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What's New at Pocono Ski Resorts This Season

Seven new chairlifts - new trails - snowmaking enhancements - and more!

November 22, 2022 – As temperatures continue to drop and winter conditions fast approach, the Pocono Mountains' <u>six ski resorts</u> are gearing up for the 2022-2023 season while unveiling new, exciting enhancements on and around the slopes. Known internationally as a premier winter destination, the <u>Poconos</u> is home to the country's two largest snowtubing parks, cutting-edge snowmaking systems, and award-winning learn-to-ski and snowboard programs led by seasoned instructors.

Big Boulder & Jack Frost Mountain

New in 2022-2023

- Five new high-speed, four-person chairlifts (three at Jack Frost, two at Big Boulder).
- The Epic Lift Upgrade chairlift replacement project has helped create four new trails at Big Boulder.

Blue Mountain Resort

New in 2022-2023

- A new high-speed lift named the Main Street Express will transport riders from top to bottom in under five minutes and accommodate 3,000 guests per hour. The lift dramatically improves connectivity and access to terrain on the western part of the mountain.
- New nighttime, after-dark Sonic Tubing with music and disco lighting. Blue Mountain boasts the country's largest snowtubing park with 46 lanes, each over 1,000 feet long.
- Enhanced snowmaking automation, including new snow guns and LED lighting to make night skiing available on the 40th trail, which opened last season.
- A renamed trail, Curzi's Cabin (previously Widow Maker), serviced by the new Main Street Express and a renamed terrain run, Trails End (previously Terrain Run).

Camelback Mountain

New in 2022-2023

- A new high-speed, six-person enclosed lift named Black Bear 6 replaces the smaller Sullivan Express. The new lift rises 667 vertical feet with an uphill capacity of 3,000 passengers per hour.
- New location for the terrain park and enhancements including automation, new designs, and a Next Gen Pisten Bully Park Pro 400 for creating precise and uniform park builds.
- Continued automation advances including updates to last year's new Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) system, which offers hands-free, streamlined, and efficient lift access. Additionally, SkiLynx is being added to the resort's app, allowing guests to live-track their total trails, miles, vertical feet, as well as find friends and view real time lift wait times.

Shawnee Mountain

New in 2022-2023

- As part of a multi-year, multi-million-dollar snowmaking upgrade project, Shawnee has added three new fan guns to the beginner's area, two efficient snowmaking pumps, and continues to replace pipes across the mountain. Snowmaking covers 100 percent of all Shawnee's 125 acres of skiable terrain, of which is now 90 percent fully automated.
- Replaced all 221 bridge boards, purchased 160 new snow tubes including double tubes for families, large Information Technology upgrades, and cosmetic enhancements across the resort.
- Purchased hundreds of new ski boots, skis, snowboards, and snowboard boots. The new Head snowboard system allows snowboards to be stored with the binding on, making the process faster and more efficient for employees and guests.

Ski Big Bear at Masthope Mountain

New in 2022-2023

- New rental equipment including snowboards and snowboard boots.
- Expanded snowmaking capabilities with the addition of 30 snow guns.

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