



McCall, Idaho trip Brundage Mtn. & Tamarack

February 26 - March 1, 2, or 3, 2023.

2-5 days skiing: February 27-March 3 (Monday-Friday) Your choice, depending upon your free lift tickets and how many days you want to ski. Trip begins on Sunday evening, Feb. 26.

START DATE: Sun. Feb. 26 – Drive to McCall & check in. Book as many as 5 nights at our group rate.

Note that this trip (like the Schweitzer trip last year) will be different from our usual ski trips - because of the virus/pandemic:

- Everyone will be driving their own car. We will NOT have a bus.
- For lodging, you can select your own roommate (optional), or simply have a room to yourself. Your choice. We will not assign roommates.
- You are responsible for purchasing your own lift tickets, either day tickets, exchange tickets (Mt. Hood Meadows (to be confirmed), or a pass (Indy Pass or Loveland pass).

HOTEL - Book your own room under our group rate at the Best Western Plus in McCall, 211 S. 3rd Street, McCall, ID; 208-634-2230. [They are right across from the McCall airport, Raj.] Your trip leader usually books budget lodging, but this trip is an exception, as we will be staying at a beautiful hotel with lots of amenities (check out the pictures on their website!). Our group rate is \$179.99 plus tax (\$206.99 including tax) per night, per double queen room.

To get this rate, just tell the hotel you are with the Mountain High club.

The hotel offers free parking, wireless internet, premium bedding, non-smoking spacious double queen rooms, a 24-hour indoor swimming pool, oversize jacuzzi tub, spa, sauna and gym. Enjoy a daily, complimentary full hot buffet breakfast which includes freshly made breakfast burritos, breakfast sandwiches, cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice, pastries (and they will deliver to your room from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m.) They said they have an omelette chef also!

The rooms have premium bedding, High Speed Wireless Internet, Refrigerator, Microwave, DirectTV, Hairdryer, Iron/Ironing board, Desk, and Alarm Clock. Note that there is an elevator!

Please book your hotel room early – we only have a certain number of rooms. After January 15 our room block will expire, but you can still make reservations at our rate if there is space. There is no penalty for canceling up to one week before your arrival.

The hotel is located 11 miles from Brundage and 20 miles from Tamarack. The City of McCall operates a mini bus called McCall Transit from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 7 days a week, free public transport to anyone. In the winter time the city of McCall provides free transit for all hotel guests to their activity destination skiing or snowmobiling.



SKIING AT BRUNDAGE: 2 or 3 days (your choice, depending upon your pass). Brundage is on an exchange program with Mt. Hood Meadows all access passholders and Loveland Ski Area passholders, who can get 3 days free skiing midweek. They are also on the Indy Pass (2 free days of skiing). Indy Pass holders do not need to pre-schedule visits. Simply bring your valid photo ID to the on-mountain Guest Services office to redeem your ticket for the day. In addition to the two days included in the pass purchase, you may purchase a third day at 25% off. You can make that purchase the day of your visit. Like many ski areas these days, Brundage will sell tickets online in advance, at some kind of discount which is not known at this time.

SKIING AT TAMARACK: 2 free days with the Indy Pass, or purchase tickets online.

KEEP OUR TRIP LEADER INFORMED

Everyone who signs up for this trip, please contact Linda McGavin and let her know the following:

- Did you make your hotel reservations, and for how many nights (2 or 3 or more)?
- · Where do you expect to ski, and which pass(es) do you have?

OTHER ACTIVITIES

There are lots of restaurants in the area listed on the hotel website, which also lists many other activities in the area, including:

HFP Sleigh Rides, a horse drawn sleigh to observe and feed elk in Donnelly (13 mi.) The Activity Barn tubing hill (3 mi.) Gold Fork Hot Springs (15 mi.) and Burgdorf Hot Springs (33 mi.)

Brundage Mountain Resort: Summit Elevation 7,803 feet; Base Elevation 5,882 feet; Vertical drop 1,921 feet; 6 Lifts (One high-speed quad, four triples, one conveyor lift). 70 Named Trails (Easiest: 21%, More Difficult: 33%, Most Difficult: 46%). **Snowcat skiing is available** – ask your trip leader if you might be interested and we'll check it out. We did it on our last visit to Brundage. Wonderful mountain views of Payette Lake and the surrounding countryside.

Tamarack Mountain Resort: Summit Elevation 7,700 feet; Base Elevation 4,900 feet; 1,100 acres; Vertical drop 2,800 feet; 7 Lifts (3 express, 2 doubles, 1 poma, 1 magic carpet). 50 Named Trails (Easiest: 17%, More Difficult: 45%, Most Difficult: 38%). While the original tent at the base area (which used to be the lodge at the time of our very first visit) is still there, a mountain village that looks like Whistler has been built, with HIGH end lodging and dining: the Rendezvous Food Hall, an indoor open venue featuring an eclectic mix of four eateries; The Triple B Diner, El Pueblo Taqueria, Crusty's Pizza and Summit Bowls. Tamarack's newest offering, The Reserve, features alpine-inspired Northwest cuisine in a mountain modern atmosphere.

NOTE: The club is not collecting any money for this trip. We will pay the hotel individually and buy lift tickets individually. And for transportation, we;ll drive our own cars.

Trip leader:

Linda McGavin, Trips@mthigh.org , 503-652-2840.

To sign up for this trip, simply do two things:

1. Make your hotel room reservation - online.

2. Contact Linda and let her know your situation. Did you make your hotel reservations, and for how many nights (2 or 3 or more)? Where do you expect to ski, and which pass(es) do you have? How many days will you ski?

See our Trips cancellation policy at: <u>www.mthigh.org/Documents/Trip-Cancellation-Policy.pdf</u>