**Killington**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Experts

Snowboarders

Après ski

Snow reliability

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

44

**Intermediate Runs**

51

**Advanced Runs**

60

**Total Runs**

155

**Lifts**

29

**Chairs**

20

**Drags**

7

**Gondola Cable Cars**

2

**Parks**

6

**Pipes**

1

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

6.4m (21ft).

**Overview**

As the biggest and arguably best known ski area in New England, Killington has been pulling in thousands of skiers from the metropolises of the US East Coast for generations.

Uniquely for a ski resort there’s no substantial resort base at Killington, instead hotels and restaurants are spaced out for several miles along the sides of the access road, which climbs up to the base of the lifts. Together these add up to a very substantial selection of accommodation, dining and shopping options.

The ski slopes too are well spread out, extending for 16km (10 miles) across half a dozen mountain peaks. It’s a huge area that, with neighbouring resort Pico (included in the lift pass), also has one of the biggest lift-served verticals in the US.

Killington also has a reputation for its long ski season, which can sometimes stretch for six months. This is in part achieved thanks to the high natural average snowfall of the area, but also due to the resort’s formidable arsenal of snowmaking guns, an area it pioneered and is now one of the world’s leaders in.

**Location**

Killington ski resort is located at the heart of Vermont's Green Mountains, New England, in the northeastern corner of the USA. It is separated from the city of Rutland by skiable terrain.

**Website**

http://www.killington.com

**Piste Map**

http://www.killington.com/site/mountain/trail\_map/W14-15\_Killington\_Trail\_Guide\_web.pdf

**Hit The Slopes**

The snowmaking on its slopes and the abundance of snowfall allows Killington ski resort a relatively long season that generally lasts from early November through to mid-April.

Killington has a reputation for high-quality slope-grooming on a variety of trails, from wide open cruisers such as Needle's Eye and Skyeburst, to steep carving terrain on Double Dipper and Cascade. Snow-making blankets the resort's best known trails such as Outer Limits, the longest, steepest mogul run in eastern USA, which is on Bear Mountain.

Killington's two fast gondolas deliver skiers and riders of all ability levels to not only wide, groomed cruisers, but classic narrow New England trails, moguls, steeps, and 16 tree skiing areas.

Beginners have large nursery slopes leading down to the Snowshed Lodge, and a choice of green runs from each peak, including the popular Easy Street run from Ramshead Peak, the easy Great Eastern from the top of Skye Peak, and the winding Great Northern from Killington Peak. Children can learn in safety at the Ramshead Lodge with its Kid’s Ski and Snowboard School.

For freeskiers and riders, Killington offers multiple terrain features, including Bear Mountain's terrain parks, the Burton Stash Park and a 130m (430ft) superpipe with 5m (18ft) walls.

**Killington**

**Resort**

318

**Base**

318

**Top**

1292

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

There’s a variety of off-mountain winter activities available in and around Killington ski resort, including dog sledding, cross-country skiing, sleigh rides, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and ice skating. The resort’s tubing park provides fun for all ages in two-hour periods lasting long into the evening.

Among the more unique activities to Killington is a day on a snowcat with the groomers followed by drinks and nibbles in the Motor Room Bar, the former terminal of the resort’s first four-seater lift.

Those who like beer will be fascinated by the tour of the Long Trail Brewery (tel: +1 802 672 5011), which is a short drive from the resort. Brewers give customers an account of how the beer is made and offer the opportunity to taste the various ales on offer.

**Family Fun**

Killington is great for families with a huge array of things to do and family-friendly facilities.

The resort’s Friendly Penguin nursery (tel: +1 800 923 9444) at the base of the slopes accepts children aged three months and up. It has its own snow play area with conveyor-type lift, so that children aged two and older can first try on skis in a safe and supervised environment.

Killington has invested more than £2m in its four-storey Snowshed Adventure Center where attractions include the Skye Ropes Course and Skyeride (seated zip line ride) as well as a mountain coaster.

Ramshead Peak’s Family Centre at the base of the area houses many facilities including a ski school and children's equipment hire kiosk.

**Retail Therapy**

There's a moderate selection of shops in Killington ski resort, but visitors will need a car (or the shuttle bus service) to travel between most of them. The largest retail area, Killington Outfitters, is at the base of Killington Road where it meets US Route 4. Serious retail therapy is half an hour away in the town of Rutland; or there's factory-outlet shopping in nearby Manchester.

**Splashing Out**

Take a day off the slopes and book a ‘Grand Spa Day’ at the Killington Grand Resort Hotel (tel: +1 802 422 5001; [www.killington.com](http://www.killington.com)). Indulge in blissful relaxation with a range of treatments, including: green tea body glow treatment, aromatherapy massage, deep cleansing facial and warm aroma paraffin manicures and pedicures.

