



Which pass  
is best for you?

## Season Passes compared

Which option is best for you depends on how much you'll ski and where. As a general rule, any of the season passes listed is worth the purchase if you will be skiing at least 6 or 7 days at the ski areas listed.

Note that PACRAT racers will get discounted lift tickets at all 3 Mt. Hood ski areas on their race days. If you are a racer who only skis on race days, maybe you don't need a season pass.

Remember that **Mt. Hood Meadows** and **Timberline** will be offering **Spring Passes** valid for almost 3 months of skiing in March, April and May, for about \$139 - \$160. So, for maximum variety, consider buying a season pass to one of them, and then at the beginning of March, buy a Spring Pass to the other.

**Vail Resorts** has purchased the majority of ski areas in Colorado and many resorts elsewhere too, and they have raised their day lift tickets to somewhere close to \$200. They don't even publish a price list any more. Instead, you have to tell them which days you will be there, and they will then quote you a price for those days. **Aspen, Snowmass and related resorts united under the IKON pass** are just slightly more affordable for day tickets.

**See comparison chart on next pages.**

## Count Your Ski Areas

Set up your own counter of ski areas visited. Use a modified form of John and Jewel's spreadsheet (who have already skied at over 550 ski areas) with 3 added columns, for up to 3 more people. Make one of these your own. Enter a "1" for every ski area visited. See: <http://www.mthigh.org/Documents/North-American-Ski-Areas-2019-03-30.xls>

## Season Passes Comparison

### Season Pass

Use the Comparison Chart we have compiled to figure out which pass is best for you. It depends on where you plan to ski.

It's a challenge to put this chart together because prices change the longer you wait, while many ski areas will not reveal their prices until late in the Fall.

Some prices have already gone up, such as the IKON pass. Most prices will go up in November, after November 7.

The Comparison Chart is published on our website, on the ARTICLES page, where we keep some articles of more permanent value. See this chart at: <http://www.mthigh.org/Articles/Season-Passes-Comparsion.pdf>

Note that the long list of ski areas in the comparison chart is updated each year, and new ski areas get added. The number of ski areas in some cases has grown larger than what will fit in the limited amount of space. So, for the most accurate and up-to-date list, check the corresponding website.

A ski area may be included in more than one pass. If you know which ski areas you might visit next season, do a search for those in the chart. On a computer, click the **Ctrl+F** keys (or **Cmd+F** on Apple computers). On a smartphone or tablet, chose the option to "Search on page".

### General Info

**RENEWING A PASS.** In some cases, you can get a better price if you already had a certain pass the previous winter and are now just renewing it. Examples: Mt. Hood Meadows, IKON Pass, etc.

**NIGHT SKIING.** Note that in addition to the regular season passes, Mt. Hood Skibowl also offers a Night Skiing season pass for just \$229

**SPRING PASSES.** Note that **Mt. Hood Meadows** and **Timberline** will be offering **Spring Passes** valid for almost 3 months of skiing in March, April and May, for about \$139 - \$160. Information about these passes will not be available until some time late in February.

**VARIETY.** For maximum variety, consider the possibility of combining several different passes, such as: Buy a season pass to one ski area, and then at the beginning of March, buy a Spring Pass to one of the others.

### Some Specifics

**IKON PASS.** Mt. Bachelor is now part of the IKON Pass. Lower prices offered before June 17 and will be higher after that. This pass is centered around Aspen/Snowmass and all the ski areas owned by or related to them.

**EPIC PASS.** This pass is centered around Vail Resorts and all the ski areas owned by them. Note that there is an option to purchase an Epic Lake Tahoe pass that includes just Heavenly, Northstar, and Kirkwood.

**INDY PASS.** The Independent ski areas pass has grown to 76 ski areas. You get 2 free days at each. The latest additions among western ski areas are: Powder Mt. (Utah), Eagle Point (UT) and Mt. Ashland (Oregon). If you already have a season pass to any Indy ski area, you can save about \$90 by purchasing the Add-on Indy pass instead of the full pass.

