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What's New at Pocono Ski Resorts This Season

With the pandemic in mind, resorts gear up for the 2020-2021 season

November 25, 2020 – In a time when outdoor and socially distant activities are preferred, our six ski resorts across the [Pocono Mountains](#) are ready to provide a safe, fun season. The overall guest experience will be different this year, as all resorts have made changes and additions for the 2020-2021 season. In addition to requiring masks, enforcing social distancing in lines, keeping parties together on lifts and adding plexiglass, here is what guests can expect at each mountain:

Big Boulder & Jack Frost Mountain

New in 2020-2021

- Pass holder reservations required to manage the number of guests on-mountain
- Epic Pass holders get priority access to reservation days, access to Vail Resorts around the country (on sale until 12/6)
- Quad chairlift is back in action – all 9 lifts will be in operation
- Ski & Ride School classes max size of 6
- Cashless transactions
- Tables inside lodge removed and not encouraging sit-down eating, bag drops in lodge

Blue Mountain Resort

New in 2020-2021

- Rental/ticket sales exclusively online
- Ticket windows closed, replaced with outdoor redemption kiosks
- Adding food trucks, encouraging tailgating, implementing software for guests to order food online and take it to-go
- Adding 50 new fan guns and making snowmaking 100% automated on Burma Road Trail
- No ski pant or jacket rentals this year (equipment rentals available)

Pocono Mountains visitor information is available online at PoconoMountains.com or by phone at (570) 421-5791. Follow [@PoconoTourismPR](#) on Twitter to stay current with up-to-date information. Established in 1934, the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau is a private, non-profit membership organization. The PMVB is the official destination marketing organization for the four counties of Wayne, Pike, Monroe, and Carbon in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Shawnee Mountain

New in 2020-2021

- New rental equipment – 500 new sets of skis and 700 new pairs of boots
- Adding private, family group lessons
- Adding outdoor, heated tent for guests who bring their own food
- Upgrades to overall snowmaking system
- Introducing unique [snowshoe race](#) and weekly Uphill Ski Club (Wednesday mornings beginning 1/6)
- Online preferred for rental/ticket sales, mandatory for tubing
- Encouraging guests to get dressed at their vehicles

Camelback Mountain

New in 2020-2021

- New chair lift, Sunbowl Quad, connecting Camelback Mountain Adventures with main base at Sullivan Lift
- New Camelback Ski & Ride Academy – with dedicated locations for each of its 3 instructional programs (SnowClub for kids, SnowPro Group for group lessons and SnowPro Private for private lessons), rentals, ticketing area and drop off to minimize contact
- Redesigned and expanded ski school for kids (SnowClub) at Mountain Adventures basecamp with dedicated lodge and lift allowing for families to connect after lessons
- Sunbowl Trail redesigned and widened with upgraded snowmaking system
- Adding food trucks, beer garden and heated, tented areas for outdoor dining
- Developing QR Code and adding outdoor kiosks for contactless ticket sales (online still preferred)

Ski Big Bear at Masthope Mountain

New in 2020-2021

- Touchless payment – lift tickets will be purchased online and RFID picked up at on-site kiosk for direct to lift access
- Streamlined rentals – rental equipment will be purchased online with required rental information provided to shorten equipment fitting times
- Online tubing reservations – purchase online and pickup at kiosk. Limited quantities available for each session
- Forgot your goggles? The mountain accessory shop is now available at the ticket window
- Lesson reservations required

For the most up-to-date information regarding opening dates and snow conditions, visit the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau's [Snow Conditions](#) page. Before hitting the mountain for skiing, snowboarding or snowtubing, check out our [live cameras](#) showing real-time action on your favorite slopes!

Before heading out, [review these best practices](#) from the Ski Well, Be Well initiative.

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Before traveling, call your destination for any changes. Masks are mandatory indoors & outdoors even if you are socially distant. Out of state visitors are required to get tested within 72 hours before entering PA. PA residents who travel to other states must follow the same rules when returning.

About the Pocono Mountains

With 2,400 square miles encompassing Pennsylvania's Wayne, Pike, Monroe, and Carbon counties, the Pocono Mountains region is home to rolling mountain terrain, breathtakingly beautiful waterfalls, thriving woodlands, and 170 miles of winding rivers. Winters offer guests the opportunity to ski, snowboard, snow tube, and even snowshoe their way through snowy wonderlands encompassing over 163 ski trails, while summers also cater to the active traveler allowing exploration of 261 miles of hiking and biking trails, over 30 golf courses, whitewater rafting, boating, fishing, and open access to nine state and two national parks.