**Apres Ski**

Although well spread out at its base, Killington has a reputation for some of the best nightlife of any eastern North American ski resort, with more than 40 bars and night spots to choose from.

The resort’s most famous venue is the historic Wobbly Barn (tel: +1 802 422 6171; [www.wobblybarn.net](http://www.wobblybarn.net)), which was established in 1963 and ranks as one of the world’s classic ski bars. Hugely popular, it doesn't take table reservations but opens at 1600 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Of the newer establishments, McGrath's Irish Pub (tel: +1 802 775 7181) produces the perfect shamrock on its pints of Guinness, as well as offering live music at weekends. Additionally, Garlic (tel: +1 802 422 5055) has a good wine list, an excellent cocktail menu and a fine selection of draft beers.

**Eating Out**

There are more than 100 places to eat around Killington, the vast majority unpretentious, high-value and high-quality establishments.

Among the best known restaurants in Killington is Outback Pizza (tel: +1 802 422 9885), which also delivers, and has a reputation for fantastic pizza made with unbleached flour, fresh mozzarella and extra virgin olive oil. Monday is pizza buffet night.

Ovations restaurant (tel: +1 802 422 6111) offers some of the finest dining in the resort, with tables overlooking the ski slopes.

You can find most international flavours served up in the many restaurants here. The Sushi Yoshi Chinese Gourmet Hibachi Steakhouse (tel: +1 802 422 4241) may be quite a mouthful to say, but offers superb sushi, and quality steak. Baja Burrito (tel: +1 802 422 4442) on the other hand, serves excellent Mexican cuisine.

On mountain-dining, which was previously run-of-the-mill, has benefitted from a new US$6.5m restaurant that recently opened on the site of the old Peak Lodge and is the highest gondola-served restaurant in eastern North America.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airports: Boston Logan International Airport (BOS); Montreal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport (YUL).

Distance to resort: 257km (161 miles); 319km (198 miles).

Driving time: 3 hours; 3 hours 40 minutes.

**Getting Around**

A shuttle service operating up and down Killington Road means visitors can get around easily without the need for a car; although hiring a vehicle can always be handy for a day trip outside the resort.

**Hotels**

Apartments and hotels in Killington are spread across the resort, as there is no real centre to the village. The accommodation at the entrance of the resort is well positioned for the Skyeship gondola. As well as a selection of mid-range and luxury hotels, there are also chalets, lodges, guest houses, townhouses and charming country inns dotted around the resort.

**Cedarbrook Motor Inn Suites**

This good value accommodation is in a handy location within walking distance of Sunrise base and Trail Creek.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Junction of Routes 4 and 100 South

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Killington

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

VT 05751

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 802 422 9666

**Website**

www.thecedarbrook.com/cbrook

**Killington Grand Resort Hotel Spa & Conference Center**

The hotel with the best slopeside location in the resort, the 4-star Killington Grand Resort Hotel Spa & Conference Center has a luxurious spa and pool complex as well as an on-site restaurant.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

228 East Mountain Road

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Killington

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

VT 05751

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 802 422 5001

**Website**

www.killington.com

**Holiday Inn Rutland**

Holiday Inn Rutland provides good value accommodation and has its own swimming pool, sauna and whirlpools.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

476 US Route 7 South

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Killington

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

VT 05751

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 802 775 1911

**Website**

www.hivermont.com

**Killington Motel**

The Killington Motel is conveniently located just off the main road to the gondola. It’s a traditional, slightly basic, motel but benefits from extremely attentive owners, who are also famed for providing a delicious breakfast each morning.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

XXX

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

XXX

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

VT 05751

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 802 773 9535

**Website**

www.killingtonmotel.com

**Sumit Lodge and Resort**

A Killington institution and year-round resort hotel for more than 50 years, The Summit Lodge is built for comfort, with two restaurants and two lounges on site, along with a heated year-round swimming pool and a large hot tub. Another of the hotel’s draws is its two Saint Bernards, Rachael and Teddy, who are loved by regular guests.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

200 Summit Road

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

XXX

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

VT 05751

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 800 635 6343

**Website**

www.summitlodgevermont.com

**Killington Mountain Lodge**

The 3-star Inn of the Six Mountains is located on the access road to the slopes and includes a hot breakfast buffet, Wi-Fi access and tasty afternoon treats – apple cider and cookies – in the room rate.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

2617 Killington Road

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

XXX

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

VT 05751

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 802 772 0972

**Website**

www.killingtonmountainlodge.com