**Jackson Hole**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Experts

Snowboarders

Families

Après ski

Snow reliability

Environmental awareness

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

7

**Intermediate Runs**

48

**Advanced Runs**

78

**Total Runs**

133

**Lifts**

13

**Chairs**

9

**Drags**

2

**Gondola Cable Cars**

2

**Parks**

6

**Pipes**

1

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

11.6m (38ft).

**Overview**

Jackson Hole has perhaps the most interesting history of any ski resort.

Built as the American answer to Chamonix or St Anton, Jackson Hole rejected the glitz and glamour image of skiing and focused on two things – traditional Western hospitality (emanating from the charming local town of Jackson itself, 19km/12 miles away) and quality, exciting terrain.

Over the past decade though, the changes have begun to set in. Comfortable condos have appeared at the base of the slopes and an ever-growing onus on family facilities is replacing the grungy bars and restaurants that were former haunts of the serious skier crowd. Additionally the resort now has an increasing ‘green’ focus, being powered by 100% renewable energy, and running a scheme that sees several of its restaurants contributing 1% of their profits to environmental schemes. While these are undeniably good things, it illustrates how the resort is rapidly evolving and maturing.

Of course despite this widening of its appeal, Jackson Hole’s tough stuff is still there in abundance, happy, carefree borders still bounce down steep slopes and the iconic aerial tram, capable of carrying 100 passengers 1,262m (4,139ft) up the mountain in nine minutes, is still running. Jackson Hole will continue to evolve, but will inevitable maintain its biggest draw - those incredible slopes.

**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/maps/mountain-winter.html

**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 a previous conqueror.

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**

Jackson Hole’s base facilities have grown rapidly over the last decade or so.

Other than in-hotel spa facilities, most activities on offer are strictly outdoor affairs, ranging 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, a short commute away, is a busy year-round resort destination even without the skiing and has galleries, cinemas, museums, a library, concerts, indoor tennis and swimming.

Those with a head for heights can embark on a paragliding trip (tel: +1 307 690 8726; [www.jhparagliding.com](http://www.jhparagliding.com)) high above the bustling slopes, or, for highly experienced skiers, sample heli-skiing (tel: +1 307 733 3274) in five mountain ranges surrounding Jackson Hole.

**Family Fun**

The Wrangler Day Care centre (tel: +1 307 739 2788) accepts children aged from six months to three years and offers lessons in basic skiing techniques. There are also tailored ski lessons from the resort's ski school, with special camps also operating during school holiday periods

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 Togwotee Adventures Snowmobile Tours (tel: +1 307 733 8800; [www.togwoteesnowmobile.com](http://www.togwoteesnowmobile.com)).

**Apres Ski**

Après-ski in Jackson Hole is divided between the slopeside scene and the more atmospheric nightspots in downtown Jackson.

The Mangy Moose (tel: +1 307 733 4913; [www.mangymoose.com](http://www.mangymoose.com)) in Teton Village base has managed to survive all the changes over the years and remains one of the world’s great après-ski venues. Regularly topping various magazines’ best ski bar polls, skiers and boarders have been frequenting the establishment since 1967.

The wider choice of après-ski bars in central Jackson is vast and includes several genuine cowboy saloons. The Snake River Brewing Company (tel: +1 307 739 2337; [www.snakeriverbrewing.com](http://www.snakeriverbrewing.com)), Wyoming’s oldest brewery, is the place to taste local creations.

**Eating Out**

There is a limited but growing choice of restaurants in Jackson Hole, but a far wider selection in Jackson with more than 100 dining options. These range from fast food to gourmet options.

Teton Thai (tel: +1 307 733 0022; [www.tetonthai.com](http://www.tetonthai.com/)), near the base village, serves undisputedly some of the best Thai food in the region. .

At the top of the Bridger gondola (which stays open into the evening), the Couloir restaurant offers fine Western cuisine amid stunning scenery with dishes such as bison and sticky-glazed pork.

In Jackson town the choice is vast with every niche catered for, including vegan diners at the popular Lotus Café (tel: +1 307 734 0882).

For classic American fare, the Blue Lion (tel: +1 307 733 3912; [www.bluelionrestaurant.com](http://www.bluelionrestaurant.com)) is a long time local’s favourite, while The Bird (tel: +1 307 732 2473; [www.thebirdinjackson.com](http://www.thebirdinjackson.com)) is a great option for those craving burgers.

The steaks are of course big in this cowboy country, with the White Buffalo Club (tel: +1 888 256 8182; [www.whitebuffaloclub.com](http://www.whitebuffaloclub.com)) one of the best places to try one.

**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.

**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**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Jackson

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

WY 83001

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 307 733 3835

**Website**

www.ponyexpresswest.com

**The Hostel**

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

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Teton Village

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

WY 83025

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 307 733 3415

**Website**

www.thehostel.us

**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**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Teton Village

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

WY 83025

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 307 732 6000

**Website**

www.snakeriverlodge.com

**Wyoming Inn of Jackson Hole**

The popular, 3-star Wyoming Inn is situated in a quiet location close to the Jackson town centre and on the road that leads to the slopes. This hotel is well presented with clean, comfortable rooms and a free laundry service.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

930 W Broadway

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Jackson

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

WY 83001

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 307 734 0035

**Website**

www.wyominginn.com

**Ranch Inn**

A classic motel in downtown Jackson and the closest accommodation option to the famous town square with its numerous shops and restaurants. Guests at the Ranch Inn can expect free Wi-Fi, complimentary breakfast and in-room televisions – with movie channels.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Jackson

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

WY 83001

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 307 733 6363

**Website**

www.ranchinn.com

**Amangani**

This 5-star spa resort is housed in a spectacular location overlooking the region, located 20 minutes from the ski area by free shuttle. The Amangani contains 40 luxurious, beautifully-presented suites, as well as an on-site spa and swimming pool.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

1535 North East Butte Road

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Jackson

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

WY 83001

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 307 734 7333

**Website**

www.amanresorts.com/amangani/home.aspx