

Winter Park Resort Mountain Summer Terrain Access Policy 2026

Winter Park Resort (the “Resort”) and the United States Forest Service (“USFS”) encourage the use of public lands. The Resort is located on both public and private lands. While on Resort property (public or private lands) you must abide by the Resort rules and restrictions and should follow the Resort’s recommendations. Private landowners adjacent to public lands may close or restrict access to their land and you must respect such closures and restrictions.

Warning

Access to Resort trails or property at any time, with or without a ticket/pass, is at your own risk and you assume all risks associated with your use of Resort property. Such risks include, but are not limited to, rapidly changing weather conditions, variations in trail conditions including steepness of terrain, loose rocks and gravel, slides, falling and downed trees and limbs, tree stumps, natural and man-made obstacles and trail features, wildlife encounters, vehicles, and equipment. Other dangers or conditions may also be encountered at any time.

The Resort is a mountain environment that requires your alertness, common sense, and caution. Read and obey all signs. Be sure your physical condition permits you to hike, mountain bike or otherwise use Resort facilities; be aware that high elevation can accentuate existing health problems. If you become lost or hurt outside the Resort boundary, assistance and medical care may be limited and take an extended period of time and you may be held responsible for the cost of search and rescue.

Mountain bike riding involves risk of serious injury, death, and/or damage to equipment. You must ride in control and within your ability. **Helmets are required while riding on Resort property.** Wear appropriate protective gear. Stay on marked trails. Trail and feature conditions may change at any time due to use, maintenance, or weather. Equipment allowed on mountain bike trails is limited to mountain bikes and adaptive mountain bikes. No tandem bikes, kid transporters, child carriers, kid packs, wearable child transport devices, kid backpacks, or trailer bikes are permitted on mountain bike trails or while loading or riding chairlifts or gondolas for lift-accessed biking activities.

Children in backpacks, child carriers, kid packs, or similar wearable child transport devices are only permitted on the gondola for foot passenger activities such as sightseeing, dining, hiking, or other non-biking activities as authorized by Resort operations.

A list of approved devices can be found on the Resort website here: [\[Approved Summer Devices\]](#) All devices must comply with this list unless otherwise approved in writing by Resort Management.

Due to fire danger, smoking and campfires are strictly prohibited on the mountain, at all times.

Access

The Resort permits access in accordance with this policy. **This policy takes effect when the Resort is open to lift service by the public for summer operations and ceases on the first day of lift serviced winter operations. Please read this policy each time you visit the Resort as it is subject to change from time to time without further notice.** It is your responsibility to understand the rules within this policy and to abide by them. Failure to do so may result in loss of pass, injury, or death. If your presence on Resort property presents a hazard or the Resort’s staff feels that you are impeding the maintenance operations of the Resort, you may be directed by Resort staff to utilize a different location. You must follow such direction.

General Access

- **When the Resort is NOT open to lift service by the public during summer operations** all trails and mountain facilities are **closed to the public except for hiking and snowshoeing**. No one may access Resort property with unauthorized motorized vehicles including snowmobiles and ATVs or on skis, snowboard or on **any** sledding devices. Rescue and/or medical care services and avalanche control mitigation are not provided when the Resort is closed.
 - **Hiking is permitted**, regardless of if the mountain is Open or Closed for the season, however restrictions may exist periodically.
 - **No hiking is allowed on downhill mountain bike trails at any time.**
 - **When Trestle Bike park opens for the season, access and information regarding our hiking or multi use trails [\[click here\]](#).**

- Hiking is allowed on ski trails except within closed areas. Areas may be closed for logging operations, snowmaking or snow grooming operations, construction, and maintenance activities. Heavy equipment and vehicles are to be expected at all times and must be avoided. Anyone snowshoeing or hiking must abide by Resort policies, follow Resort employee directions and all Colorado State laws.
- For information regarding winter uphill access, including skinning and snowshoeing, please refer to the Winter Park Resort Winter Uphill Access Policy.

Biking

- **When the Resort is open to lift service by the public during summer operations**, during the summer for mountain biking:
 - If a Resort mountain bike trail is “Open” to the public, you may access the trail before or after hours in accordance with designated direction of travel.
 - ***All users must have a valid waiver on file and must comply with all posted signage, trail maps, and entry portal requirements. Failure to do so may result in loss of access privileges.***
 - **Unless noted otherwise, all mountain bike trails are for biking downhill only.** Expect to find jumps and features on all downhill mountain biking trails. Vehicles, construction equipment, other mountain bikers and hikers, wildlife, and unmarked natural or man-made obstacles may be encountered at any time, all of which you must avoid.
 - **Anyone accessing the Resort before or after operating hours does so at their own risk.** Maintenance, signage, feature inspection, and trail surface will not be monitored outside of normal operating hours. As well, if rescue, medical care, or other assistance is required, the response time, if available, will be lengthy and costs may be charged to the individual.
 - **If the trail has not yet been opened for the season or is currently marked “Closed,” you are not allowed on the trail for any reason.**
 - Closed trails and terrain may not be marked or signed from the top or bottom of the trail but information as to which trails are or are not open may be accessed on the Resort website or by checking with Guest Services or Bike Patrol. ***It is up to you to ensure you are using open terrain. Pass suspension may occur if you are found on a closed trail.***
 - Riding Banana Peel outside of operating hours is strictly prohibited.
 - **MOUNTAIN ROADS:** Downhill biking is NOT allowed on mountain roads except in designated areas. Temporary re-routing of downhill trails onto mountain roads may occur. Stay alert as these sections will be marked with signs.
 - All riders accessing the Resort trails outside of operating hours must be aware of two-way traffic at all times on summer roads.
 - Resort trails interconnect with trails outside Resort boundaries. Bike Patrol support is only provided within Resort boundaries. Trails outside Resort boundaries are mostly two-way and may allow motorized vehicles.
 - Accessing closed trails through this trail system may result in loss of pass or trespassing fines

