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### Mt. Spokane Ski and Snowboard Park-Uphill Mountain Policy (earn your turns safely)

### **It is your responsibility to read through the entire Uphill Travel Policy and study the Access Routes if you plan to travel uphill at Mt. Spokane**

Mount Spokane Ski and Snowboard Park and the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (WSPRC) encourage use of public land. Users should be aware that public lands comprising the Mt. Spokane Alpine Ski Concession Area are under lease to Mt. Spokane Ski and Snowboard Park from WSPRC. While enjoying these leased lands, users must abide by Mt. Spokane Ski and Snowboard Park and WSPRC’s restrictions, policies, and guidelines. Uphill use by means of skinning has gained popularity at Mt. Spokane in recent years. This type of recreational use raises safety concerns for the ski area as well as its uphill and downhill users. Mt. Spokane Ski and Snowboard Park welcomes and supports individuals seeking to exercise and enjoy the quiet mountain setting. Uphill users can help preserve this opportunity by following these simple guidelines:

### General

Within the Mt Spokane Ski Area Boundary, uphill travel is permitted only on designated routes under conditions that do not adversely impact grooming, parking, snow removal, maintenance or other ski area operations.

All uphill travelers in the patrolled ski area boundary are considered skiers and are required to have an uphill use pass armband. Uphill passes are available at the Snow Sports Center at the main lodge, during operating hours. Uphill pass users will be required to watch a short informational video and sign an acknowledgement waiver. Uphill Passes are issued for the entire season, and are $20 for existing season pass holders and $40 for non-pass holders.

Specific routes may be closed at any given time due to safety or hazardous conditions. These conditions include but are not limited to; hazard trees, construction, and grooming or maintenance operations. Check the [Mt. Spokane Snow Report](http://www.mtspokane.com/snowreport) for notices of closures or route changes.

Hourglass, No Alibi and Two Face often necessitate the use of a winch grooming system to maintain managed slopes. Extreme safety hazards present themselves to users during winch operations.

Uphill travelers must be visible (by wearing headlamps during hours of darkness) and yield to all downhill traffic whether person or machine. Uphill travelers are subject to RCW 79A.45.030, the Skier Responsibility Code and other Mt Spokane rules and policies. Mt Spokane accepts no liability or responsibility for accidents that occur as a result of uphill travel. RCW 4.24.210

Users are welcome to travel outside of the ski area boundary using Washington State Parks trail systems in accordance with subjective policies. The standard summit route for skiers and snowshoers starts at the Lower Selkirk Parking Lot. It ascends Trail 131, skirts left along the lower edge of B-29 to Trail 130, passes the Bald Knob Picnic Shelter and then ascends to the Mt. Spokane summit straight up the fall line staying south of the patrolled boundary. Once on the summit, it is permissible to hike north to the Vista House. Access to Trail 130 and the Chair 4 Road in the northeast corner of the park is permitted via a short descent to the right side of the tubing hill and then ascending the groomed access road to the trail. An uphill alpine pass is not needed to use these routes.

 Click here to see a [map of appropriate parking and trail options](http://www.mountspokane.org/).

#### ALWAYS

* Travel uphill only on the designated route.
* Stay completely to the edge of ski trails; do not hike or stand in the middle of a ski trail.
* Observe posted signs, warnings, and trail closures.
* Be alert for & yield to downhill skiers.
* Yield to and/or avoid all ski area machinery.

#### NEVER

* Stop in high-traffic zones, where you are likely to obstruct a trail, or where you are not visible to downhill traffic.
* Hike, stand, or otherwise position more than two people side-by-side across the fall line.
* Bring pets out of parking areas during ski season.

### Designated Routes/Times

**B29 Route-Ascent:** This designated route begins at the base of Lodge One and travels uphill to the junction with B-29 and follows the outside edge of the groomed trail to the uphill junction with Tea Kettle. Uphill Traffic follows the outside edge of Tea Kettle adjacent to the ski area boundary to the summit of the mountain. Uphill travelers must stay on the trail edge closest to the ski area boundary.

**Route Availability:**

**6am-9:10am** On operational days, normally Wednesday-Sunday, except Holidays. Exceptions will include 3-5 weekends per season when there are ski race events. At 9:10am, skinners must be transitioned to downhill skiers regardless of where they are on the trail. Upon transitioning to downhill travel, all skiers are subject to the same notices and closures of a downhill skier and must abide by ski area policy and regulation. Downhill Skiers are subject to the Skier Responsibility Code printed on tickets and other Mt Spokane rules and policies. Prior to 9:10am, the decent route is limited to Tea Kettle/B29 only. After 9:10am, any run can be skied.

**6am-4pm** On non-operational days…Mondays and Tuesdays (except Holidays)

Skiing and snowshoeing is permitted within the patrolled boundary when the lifts are not operating until grooming operations begin (6AM-4PM Mondays and Tuesdays except holiday periods) An Uphill Pass is not required during these times, however a Sno-Park permit is required on all vehicles. Grooming normally begins at 4:00pm on Tuesday evening.

### Parking

Uphill users, prior to operating hours need to follow specific instructions to allow safe and unobstructed traffic flow. On weekday mornings users should park nose in against the uphill snow bank adjacent to Lodge 1, between the two driveways. On weekend mornings uphill users should park in the employee parking area south (uphill) of lodge 1.

Roadways at Mt Spokane are cleared by the Washington State Parks. Blocking the clearing of snow on a fresh snowfall day can impede safe traffic flow and user experience. On new snow mornings where snowfall is actively being cleared please adhere to parking guidelines and be sensitive to the goals of park snowplows and accommodate their path of travel wherever possible.

Parking prior to ski area operational hours, or on non-operational days requires the use of a SNO-PARK Permit. More information on Sno-Park Permits can be found here: <http://www.parks.wa.gov/winter/nonmotorparks/permits/>

Permits must be clearly displayed or subjected to appropriate fines/tickets.

### Pets

### Dogs are not permitted within the alpine ski area except in the parking lots. Outside the boundary of the ski area, dogs must be leashed and under their owner’s control at all times.