a little-known fact Honesdale, Pa., resident, Dick Smith, penned the classic song, “Winter Wonderland” referring to the beauty of the Pocono Mountains. With average winter temperatures ranging from highs of 31 degrees to lows of 16 and a winning combination of natural and manmade snow, the region is a winter wonderland. Just a 90-minute drive from New York City and Philadelphia, the Poconos are complete with winter recreation, romantic getaways and warm, cozy nights by the fireplace excellent accommodations.

This year, Pocono ski resorts have taken all precautions and are following CDC guidelines for physical distancing, disinfecting and operational planning to keep guests, employees, and the community safe. Skiers, snowboarders and tubers alike will see that the ski mountains in the region have partnered with NSAA’s Ski Well Be Well program. This program has put forth best practices for low risk recreation. Help the resorts by planning ahead and be sure to check each ski resorts website for individual protocols and requirements.

In addition, many businesses across the region have signed “The Pocono Promise”; a community commitment to protect the health, safety and well-being of our residents, employees and you the visitors; by following all federal, state, and local public health guidelines.

Enjoying winter sports is among the many ways to spend a day in the Pocono Mountains. The region boasts six major ski areas, for fantastic downhill skiing, snowboarding, and cross-country. The Poconos rank among the best in the East. From facility upgrades to technologically-advanced grooming equipment, the Pocono Mountains’ ski areas offer winter visitors a new and thrilling winter recreational experience.

Nearly 150 slopes and trails beckon, from easy to extreme. The varied landscape provides both gentle slopes and drastic drops, including the country’s largest snow tubing park and the state’s highest vertical. Check out the live cameras at www.poconomountains.com/live-cameras

Other popular winter activities in the region include dog sledding, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, ice skating, sleigh riding and more. If you would rather cozy up with a cup of cocoa by the fire, you can enjoy this winter wonderland from indoors.

Snow tubing is the easiest way to have fun sliding down a snowy 200-foot vertical drop in the Pocono Mountains. Each of the region’s ski areas as well as many of the regions’ resorts have snow-tubing trails. Snow tube at night and experience an after dark LED light show with galactic snow tubing.



SHAWNEE MOUNTAIN, PA – A twilight groom to prepare the Tomahawk Trail for some great turns. Shawnee, like other Pocono resorts, has great snowmaking and a fleet of grooming machines to smooth the surface. Photo courtesy of Shawnee Mountain

After an exhilarating day of snowy recreation, spend the evening nestled by the fireplace in one of the region’s lodges. Families can experience even more warmth at one of four indoor waterparks. These indoor waterparks guarantee you can always warm up in 84 degrees, even on the snowiest days. To plan your stay in the Poconos, visit the places to stay page for all lodging options at www.poconomountains.com/places-to-stay

There are plenty of ways for couples to reconnect in the Poconos this winter. Cozy up on a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the pure white landscape, unwind during a couple’s spa treatment or simply relax to the sounds of a crackling fireplace in a romantic luxury suite.

Friends can uncover quaint shops and unique eateries of one the region’s historic downtown areas. Enjoy catching up on a brewery or winery tour, participate in a cooking class for a hands-on culinary experience or have the food prepared at one of many elegant dining options.

Adults looking to continue the fun can head to the Mt. Airy Lodge Casino to try their luck at one of the table games or watch a show at the nightclub.

Whether traveling with family, friends or that special someone, the Pocono Mountains flourishes with winter recreation, lodging and indoor activity. The region allows guests full advantage of winter’s offerings with picturesque regional scenery.

You can view, read and share this exact page online and link from it at: www.skiernews.com/Jan2021-Poconos2.pdf

Visitors can enjoy events and festivals throughout the Poconos all winter long. Browse events on the Events page at www.poconomountains.com/events/

Discover your winter wonderland with a getaway this winter to the beautiful Pocono Mountains.

For the latest ski conditions and winter weather updates visit www.PoconoMountains.com/things-to-do/ski-snow-activities/snow-conditions/



THERE’S SNOW PLACE LIKE THE POCONO MOUNTAINS.

Explore six ski resorts for rookies, pros and everyone in between. Plan your winter getaway at PoconoSki.com.

This year, Pocono ski resorts have taken all precautions and are following CDC guidelines for physical distancing, disinfecting and operational planning to keep guests, employees, and the community safe. Help us by planning ahead and be sure to check each ski resort’s website for individual protocols and requirements.



POCONO MOUNTAINSSM

#PoconoMtns

ENVIRONMENTAL CODE OF THE SLOPES

WHAT SKIERS and RESORT GUESTS CAN DO TO HELP

Follow the Leave No TraceTM Principles of Outdoor Ethics:

• **Plan ahead and prepare:**

Know the regulations and special concerns of the area you will visit. Prepare for winter weather, consider off-peak visits when scheduling your trip.

• **Dispose of waste properly:**

Recycle your glass, plastics, aluminum and paper at resorts. Reuse trail maps on your next visit or recycle them. Never throw trash, cigarette butts or other items from the lifts.

• **Respect wildlife:**

Observe trail closures, seasonal closures, and ski area boundaries. These closures are in place not only for your safety, but the well being of plants and animals located in sensitive areas.

In summer, stick to designated trails when hiking and biking to avoid disturbances to vegetation and wildlife.

• **Be considerate:**

Respect other guests, protect the quality of their experience; let nature’s sounds prevail.

Carpool with friends and family or use transit to avoid traffic when travelling to and within the ski area.

Turn off the lights when leaving your room and re-use bath towels and linens to help conserve energy.

NEW: Wear a facemask when in public and frequently wash your hands!

This is a partial list.