



Which pass
is best for you?

Season Passes compared

Which option is best for you depends on how much you'll ski and where. As a general rule, any of the season passes listed is worth the purchase if you will be skiing at least 6 or 7 days at the ski areas listed.

Note that PACRAT racers will get discounted lift tickets at all 3 Mt. Hood ski areas on their race days. If you are a racer who only skis on race days, maybe you don't need a season pass.

Remember that **Meadows**, **Timberline** and **Skibowl** will be offering **Spring Passes** valid for 3 months of skiing in March, April and May, for about \$139 - \$160. So, for maximum variety, consider buying a season pass to one of them, and then at the beginning of March, buy a Spring Pass to the other.

Vail Resorts has purchased the majority of ski areas in Colorado and many resorts elsewhere too, and they have raised their day lift tickets to somewhere around \$169 - \$189. They don't even publish a price list any more. Instead, you have to tell them which days you will be there, and they will then quote you a price for those days. **Aspen, Snowmass and related resorts** are slightly more affordable, at \$149 for a day ticket.

See comparison chart on next pages.

Count Your Ski Areas

Set up your own counter of ski areas visited. Use a modified form of John and Jewel's spreadsheet (who have already skied at over 550 ski areas) with 3 added columns, for up to 3 more people. Make one of these your own. Enter a "1" for every ski area visited. See: <http://www.mthigh.org/Documents/North-American-Ski-Areas-2019-03-30.xls>

Season Passes Comparison

Season Pass

Prices will go up immediately after the SkiFever Show, so buy your season pass by the beginning of November.

Use the Comparison Chart we have compiled to figure out which pass is best for you. Note that many season passes now include benefits at other ski areas as well. So, a lot depends on where you plan to ski.

The Comparison Chart is published on our website, on the ARTICLES page, where we keep some articles of more permanent value. See this chart at:

<http://www.mthigh.org/Articles/Season-Passes-Comparsion.pdf>

Note that the long list of ski areas in the comparison chart is updated each year, and new ski areas get added. The number of ski areas in some cases has grown larger than what will fit in the limited amount of space. So, for the most accurate and up-to-date list, check the corresponding website.

A ski area may be included in more than one pass. If you know which ski areas you might visit next season, do a search for those in the chart. On a computer, click the **Ctrl+F** keys (or **Cmd+F** on Apple computers). On a smartphone or tablet, chose the option to "Search on page".

General Info

RENEWING A PASS. In many cases, you can get a better price if you already had a certain pass the previous winter and are now just renewing it. Examples: Mt. Hood Meadows, IKON Pass, etc. In addition, most season passes will also offer a **credit to compensate for the months missed last season due to the COVID -19 epidemic.**

NIGHT SKIING. Note that in addition to the regular season passes, Mt. Hood Skibowl also offers a Night Skiing season pass for just \$189.

SPRING PASSES. Note that **Meadows, Timberline, and Skibowl** will be offering **Spring Passes** valid for almost 3 months of skiing in March, April and May, for about \$139 - \$160. Information about these passes will not be available until some time late in February.

VARIETY. For maximum variety, consider the possibility of combining several different passes, such as:

- Buy a season pass to one ski area, and then at the beginning of March, buy a Spring Pass to one of the others.
- Buy a 10-time pass to Mt. Hood Meadows and then a 5-time pass to Timberline, or vice-versa.

Some Specifics

IKON PASS. Mt. Bachelor is now part of the IKON Pass. Lower prices offered before June 17 and will be higher after that. This pass is centered around Aspen/Snowmass and all the ski areas owned by or related to them.

EPIC PASS. This pass is centered around Vail Resorts and all the ski areas owned by them. Note that there is an option to purchase an Epic Lake Tahoe pass that includes just Heavenly, Northstar, and Kirkwood.

INDY PASS. The Independent ski areas pass has grown to 52 ski areas. You get 2 free days at each. The latest additions among western ski areas are: China Peak, CA, Tamarack Resort, ID, and Sasquatch Mountain, BC.