**POWDER ALLIANCE.** The Powder Alliance is somewhat similar to the Indy Pass in that it also includes mainly independently owned ski areas, but it also includes unlimited skiing at your home mountain. For Oregonians, that means unlimited skiing at Timberline and Skibowl (with the Fusion Pass) plus 3 days at each of the other 17 ski areas. Note that there is no pass called the Powder Alliance Pass. Instead, your local season pass (the Fusion Pass) is simply valid at all the other Powder Alliance ski areas.

**LOVELAND PASS with POWDER ALLIANCE.** This pass gives you 3 free days at all the Powder Alliance ski areas **plus** another 18 ski areas on top of that! This includes Powder Mt. (UT), Whitefish (MT), Schweitzer Mt. (ID), Purgatory (CO), Homewood (CA), and more. But you get only 3 days at Timberline and 3 at Skibowl.

**NOTE: Prices will increase in November. Some prices have already gone up. Gray areas show last year's prices, not yet updated.**

Ski area / Name of Pass	1 Day	4 - 5 Day	10/12 Days	Adult Season Pass	Senior Season Pass	Season Pass description
<b>Mt. Bachelor</b> Part of the <b>IKON Pass</b> . See info for <b>IKON pass</b> below.	Not available in time to post here.	4-pack \$449 N/A after 9/30	12-day ?	Till 6/1 \$999 After 6/1 \$1,079	Till 6/1 \$654 After 6/1 \$714	Multiple day passes are not valid on holidays. Seniors over 70 pay \$414. Prices increase a lot after June 1, July 15, and then again after Sept. 30.
<b>Mt. Hood Meadows</b> An all-access pass includes 5 free days at Mt. Baker, plus 3 fee days at: Whitefish Mt., Brundage Mt., Schweitzer, and Sugar Bowl. Ski later in the day for cheaper price. Free skiing for 75+.	\$39 - \$129 by time of day, & week day.	5-days pass not available this year	10-days pass ?	Value pass \$459 All-access \$929	Value pass \$359 All-access \$739	Value Pass is valid after 2 pm on weekends. Day tickets vary in price by time of day and day of the week. Buy a 4 hour or 7 hour ticket. Starting times are 9 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, and 5 pm. Later times are cheaper. Prices will rise after Nov. 8 to \$929 / \$739.
<b>Mt. Hood Skibowl</b> (See Fusion Pass). Not available after November.	?	--	--	\$579	\$239	Prices increase by \$100 or by \$90 on Nov. 1. Night pass = \$229 (or \$269 after Nov. 1)
<b>Timberline</b> (Also see Fusion Pass) Includes the Summit ski area. Not available after November.	?	?	?	\$749	\$249	Multi-day & season prices will increase after Nov. 1. Not available at all after some time November.
<b>Indy Pass</b> 76 ski areas, with 2 days at each, for 152 total ski days. <b>West:</b> 49° North, Mt. Ashland, Apex Mt., Beaver Mt., Brundage, Castle Mt., Eagle Point, Eaglecrest, Hoodoo, Hurricane Ridge, Lost Trail, Mission Ridge, Mt. Shasta, China Peak, Pomerelle, Powder Mt., Red Lodge, Silver Mt., White Pass, Sunrise Park, Sasquatch, Snow King, Tamarack, White Pine, +17 Midwest ski areas + 24 in the East.				\$279 or \$379 for <b>Indy+</b> (no blackout dates)	\$279 or \$379 for <b>Indy+</b> (no blackout dates)	76 ski areas, with 2 days at each, for 152 total ski days. Get a third day for 25% off. If you have a season pass to any Indy ski area, buy an Add-on Indy pass & save \$90. For \$379, buy the <b>Indy+</b> pass which has no blackout dates.
