**Jackson Hole**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Experts

Snowboarders

Families

Après ski

Snow reliability

Environmental awareness

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

49

**Intermediate Runs**

38

**Advanced Runs**

59

**Total Runs**

146

**Lifts**

12

**Chairs**

8

**Drags**

2

**Gondola Cable Cars**

2

**Parks**

6

**Pipes**

1

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

11.6m (38ft).

**Overview**

Although it's not one of the world's largest resorts, Jackson Hole is one of the few ski areas – alongside resorts such as Aspen, Chamonix, Whistler and St Moritz – that has built a reputation as being synonymous with skiing. In Jackson Hole's case, the reputation is not for glitz or excess, but as a pure mountain sports haven that draws in those who love snow sports from all over the world.

Beyond skiing, Jackson Hole has a reputation for genuine, traditional hospitality; and the charming local town of Jackson itself, 19km (12 miles) away, offers both the spirit of the Old West and modern facilities.

The current version of the resort's iconic aerial tram, an image that made it famous worldwide when it first opened, is bigger and faster than the old one, carrying 100 passengers 1,262m (4,139ft) up to the mountain summit in nine minutes – the greatest continual vertical rise of any lift in the USA. The quick ride to the top of the mountain provides skiers and snowboarders access to 1,012 hectares (2,500 acres) of exciting terrain and entrance into the backcountry.

Jackson Hole has also built a reputation for its high environmental standards. The resort is powered by 100% renewable energy, several of its restaurants contribute 1% of their profits to environmental schemes, and it is one of only two resorts in the USA that are third-party certified as a ‘green' company.

**Location**

Jackson Hole is located in the northwestern corner of Wyoming, within the Teton Mountain Range to the south of Yellowstone National Park in the USA.

**Website**

http://www.jacksonhole.com

**Piste Map**

http://www.jacksonhole.com/cmsfiles/image/0910wintermap.jpg

**Hit The Slopes**

Jackson Hole has a deserved reputation for some of the toughest skiing in North America; but there is plenty to entertain skiers of all standards. Even complete beginners have fine nursery slopes and a highly regarded ski school to teach them.

The ski area is based on Rendezvous Mountain, home of the famed and feared Corbet's Couloir, with its vertical drop-in, leading to a 50° run-out slope. It is only open when conditions are right and is not recommended unless the skier has been advised they are capable of surviving it, intact, by someone who knows.

It's far better to enjoy one of the many great runs on Rendezvous – the Cheyenne, Laramie and Tensleep bowls are high on the list. Off-piste skiing and boarding (unpatrolled) is also offered in Jackson Hole's backcountry, where it is sensible to head out within a guided group.

Freestylers have plenty of options with six terrain parks (four of which are environmentally friendly Burton Stash Parks) and a halfpipe to explore. Cross-country skiers can also make use of the wide choice of routes around the resort and in neighbouring areas.

Snowfall and skiing conditions are relatively reliable in Jackson Hole, despite its comparatively low altitude and sunny slopes. The ski season in Jackson Hole runs from the end of November until early April.

**Jackson Hole**

**Resort**

1900

**Base**

1923

**Top**

3185

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

Outdoor activities in and around Jackson Hole range from the regular ski resort offerings of dog sledding, tubing, snowmobile tours and snowshoeing to ballooning, climbing and sightseeing plane trips. Additionally, wildlife safaris can introduce visitors to some of the 10,000 elk that live in the area.

The town of Jackson itself has galleries, cinemas, museums, a library, concerts, indoor tennis and swimming.

**Family Fun**

Jackson Hole is a fun resort where families will enjoy being together.

The Wrangler Day Care centre (tel: (307) 739 2788), which accepts children aged from six months to three years, offers lessons in basic skiing techniques and indoor activities – reservations are required. There are tailored lessons for all ages from the resort's ski school, with special camps also operating during school holiday periods throughout the season for older children.

The slopeside Kids Ranch in Cody House offers a range of activities, including an outdoor snow play area with an easy-to-use magic carpet lift. Evening activities include the ‘Kids Night Out’, where children from the age of four to 18 can relax with a range of entertainment and games away from their parents, from pizza nights and films to floodlit sledging.

**Retail Therapy**

There is a clutch of shops in Teton Village; most of which are ski or board stores. A new addition is Wool & Whiskey (7652 Granite Ridge Loop Road), which offers men’s clothing and a well-stocked whiskey bar.

With limited shopping in Jackson Hole ski resort, serious shoppers can head to Jackson where a mix of regional arts and crafts outlets and national chains await – there are dozens of quirky and interesting stores in the town.

**Splashing Out**

Switch skis or board for a snowmobile and zoom across Yellowstone National Park, visit Old Faithful and then enjoy a swim in a natural thermal pool, with Jackson Hole Snowmobile Tours (tel: (307) 733 6850; [www.jacksonholesnowmobile.com](http://www.jacksonholesnowmobile.com/)).

**Apres Ski**

Après-ski in Jackson Hole takes place in various lively slopeside bars. The Mangy Moose (tel: (307) 733 4913; [www.mangymoose.net](http://www.mangymoose.net/)) in Teton Village base has celebrated more than 45 years in business, and has been voted one of North America's best ski bars.

There's a wider choice of après-ski bars in central Jackson, including several genuine cowboy saloons and a wonderful 1950s-style diner, The Cadillac Grille (55 North Cache Street; tel: (307) 733 3279; [www.cadillac-grille.com](http://www.cadillac-grille.com/)).

**Eating Out**

There is a limited but adequate choice of restaurants in Jackson Hole at the base of the mountain, but a far wider selection in Jackson with options ranging from fast food to gourmet.

Teton Thai (7342 Granite Loop Road; tel: (307) 733 0022; [www.tetonthai.com](http://www.tetonthai.com/)), near the base village, serves undisputedly some of the best Thai food in the region and is a hangout for both locals and visitors.

At the top of the Bridger gondola, the Couloir restaurant offers fine Western cuisine amid stunning scenery. The gondola is also open for evening diners to sample dishes such as bison and sticky-glazed pork.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airport: Jackson Hole Airport (JAC).

Distance to resort: 21km (13 miles).

Driving time: 30 minutes.

**Getting Around**

A bus shuttle service links Jackson Hole Airport and the town of Jackson to the ski area. There are also several car hire outlets.

**Hotels**

Teton Village is the most convenient place to stay for hitting the slopes and offers a wide choice of apartments, but Jackson has more atmosphere. There are a number of upmarket hotels in Jackson Hole, as well as luxury chalets with spas, bed and breakfasts, guest houses and a hostel for those on a budget.

**Snake River Lodge & Spa**

This luxury, full-service hotel has a pool and spa and is located at the base of the mountain in Teton Village.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

7710 Granite Loop Road

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Teton Village

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

(307) 732 6000.

**Website**

http://www.snakeriverlodge.com

**The Hostel**

Family-owned since 1967, The Hostel is equipped with a library, table tennis and pool tables.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

3315 Village Drive

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Teton Village

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

(307) 733 3415.

**Website**

http://www.thehostel.us

**Pony Express Motel**

Located in the town of Jackson, Pony Express Motel is near all the major attractions and has its own heated pool.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

1075 West Broadway

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Jackson

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

(307) 733 3835.

**Website**

http://www.ponyexpresswest.com