POWDER ALLIANCE. The Powder Alliance is somewhat similar to the Indy Pass in that it also includes mainly independently owned ski areas, but it also includes unlimited skiing at your home mountain. For Oregonians, that means unlimited skiing at Timberline and Skibowl (with the Fusion Pass) plus 3 days at each of the other 17 ski areas. Note that there is no pass called the Powder Alliance Pass. Instead, your local season pass (the Fusion Pass) is simply valid at all the other Powder Alliance ski areas.

LOVELAND PASS with POWDER ALLIANCE. This pass gives you 3 free days at all the Powder Alliance ski areas **plus** another 18 ski areas on top of that! This includes Powder Mt. (UT), Whitefish (MT), Schweitzer Mt. (ID), Purgatory (CO), Homewood (CA), and more. But you get only 3 days at Timberline and 3 at Skibowl.

COMPARISON CHART

NOTE 1: Prices will increase November 3 and 23. Epic Pass prices increase in October. Mt. Bachelor prices increase 7/15 and 9/30.

NOTE 2: Gray areas show info from last season or an uncertain price, not yet updated.

Ski area / Name of Pass	1 Day	4 - 5 Day	10/12 Days	Adult Season Pass	Senior Season Pass	Season Pass description
<u>Mt. Bachelor</u> Now part of the IKON Pass.	\$96	4-pack \$279 N/A after 9/30	12-day \$629 After 10/1 \$779	Till 7/15 \$959 After 10/1 \$1,239	Till 7/15 \$629 After 10/1 \$769	Multiple day passes are not valid on holidays. Prices increase a lot after July 15, and then again after Sept. 30.
<u>Mt. Hood Meadows</u> Includes 5 free days at Mt. Baker, plus 3 fee days at: Whitefish Mt. Resort. Other benefits are yet to be announced. Everyone is encouraged to start skiing later in the day when tickets are cheaper.	\$39 - \$129 by time of day, & week day.	5-days pass not available this year	10-days pass not available this year	Value pass \$509 All-access \$929	Value pass \$419 All-access \$739	Value Pass is valid after 2 pm. Day tickets vary in price by time of day and day of the week. Buy a 4 hour or 7 hour ticket. Starting times are 9 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, and 5 pm. Later times are cheaper. Prices will rise after Nov. 8 to \$929 / \$739. Free skiing for 75+.
<u>Mt. Hood Skibowl</u> (See Fusion Pass)	\$59	--	--	\$443	\$229	Night pass = \$189. / Super-seniors 71+ = \$25.
<u>Timberline</u> (Also see Fusion Pass) Includes the Summit ski area.	\$75	5-days \$265	10-days \$409	\$554	\$194	Multi-day & season prices will increase after Nov. 8 and Nov. 25. Free skiing for 71+.
<u>Indy Pass</u> 56 ski areas, with 2 days at each, for 112 total ski days. West: 49° North, Apex Mt., Beaver Mt., Brundage Mt., Castle Mt., Eaglecrest, Hoodoo, Hurricane Ridge, Lost Trail, Mission Ridge, Mt. Shasta Ski Park, China Peak, Red Lodge Mt., Silver Mt., White Pass, Sunrise Park, Sasquatch Mt., Snow King, Tamarack, White Pine. Plus 17 ski areas in the Midwest. Plus 19 ski areas in the East.				\$199	\$199	56 ski areas, with 2 days at each, for 112 total ski days. Sale starts Sept. 1st. Plus, get a third day for 25% off. A few ski areas have blackout dates. For \$299, you can buy the Indy+ pass which has no blackout dates.
