**Killington**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Experts

Snowboarders

Après ski

Snow reliability

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

33

**Intermediate Runs**

47

**Advanced Runs**

60

**Total Runs**

140

**Lifts**

22

**Chairs**

15

**Drags**

5

**Gondola Cable Cars**

2

**Parks**

6

**Pipes**

1

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

6.4m (21ft).

**Overview**

Killington ski resort is the largest ski area in eastern North America and it claims to have the world's most extensive snow-making system. This formidable arsenal, along with a healthy average of natural snowfall, helps to make it one of the most snowsure resorts in the USA.

The original resort village is spread over several kilometres along a three-lane highway up to the ski area, but the newest resort development has taken place at the base of the slopes.

The ski area above extends for more than 16km (10 miles) across six peaks and is within the dozen biggest in the USA in terms of vertical drop. It's a good option for all levels of skier with its variety of runs.

Another example of its size is the fact that it's one of only three resorts in the country to operate 30 or more lifts (when including neighbouring Pico, which is included in the lift ticket) – the others being Vail and Squaw Valley.

**Location**

Killington ski resort is located at the heart of Vermont's Green Mountains, New England, in the northeastern corner of the USA. It is separated from the city of Rutland by skiable terrain.

**Website**

http://www.killington.com

**Piste Map**

http://www.killington.com/winter/mountain/trail\_map/itm/map.html

**Hit The Slopes**

The snowmaking on its slopes and the abundance of snowfall allows Killington ski resort a relatively long season that generally lasts from early November through to mid-April.

Killington has a reputation for high-quality slope-grooming on a variety of trails, from wide open cruisers such as Needle's Eye and Skyeburst, to steep carving terrain on Double Dipper and Cascade. Snow-making blankets the resort's best known trails such as Outer Limits, the longest, steepest mogul run in eastern USA, which is on Bear Mountain.

Killington's two fast gondolas deliver skiers and riders of all ability levels to not only wide, groomed cruisers, but classic narrow New England trails, moguls, steeps, and 16 tree skiing areas.

Beginners have large nursery slopes leading down to the Snowshed Lodge, and a choice of green runs from each peak, including the popular Easy Street run from Ramshead Peak, the easy Great Eastern from the top of Skye Peak, and the winding Great Northern from Killington Peak. Children can learn in safety at the Ramshead Lodge with its Kid’s Ski and Snowboard School.

For freeskiers and riders, Killington offers multiple terrain features, including Bear Mountain's terrain parks, the Burton Stash Park and a 130m (430ft) superpipe with 5m (18ft) walls.

**Killington**

**Resort**

318

**Base**

318

**Top**

1292

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

There’s a variety of off-mountain winter activities available in and around Killington ski resort, including dog sledding, cross-country skiing, sleigh rides, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and ice skating. The resort’s tubing park provides fun for all ages in two-hour periods lasting long into the evening.

Among the more unique activities to Killington is a day on a snowcat with the groomers followed by drinks and nibbles in the Motor Room Bar, the former terminal of the resort’s first four-seater lift.

Those who like beer will be fascinated by the tour of the Long Trail Brewery (tel: (802) 672 5011), which is a short drive from the resort. Brewers give customers an account of how the beer is made and offer the opportunity to taste the various ales on offer.

**Family Fun**

Killington's Friendly Penguin nursery (tel: (800) 923 9444) at the base of the slopes accepts children aged three months and up. It has its own snow play area with conveyor-type lift, so that children aged two and older can first try on skis in a safe and supervised environment.

On the slopes, Ramshead Peak is particularly geared up to families. The Family Centre at the base of the area houses a ski school, children's equipment hire, family dining and a host of other facilities especially for families.

**Retail Therapy**

There's a moderate selection of shops in Killington ski resort, but visitors will need a car (or the shuttle bus service) to travel between most of them. The largest retail area, Killington Outfitters, is at the base of Killington Road where it meets US Route 4. Serious retail therapy is half an hour away in the town of Rutland; or there's factory-outlet shopping in nearby Manchester.

**Splashing Out**

Take a day off the slopes and book a ‘Grand Spa Day’ at the Killington Grand Resort Hotel (tel: (802) 422 5001; [www.killington.com](http://www.killington.com)). Indulge in blissful relaxation with a range of treatments, including: green tea body glow treatment, aromatherapy massage, deep cleansing facial, warm aroma paraffin manicure and pedicure.

**Apres Ski**

Killington has probably the best nightlife of any eastern North American ski resort, with more than 40 bars and night spots to choose from – some even have the feel of city-centre clubs.

When the lifts close, revellers have a choice of seven venues at the base of the slopes for après-ski fun, including the popular Inn at Long Trail (tel: (800) 325 2540; [www.innatlongtrail.com](http://www.innatlongtrail.com)). Most famous of all is the historic Wobbly Barn (Killington Road; tel: (802) 422 6171; [www.wobblybarn.net](http://www.wobblybarn.net)), which was established in 1963. Hugely popular, it doesn't take table reservations but opens at 1600 on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Eating Out**

There are more than 100 places to eat around Killington, the vast majority unpretentious, high-value and high-quality establishments. Among the best known restaurants in Killington is Outback Pizza (Killington Road; tel: (802) 422 9885), which also delivers, and has a reputation for fantastic pizza made with unbleached flour, fresh mozzarella and extra virgin olive oil. Monday is pizza buffet night.

Ovations restaurant (228 East Mountain Road; tel: (802) 422 6111) offers some of the finest dining in the resort, with tables overlooking the ski slopes.

On mountain-dining, which was previously run-of-the-mill, has benefitted from a new US$6.5m restaurant that opened on the site of the old Peak Lodge and is the highest gondola-served restaurant in eastern North America.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airports: Boston Logan International Airport (BOS); Montreal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport (YUL).

Distance to resort: 257km (161 miles); 319km (198 miles).

Driving time: 3 hours; 3 hours 40 minutes.

**Getting Around**

A shuttle service operating up and down Killington Road means visitors can get around easily without the need for a car; although hiring a vehicle can always be handy for a day trip outside the resort.

**Hotels**

Apartments and hotels in Killington are spread across the resort, as there is no real centre to the village. The accommodation at the entrance of the resort is well positioned for the Skyeship gondola. As well as a selection of mid-range and luxury hotels, there are also chalets, lodges, guest houses, townhouses and charming country inns dotted around the resort.

**Holiday Inn Rutland**

Holiday Inn Rutland provides good value and has its own swimming pool, sauna and whirlpools.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

476 US Route 7 South

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Killington

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

(802) 775 1911.

**Website**

http://www.hivermont.com

**Killington Grand Resort Hotel Spa & Conference Center**

The hotel with the best slopeside location in the resort, the 4-star Killington Grand Resort Hotel Spa & Conference Center has a luxurious spa and pool complex as well as an on-site restaurant.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

228 East Mountain Road

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Killington

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

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United States of America

**Telephone**

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**Website**

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**Cedarbrook Motor Inn Suites**

This good value accommodation is in a handy location within walking distance of Sunrise base and Trail Creek.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Junction of Routes 4 and 100 South

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Killington

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

(802) 422 9666.

**Website**

http://www.thecedarbrook.com/cbrook