

# MT. BACHELOR – The BEST PLAYGROUND in the WEST

*Note: At press time in early January, Mt Bachelor was adding to their impressive 63 inch base as more snow was falling. The resort is usually open until Memorial Day, but why wait?*

MT BACHELOR OR – You might be surprised to learn that the sixth largest ski area in North America is located in Oregon. This Pacific Northwest powerhouse takes center stage with 4,323 skiable acres served by a network of 12 lifts, offering terrain for all levels of skiers from never-ever groomers, to gentle family-friendly glades, to hard charging Summit runs. Mt. Bachelor is also renowned for having one of the longest ski seasons in North America, thanks to a substantial 462 inches of annual snowfall, allowing for turns well into spring. The resort is the ultimate winter playground, offering a unique and memorable skiing and snowboarding experience for all.

Mt. Bachelor's great terrain and snow conditions are backed up by all the amenities including two separate base areas, a mid-mountain lodge and an expansive Nordic ski center. The area boasts a reimaged beginner area at the Sunrise Base Area. It has a new Alpenglow lift and covered conveyor carpets as well as an updated lodge and, coming in 2023, a new six-person, high-speed Skyliner chairlift. This doubles the access capacity to the mountain's most popular terrain including the vast network of Woodward Terrain Parks.

Some might argue that the springtime at Mt. Bachelor trumps the winter. In spring, you will find a full slate of incredible events like the five-day RendezVan campout and music festival. Also to enjoy is the Peace Park snowboard championships hosted by professional snowboarder Danny Davis with a roster of the best snowboarders in the world.

All of this is just a short drive or shuttle ride from downtown Bend, a Central Oregon destinations with exceptional dining, breweries, lodging and entertainment.

## WINTER FUN FOR ALL

### Beginner Terrain Within Reach

Just shy of a quarter of the terrain at Mt. Bachelor is focused on beginner skiers and snowboarders. The Sunrise Lodge base area caters to the newcomer crowd, with Alpenglow and Early Riser chairlifts and two new covered conveyor carpets accessing an abundance of beginner terrain. Those ready to advance from the base area can venture up the Sunrise or Rainbow chairs to find a network of rewarding trails, including the popular Marshmallow trail to the fun twists and turns of Dilly Dally Alley.

Mt. Bachelor's award-winning Ski or Ride in 5 Program is also back for the 2022-23 season. This learn to ski and snowboard program is a five-session lesson format for first timers, including rentals and lift tickets at a deeply discounted rate. Be sure to pre-register early at [www.mtbachelor.com](http://www.mtbachelor.com) as the popular program usually sells out.

### Intermediate Runs Across the Mountain

The lower flanks of the volcano offer moderately steep, straight fall-line runs that are ideal for visitors looking to clock some vertical. The grooming report, which is published daily and available at the main lifts, is a great resource to plan your day. Sunrise base area offers access to the 1,448 vertical-foot groomed runs off Cloudchaser, which wind their way through the forest. Downhillers will appreciate the arcing fall line turns down the wide-open including Coffee and Olympian off the Pine Marten lift.

The fun continues on Outback, where another 1,780 vertical feet of groomed runs await. On sunny days, try the iconic Mount Bachelor experience of skiing the blues down the face of Summit.

### Advanced Terrain for the Taking

At 9,065 feet, Mt. Bachelor boasts the highest skiable elevation in the Pacific Northwest. This expansive terrain, paired with nearly 500 inches of annual snowfall, makes for stellar adventures on the mountain. Skiers are advised to always ski in control and to always ski or ride with a partner when venturing into the advanced terrain at Mt. Bachelor. The Summit lift is clearly a great place to embark for both the 360-degrees of skiable terrain and stunning views.

The ungroomed, backcountry-like terrain off the backside features wind-carved wave features and tree skiing, while the wide-open Cirque Bowl off the frontside delivers double-black diamond thrills. The Northwest lift is another powder day destination for expert skiers in search of bowl and tree skiing.



MT BACHELOR, OR - Smile, with more than 4,300 acres of lift accessible terrain you are on the sixth largest ski resort in the U.S. Here you can ski or ride 360 degrees around this dormant stratovolcano. Photo courtesy of Mt Bachelor, Bend, OR

### Freestyle Parks for All Abilities

Mt. Bachelor has doubled down on freestyle skiing and snowboarding with the Woodward Mountain Parks. This network of parks is spread across the mountain, featuring everything from the popular family-cross course, to beginner parks, a Superpipe, a Peace Park that incorporates natural features into the terrain park, and the advanced jumps and rails offered in the progression parks. There really is something for every range of abilities.

### A Nordic Center Fit for Newcomers & Olympians Alike

The Mt. Bachelor Nordic Center boasts 56 km of

groomed trails for classic and skate skiing with a robust offering of classes and clinics, plus a full rental department and onsite retail store in the dedicated 4,000-square-foot log cabin. The Nordic Center stands out for its expert daily grooming and for having the longest Nordic season in North America, extending through May, when the center hosts the U.S. Cross Country Team training camps.

Join in on the fun with a lap on Zig Zag or a get a workout on an extended adventure on Leslie's Lunge, an expert rated 10.3-kilometer loop. The Nordic Center is located in the West Village Base Area on the north side of the parking lot.

### Adaptive Recreation for All

Mt. Bachelor is host to a thriving adaptive ski community, thanks to Oregon Adaptive Sports (OAS). Since launching in 1996, OAS has offered instruction and dedicated equipment for adaptive skiing and snowboarding at the resort. Popular programs include season-long locals ski program as well as individual lessons for visitors.

### Join in on the fun

Mt. Bachelor offers daily lift tickets, ticket packages and season passes online or at the ticket window. Rentals are available in the West Village base area. Reserve in advance online at [www.mtbachelor.com](http://www.mtbachelor.com) or go into the Gravity Sports Pro Shop in the West Village Base area. Ikon pass holders are welcome at Mt. Bachelor resort with up to seven days of access.

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