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# The Encore Is Here—Limited Opening This Saturday



After experiencing last winter's record-setting 903-inch winter, Alta Ski Area is excited to celebrate our 86th year of lift-served skiing. Wildcat and Collins lifts will begin spinning for the 2023–24 season this Saturday, November 25th at 9:15am.

We recommend expert skiers only given the current conditions. Limited groomed terrain will be available with no access to the Albion Basin. We're looking forward to another year of unforgettable memories, high-fives and doing what we love most—powder skiing.

## **On-Mountain Improvements**

After decades of artillery use for avalanche mitigation purposes at Alta Ski Area, Alta Ski Patrol fired the 105-mm Howitzer for the final time in April 2023. Alta's artillery program within the ski area comes to a close as Alta transitions to the latest technology in avalanche mitigation. This summer, Alta installed another five Wyssen towers (Remote Avalanche Control Systems—RACS), bringing the total to 10 Wyssen towers on Mt Baldy. Other upgrades on the mountain include smoothing out the erosion gullies off the Supreme lift to enhance the skiing experience on Sleepy Hollow. The Albion lift was retired from operation and removed following 60 years of service.

#### **Parking Reservations**

Alta's parking reservations will remain unchanged for the 2023–24 ski season. Reservations are required Friday–Sunday and holidays from 8am–1pm. Reservations start Friday,

December 15th and continue through Sunday, March 31st and Closing Weekend. Alta Early Morning Parking reservations are available for dawn patrol and backcountry skiers starting December 15th, 2023. As always, be sure to check the Parking and Road status before heading up to ski Alta.

# Alf Engen Ski School

The Alf Engen Ski School offers Private Lessons, Classes and Programs for all ages and abilities.

The Alf Engen Ski School is excited to expand their offerings for beginner and first-time skiers. Join the Adult Beginner and Novice Class Lessons offered daily from 1:30-4pm. Have fun while acquiring the skills to navigate green slopes.

#### **Alta Environmental Center**

This summer, the Alta Environmental Center (AEC) accomplished its goal of planting 13,000 native plant seedlings on the slopes of Alta. Finishing a month ahead of schedule, the AEC, Alta employees and partners planted an average of 1,600 plants per week.

The AEC hosted over 20 volunteer stewardship and environmental education events in collaboration with various partners. Alta and the AEC recently received the Rocky Mountain Power Blue Sky Legacy Award. Alta has been a Blue Sky partner since 2006 and continues to serve as a valuable advocate for renewable energy and sustainability within our community.

TreeUtah and the AEC kick off the first in a long line of Winter Educational Programs, Trees and Skis, on Thursday, December 7th. Come learn about the gentle giants that call Alta home.

# **Continued Partnerships**

Alta accepts both the Ikon Pass and the Mountain Collective Pass. Alta remains on the Ikon Base Plus Pass and will not accept the Ikon Base Pass. Ikon and Mountain Collective pass holders will need to make a parking reservation Friday–Sunday and holidays. With a 546" snowfall average and coming off a historic winter, we're excited to see what

Mother Nature has in store for us this year. We look forward to those magical powder turns to celebrate Alta's 86th ski season.

Alta Ski Area - Since 1938. Come for the skiing. Stay for the skiing.

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Since 1938, this marks Alta Ski Area's 86th winter in operation. Originally a mining town, Alta was the first ski area in Utah to install a lift. Alta is a skiers-only mountain with majestic scenery, diverse terrain and a renowned snowfall average of 546". There is a spirit to Alta we call #AltaMagic. Come for the skiing. Stay for the skiing.

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