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Summer at Alta—After the Snow Melts

Only small patches of snow remain at Alta Ski Area following 538 inches of snowfall this winter. As the first wildflowers emerge and the vistas go green, Alta is preparing for another vibrant summer of scenic recreation. Expect a handful of educational and volunteer events and a busier-than-normal season for on-mountain work projects.

Take a reprieve from the heat and enjoy the stunning views of Albion Basin and upper Little Cottonwood Canyon. The Summer Road will open July 1, 2025 with an amenity fee of \$12 per vehicle. Free parking is available in the Town of Alta and the Albion and Wildcat parking lots.

Summer Projects

It will be an unusually busy summer at Alta as our Mountain Operations teams work around the mountain to complete a number of projects that will enhance the Alta skiing experience. Temporary trail closures and trail detours will be necessary throughout the summer to complete various ski area projects.

Summer projects include:

- Realignment of the Supreme lift
- Excavation work is underway for the Albion Day Lodge expansion
- Construction of a new storage facility on the north side of the Albion parking lot
- Upgrading utility lines for the Town of Alta and replacing old snowmaking lines along the Transfer Tow
- Hand-cutting and widening of the High Traverse
- Replacement of the Alta Lodge tow rope cables
- Installation of four Wyssen Towers—Remote Avalanche Control devices—in the Devil's Castle area for the purpose of avalanche mitigation

To keep visitors informed about construction impacts, our [2025 Summer Projects](#) page will be frequently updated with relevant information and any trail closures. For your safety, please avoid the Supreme lift line at all times and respect all construction zone closures. We anticipate completing the Supreme lift realignment project in time for the 2025–26 ski season.

When visiting Alta this summer, be on the lookout for heavy machinery and equipment and obey all closure areas. Please note that portions of the Albion and Wildcat parking lots will be closed to accommodate various construction projects. We appreciate your patience as our crews make the most of Alta's short summer season to accomplish ski area improvements.

Events and Stewardship at Alta

This summer, the [Alta Environmental Center](#) (AEC) will offer a calendar of educational events and Summer Stewardship programming. Attend one of our Hawkwatch Bird of Prey shows, an Alta Birding Hike and the riot that is Kids' Day. The annual Wasatch Wildflower Festival, hosted in partnership with the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation, will take place on Sunday, July 20th.

For those who want to give back to the mountains, consider one of our Community Volunteer Days, plant trees with TreeUtah during our Harvest and Restoration Day or get dirty with us on Alta's Tree Planting Day. Visit the [Alta Events Calendar](#) for dates, information and event registration.

Thanks to the following partners for making Alta summers more memorable: Tracy Aviary, Friends of Alta, Hawkwatch, Cottonwood Canyons Foundation, Alta Community Enrichment and TreeUtah.

Food and Drink

The Alta Store, located near the Cecret Lake Trailhead at the Albion Basin Campground, offers Alta-branded gear, ice cream, cold drinks and snacks. It will be open daily for the summer season beginning July 1, 2025 from 11am–5:30pm through August 3rd. From August 9th through September 1st, the store will shift to Saturday and Sunday operations.

Savor cooler temperatures alongside a hearty brunch in the Town of Alta. The Snowpine Lodge will host brunch on Saturdays and Sundays from 8am–2pm while the Alta Lodge will offer Sunday Brunch from 9:30am–2pm.

For fine dining at Alta, visit Snowpine Lodge's Swen's Restaurant for dinner on Fridays and Saturdays or enjoy breakfast Monday through Friday. Grab a casual meal or an adult beverage at Snowpine's Gulch Pub—open daily—and catch live music on select evenings.

Lodging

For an overnight adventure and some stargazing at Alta, the Albion Basin Campground will open on July 11th—reservations are required.

Book a luxe lodge stay and enjoy fine dining, an outdoor pool and the Stillwell Spa at the Snowpine Lodge—summer reservations are available now.

Recreation and Responsible Practices

We encourage visitors to enjoy Alta's fragile alpine environment responsibly by sticking to established trails and respecting the watershed, wildlife, wildflowers and fellow trail users.

We believe every Alta visitor plays a crucial role in environmental conservation and we ask everyone to practice Leave No Trace principles to protect and preserve Little Cottonwood Canyon. Please pack out trash and refrain from picking or trampling wildflowers. For photographers seeking the perfect shot, check out the photography pull-outs we've established along the Albion Meadow trail that provide a unique perspective without harming sensitive sub-alpine vegetation.

Little Cottonwood Canyon serves as a vital watershed that provides drinking water to the residents of Salt Lake Valley. As such, swimming or wading is not permitted in creeks, ponds or lakes. Salt Lake County prohibits dogs, horses and other domestic animals in protected watershed areas.

The wildflowers at Alta will peak from mid-July through August. We hope you join us in making summer mountain memories while we anticipate the arrival of Alta's 88th ski season in November.

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The 2025–26 season will mark a special 88th anniversary for Alta Ski Area. Originally a silver mining town, Alta was the first ski area in Utah to install a chairlift in 1938 and served as the birthplace of the modern powder skiing technique. Alta is a skiers-only mountain with majestic scenery, diverse terrain and a legendary average snowfall of 548 inches. There is a feeling at Alta we call #AltaMagic.

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

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