<b>Fusion Pass/Powder Alliance</b> (18 areas) Unlimited skiing at Timberline and Mt. Hood Skibowl + 3 free tickets at each of 16 other ski areas: Mission Ridge, White Pass, Silver Mt, Bridger Bowl, Sierra-at-Tahoe, Bogus Basin, China Peak, Mountain High, Angel Fire, Loveland, Monarch Mt., Marmot Basin, Castle Mt., Eaglecrest (AK), Kiroro (Japan), La Parva (Chile).				\$849 till Nov. 1 \$1049 after Nov. 1	\$349 till Nov. 1 \$489 after Nov. 1	Unlimited skiing at Timberline and Mt. Hood Skibowl + 3 free tickets at each of 16 other ski areas, a total of 48 free days. Sunday - Friday is free. Saturdays are regular price. All prices will increase after Nov. 1. This pass will not be available after Nov. 28.
<b>Mountain Collective Pass</b> (23 areas) <b>2 tickets at each of:</b> Alta, Arapahoe Basin, Aspen Snowmass, Banff Sunshine, Big Sky, Chamonix/Mont Blanc, Coronet Peak, The Remarkables, Grand Targhee, Jackson Hole, Lake Louise, Mammoth, Mt Buller, Niseko United, Panorama, Revelstoke, Snowbird, Squaw, Alpine Meadows, Sugarbush, Sugarloaf, Sun Peaks, Taos, Thredbo and Valle Nevado.				46-time pass \$499	46-time pass \$499	2 days at each of 23 destinations. Additional days at each resort are 50% off. No blackout dates. Teens, 13 - 18, pay \$399. Kids 12 or younger pay \$129.
<b>Epic Pass</b> (Vail Resorts): <b>Unlimited access to 34 ski areas: 11 in the West:</b> Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Park City, Crested Butte, Heavenly, Northstar, Kirkwood, Stevens Pass, Whistler/Blackcomb. Plus Hotham, Perisher, Falls Creek in Australia. <b>15 in the East:</b> Stowe, Okemo, Sunapee, Mt. Snow, Attitash, Wildcat, Hunter, Crooked Mt, Liberty, Roundtop, Whitetail, Jack Frost, <b>Plus 7 days at:</b> Telluride, Sun Valley, Snowbasin.. <b>Plus 5 days at:</b> Hakuba Valley & Rusutsu. Plus 26 areas in Europe.				\$783 till May 31 After that: \$999	\$783 till May 31 After that: \$999	Also: 1-day pass= \$81, 4-day pass = \$493, 7-day pass = \$789, Epic local pass = \$583. Tahoe pass (Heavenly, Northstar, Kirkwood) = \$495. Active/retired military & families = \$135. Other veterans & their families = \$447. Everyone 13 or older pays the same price. Prices will increase in June and in October.
<b>IKON Pass</b> (43 or 45 ski areas) Unlimited access at: <b>Base pass includes 13 areas:</b> Winter Park, Copper Mt., Eldora, Squaw/Alpine Meadows, Mammoth Mt., June Mt., Big Bear, Blue Mt., Snowshoe, Solitude, Straton, Sugarbush, Tremblant. <b>Full pass includes all 13 plus:</b> Steamboat and Crystal Mt.. <b>Both passes also include 5 or 7 days at each of the resorts listed in the column at right.</b>				<b>BASE:</b> \$779 Unlimited at 13 areas plus 5 days at 29 other ski areas.	<b>FULL:</b> \$1049 Unlimited at 15 areas plus 7 days at 29 other ski areas.	<b>West:</b> Mt. Bachelor, Aspen Snowmass, A-Basin, Jackson Hole, Big Sky, Snoqualmie, Taos, Deer Valley, Brighton, Alta/Snowbird, <b>Canada:</b> Revelstoke, SkiBig3, Cypress, <b>East:</b> Killington- Pico, Sugarbush, Loon Mt., Boyne Mt., Sunday River, Sugarloaf. <b>Other:</b> Zermatt Matterhorn, Thredbo, Mt. Buller, Coronet Peak, The Remarkables, Mt. Hutt, Niseko, Valle Nevado.
<b>Loveland with Powder Alliance</b> Unlimited skiing at Loveland, CO, plus 3 free days at <b>all Powder Alliance ski areas</b> , plus: 3 days at: Purgatory, Monarch, Powderhorn, Powder Mt, Schweitzer, Whitefish, Snow King, Red Lodge, Homewood, Ski Cooper, Sunlight, Brundage, BrianHead, Sipapu, Pajarito, Hesperus, Arizona Snowbowl				\$479	\$119 for seniors 70+	3 free days at all 19 Powder Alliance resorts, plus 3 days at each of another 17 ski areas. Great deal if you want to ski at some of the additional 17 ski areas and are OK to ski no more than 3 days at Timberline / Skibowl.

Click on the blue, underlined pass name for more detailed info and to purchase it.