<u>Fusion Pass/Powder Alliance</u> (18 areas) Unlimited skiing at Timberline and Mt. Hood Skibowl + 3 free tickets at each of 16 other ski areas: Mission Ridge, White Pass, Silver Mt, Bridger Bowl, Sierra-at-Tahoe, Bogus Basin, China Peak, Mountain High, Angel Fire, Loveland, Monarch Mt., Marmot Basin, Castle Mt., Eaglecrest (AK), Kiroro (Japan), La Parva (Chile).				\$654 till Nov. 2 \$749 till Nov. 23	\$294 till Nov. 2 \$319 till Nov. 23	Unlimited skiing at Timberline and Mt. Hood Skibowl + 3 free tickets at each of 16 other ski areas, a total of 48 free days. Mid-week is free. Weekends are 1/2 price. Those 71 and over pay only \$50. All prices will increase after Nov. 2 and 23.
<u>Mountain Collective Pass</u> (23 areas) 2 lift tickets at each of: Alta, Arapahoe Basin, Aspen Snowmass, Banff Sunshine, Big Sky, Chamonix/Mont Blanc, Coronet Peak, The Remarkables, Grand Targhee, Jackson Hole, Lake Louise, Mammoth, Mt Buller, Niseko United, Panorama, Revelstoke, Snowbird, Squaw, Alpine Meadows, Sugarbush, Sugarloaf, Sun Peaks, Taos, Thredbo and Valle Nevado.				46-time pass \$489	46-time pass \$489	2 days at each of 23 destinations. Additional days at each resort are 50% off. No blackout dates. Everyone 13 or older pays the same price. Kids 12 or younger pay \$149.
<u>Epic Pass</u> (Vail Resorts): Unlimited access to 37 ski areas: Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Heavenly, Northstar, Kirkwood, Park City, Stowe, Whistler/Blackcomb, Afton Alps, Mt. Brighton, Wilmot, Perisher, Hotham, Falls Creek, Okemo, Mt. Sunapee, Crested Butte, Stevens Pass and more. Plus 7 days at: Telluride, Sun Valley, Snowbasin, Fernie, Kimberley, Kicking Horse, Nakiska, Mont-Sainte Anne, Stoneham. Plus 5 days at: 11 Japanese ski areas. Plus 26 ski areas in Europe.				season \$999	season \$999	Also: 1-day pass = \$133, 4-day pass = \$493, 7-day pass = \$789, Epic local pass = \$749. Tahoe pass (Heavenly, Northstar, Kirkwood) = \$639. Active/retired military & families = \$189. Other veterans & their families = \$579. Everyone 13 or older pays the same price. Prices will increase in October.
<u>IKON Pass</u> (42 or 44 ski areas) Unlimited access at: Base pass includes 14 areas: Winter Park, Copper Mt., Eldora, Squaw/Alpine Meadows, Mammoth Mt., June Mt., Big Bear, Blue Mt., Snowshoe, Crystal Mt., Solitude, Straton, Sugarbush, Tremblant. Full pass includes all 14 plus: Steamboat (CO). Both passes also include 5 or 7 days at each of the resorts listed in the column at right. NOTE: Purchase before June 17 for only \$699 (base) or \$999 (full). NOTE 2: Prices go up by \$100 on October 14.				BASE: \$749 Unlimited at 14 areas plus 5 days at 27 other ski areas..	FULL: \$1049 Unlimited at 15 areas plus 7 days at 28 other ski areas..	West: Mt. Bachelor, Aspen Snowmass, A-Basin, Jackson Hole, Big Sky, Snoqualmie, Taos, Deer Valley, Brighton, Alta/Snowbird, Canada: Revelstoke, SkiBig3, Cypress, East: Killington- Pico, Sugarbush, Loon Mt., Boyne Mt., Sunday River, Sugarloaf. Other: Zermatt Matterhorn, Thredbo, Mt. Buller, Coronet Peak, The Remarkables, Mt. Hutt, Niseko, Valle Nevado.
<u>Loveland with Powder Alliance</u> Unlimited skiing at Loveland, CO, plus 3 free days at all Powder Alliance ski areas , plus: 3 days at: Purgatory, Monarch, Powderhorn, Powder Mt, Schweitzer, Whitefish, Snow King, Red Lodge, Homewood, Ski Cooper, Sunlight, Brundage, BrianHead, Sipapu, Pajarito, Hesperus, Arizona Snowbowl				\$439	\$99 for seniors 70+	3 free days at all 19 Powder Alliance resorts, plus 3 days at each of another 17 ski areas. Great deal if you want to ski at some of the additional 17 ski areas and are OK to ski no more than 3 days at Timberline / Skibowl.

Click on the blue, underlined pass name for more detailed info and to purchase it.