

# 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.

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### Hours of Operation

- **Uphill skiing is permitted daily from 6:00 AM to 8:45 AM, seven days a week during GREEN FLAG status. NO uphilling permitted between 8:45am and 6:00am.**
  - 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 Flag, Green Flag 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 7<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>.
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### Registration, Fee, and Identification

- All uphill skiers are required to:
  - Sign a waiver
  - Pay a **\$25 Annual Fee. Fee will be used in conjunction with Sundance Nature Alliance to maintain summer hiking trails.**
- 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.
- A Season Pass or valid Day Ticket are required for any lift access. The uphill pass doesn't not grant access to any lift services.

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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 “Uphill Route” triangles**. Guests must follow the route exactly as marked. Ascend single-file and stick to the right side of the trail. Ensure you are always visible with the required use of lights and reflective clothing.

### Approved Route:

- Begin route at the Uphill Ski Sign next to the Yurts **located to the East of Outlaw Express lift**.
- Check Status Sign located to left, just uphill from Outlaw Express Operator Shack
  - Green Flag: Open
  - Red Flag: Closed. **DO NOT SKI**
- **ALWAYS FOLLOW THE UPHILL ROUTE SIGNS**
- Start by traveling up Lower **Stampede to Tower 5 on Outlaw Express**
- 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 “Uphill Route” triangles and posted signage.**

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## 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.

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## Mountain Operations and Hazards

Guests acknowledge 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.**

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## Operational Status (Red / Green System)

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

Do not uphill ski when the status is **Red Flag**. Red Flag indicates the mountain is closed and unsafe for uphill travel.

**Any guest found uphill skiing during Red Flag 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.

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### **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.

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### 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. Due to safety concerns for our guests, staff and animals, it is our policy to not allow pets, including service animals on the mountain at any time.

Click on the link below for our service animal policy:

[Service Animal Policy | Sundance Mountain Resort](#)

### 5. Policy Modification Clause

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

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## 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.