

Sundance Mountain Resort

Uphill Skiing Policy

Effective: March 1, 2026

Applies To: All guests participating in uphill skiing at Sundance Mountain Resort

Overview

Sundance Mountain Resort allows uphill skiing during designated hours and on approved routes only. This policy is designed to provide an experience for uphill skiers while allowing resort operations such as grooming, snowmaking, and maintenance to continue uninterrupted.

Participation in uphill skiing is a privilege and may be revoked at any time for non-compliance.

Hours of Operation

- **Uphill skiing is permitted daily from 6:00 AM to 8:45 AM, seven days a week.**
 - Guests **must complete their uphill travel by 8:45 AM.**
 - Uphill travel outside of these hours is strictly prohibited.
 - Be aware that several factors can affect availability such as snow safety, maintenance, operations, and seasonal considerations. Please adhere to the Red Light, Green Light status as outlined below.
 - Uphill Skiing is NOT allowed during off seasons. The Resort must be open for normal winter operations before Uphill skiing is allowed. Generally, December 7th – March 31st.
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Registration, Fee, and Identification

- All uphill skiers are required to:
 - Sign a waiver
 - Pay a **\$25 one-time fee**
 - Upon completion, guests will receive a **high-visibility armband**, which **must be worn at all times** while on the mountain.
 - Waivers and armbands may be obtained at the **Activity Center during its operational hours**. Generally, 8:30am – 5:00pm 7-days a week.
 - Failure to wear the armband will result in loss of uphill privileges.
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Parking – Early Morning

Early morning uphillers **MUST** park in Lot A. Violations will be issued for any vehicle parked in Lot A after 9:00am without a reservation. For parking reservations, visit <https://www.parksundanceresort.com/>

Bathrooms

Bathrooms are available at the Creekside building or Redford Conference Center. Please respect the Mountain and not use our ski runs for nature breaks. Plan ahead.

Designated Uphill Route

Uphill skiing is permitted **only** on the designated route marked by **green triangles**. Guests must follow the route exactly as marked. Ascend single-file and stick to the right side of the trail. Ensure you are visible with the use of lights and reflective clothing.

Approved Route:

- Begin in the **Beginner Area located to the west of Outlaw Express lift.**
- Travel to **Stampede**
- Continue up the **rollers to Red Canyon**
- From Red Canyon, take **Outlaw Trail to Jake's Summit**
- From Jake's Summit, take **Broadway to the Wedding Platform at Mandan Summit**

Guests must follow all green triangles and posted signage.

Downhill Travel

- Uphill skiers are required to **ski downhill using the same route they ascended.**
 - Downhill travel must be done cautiously, yielding to uphill traffic. Remain alert for other uphill skiers, groomers and snowmobiles.
 - Downhill skiers should stay to the right of the trail to avoid uphill skiers.
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Route Compliance and Enforcement

- **Deviation from the designated route is strictly prohibited.**
- Do not:
 - Duck ropes
 - Ignore signage
 - Enter closed terrain
 - Deviate from designated route
- Violations will result in:
 - Immediate loss of uphill privileges

- Confiscation of uphill passes
- Blatant or repeated violations may result in:
 - Loss of all skiing privileges
 - Removal from the resort
 - Trespass enforcement

Non-compliance jeopardizes the entire uphill skiing program for everyone.

Mountain Operations and Hazards

Guests must understand that uphill skiing occurs during active mountain operations. These include, but are not limited to:

- Snowcats
- Snowmobiles
- Side-by-sides
- Snowmaking equipment
- Lift equipment
- Resort staff and other skiers

It is the sole responsibility of the uphill skier to remain alert and avoid all equipment, vehicles, and personnel.

Operational Status (Red / Green System)

- Guests must check uphill skiing status before participating:
 - **Sundance Website (Conditions Page)**
 - **Sundance App**
 - **Call 801-223-4510 (Conditions Phone Number)**
 - **Status sign located at the base of the Beginner Area**
- **Green = Uphill skiing open**
- **Red = Uphill skiing closed**

Do not uphill ski when the status is **Red**. Red indicates the mountain is closed.

Any guest found uphill skiing during Red status will:

- Lose all skiing privileges for the season
 - Have their uphill pass and any other resort passes confiscated
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Required Equipment & Visibility

All uphill skiers are required to wear:

- A **headlamp**
- A **red rear-facing taillight**
- The **high-visibility armband, issued by Sundance Mountain Resort**

Highly recommended:

- Bright or reflective clothing
 - Reflective vests
 - Additional high-visibility devices
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Acknowledgment of Risk

Uphill skiing is an inherently hazardous activity. By participating, guests acknowledge and accept all risks associated with traveling uphill during active mountain operations.

1. Alertness / Situational Awareness

Uphill skiers must always remain alert. Use of headphones or earbuds that impair the ability to hear approaching equipment or personnel is strongly discouraged. Hearing capability may be required for safety compliance.

2. Yield Hierarchy

Uphill skiers must always yield to:

1. Grooming and resort vehicles
 2. Snowmobiles and snowmaking crews
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3. Emergency / Communications Protocol

Ski Patrol is not available during uphill skiing hours. Users are at their own risk and are responsible for being prepared for all situations. In the event of an emergency, injury, or unsafe condition:

- Stop immediately
- Call 911 if necessary

Because Ski Patrol is not present, there could be a delay in emergency response time.

4. Participant Scope

This policy applies **only to uphill skiing and split boarding**. Hiking, snowshoeing, sleds, non-ski equipment, and motorized equipment are not permitted. Animals, other than service dogs, are prohibited.

5. Policy Modification Clause

Sundance Mountain Resort reserves the right to modify routes, hours, requirements, or suspend uphill skiing at any time without notice.

Assumption of Risk & Release

Assumption of Risk: Uphill skiing involves inherent risks that participants voluntarily assume, including changing snow/weather, terrain variations, collisions, and operational hazards such as groomers, vehicles, and equipment.

Utah statute (“Inherent Risks of Skiing Act”):

- Utah law defines inherent risks as those integral to skiing and generally bars claim against a ski operator for injuries resulting from such risks.

Release & Liability:

By signing a waiver, participants agree to assume the risks and agree that Sundance and its employees will not be liable for injury or loss arising from inherent skiing risks. This release is supplemental to, and does not replace, legal protections under Utah statute.