Uphill Biking

- **For uphill access to the resort an uphill pass must be obtained and a Summer Passes and Activities waiver must be signed prior to ascent.**
 - Resort employees recommend putting pass in a visible and safe place on your bike so that it may be seen but not interfere with bike performance.
 - Uphill pass must be visible on bike/person.
 - ***Uphill biking without a valid pass may result in trespassing enforcement, pass suspension, and/or loss of Resort access privileges.***

- **Uphill riding is only allowed on:**
 - Summer Road Uphill Route
 - Trail's marked as 'two-way' on the trail map
- ***Uphill riding on Downhill specific trails is NOT permitted.***
- ***Uphill biking while carrying a child in a backpack, child carrier, kid pack, or similar wearable child transport device is NOT permitted***
- Uphill access is limited. This is for the safety of all Resort guests.
- Uphill access may change at anytime. It is recommended to stay up to date and check [\[this site\]](#) prior to visiting the mountain for an uphill endeavor.
- Anyone mountain biking uphill must abide by Resort policies, follow Resort employee directions, and all Colorado State laws.
- **When uphill biking on mountain road, stay single-file on right side of road.**
- **Uphill rider's must yield to any and all emergency/patrol vehicles.**
- If your presence on Resort property presents a hazard or the Resort's staff feels that you are impeding the maintenance operations of the Resort, you may be directed by Resort staff to utilize a different location. You must follow such direction.
- If you are headed uphill on a mountain bike, you may be asked to descend and exit Resort property at any time. Specifically:
 - When Bike Patrol conducts its evening sweep. You may re-enter the Resort trails/property after the mountain has been cleared by Bike Patrol.

General Access cont.

- **It is unlawful to board a chairlift without a valid lift ticket. Violation is subject to prosecution for theft and trespassing.**
- Under no circumstances may anyone access any area within the Resort where construction, lift maintenance or logging operations are taking place. Construction and lift maintenance areas may have open trenches, vehicles moving materials and backing up with limited sight area around or behind the machine, unstable surfaces or rolling rocks, and large machinery which may start or stop at any time. Never board a chairlift while maintenance is being performed. Logging involves chainsaws, falling and downed trees and limbs, rolling rocks, log trucks, other heavy equipment, helicopters which may be flying with cables and logs hanging underneath which could fall unexpectedly, as well as other hazards.
- Sledding on any device is not permitted at the Resort at any time.
- Hunting is permitted with a valid hunting license during appropriate seasons in the Vasquez Cirque area but not within the remainder of the Resort boundary. Access may be made by horse or foot but not by motorized vehicle. See posted maps for allowed locations.
- Drones and other remote-controlled aircraft are not permitted without the express written consent of senior management.
- Disk Golf is permitted with unrestricted hours when the mountain course is open. Course may be accessed by riding the Arrow chairlift with a lift ticket or by walking or biking up the mountain road. No access by motorized vehicles. Course may be closed during competitions or for other reasons, therefore, check with Guest Services for current status. No hiking on adjacent mountain bike trails.
- Unauthorized vehicles, snowmobiles and ATVs are forbidden on Resort property at any time without prior written approval by the Resort Management.
- No Camping on Resort property without prior written approval by the Resort Management.

Livestock and Pets

- Dogs are prohibited on all downhill bike trails and some cross-country trails, for the safety of our guests and for the safety of the dog. Dogs must remain on a leash. **It is the responsibility of the Owner to remove all waste.** Remember that wild animals are also in the area and may kick, stomp, bite and/or eat your dog.
 - Refer to the trail map to identify hiking and multi-use trails.
- Dogs are allowed to accompany their owner on The Gondola in order to access the top of Winter Park Resort and the hiking and 'multi-use' designated trail system.
- For service animal accommodations please refer to Winter Park's Accessibility Information.
- Horses and pack animals are allowed on Resort property but are not permitted on designated biking or hiking trails. Resort staff highly recommend staying out of the Winter Park Territory during operating hours.

These rules are for your safety and the safety of the employees at the Resort. Thank you for your cooperation.