**Park City**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Experts

Snowboarders

Families

Non-skiers

Après ski

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

25

**Intermediate Runs**

157

**Advanced Runs**

132

**Total Runs**

314

**Lifts**

40

**Chairs**

32

**Drags**

5

**Gondola Cable Cars**

3

**Parks**

6

**Pipes**

2

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

9m (30ft).

**Overview**

Park City is one of the world’s best-known ski resorts and, thanks to an ambitious expansion project ahead of the 2015/16 season, is also now the largest ski area in the United States.

Vail Resorts, which formerly ran the neighbouring ski area, Canyons, gained control of another of the areas, Park City Mountain Resort, and invested more than €50m to build lifts and runs to connect and merge the two – naming the ‘new’ area Park City Mountain. And thus a new North American ski powerhouse was born.

Despite this phenomenal expansion project, Park City has miraculously managed to retain an air of a classic ski town. The carefully restored Main Street in the resort centre creeps uphill; with restaurants, bars and shops crowded along it. Though sometimes quiet during the day, after dark Park City is transformed into a bustling town with numerous thriving après-ski venues. This is especially true during January, when the resort fills with celebrities for Robert Redford's Sundance Film Festival – Redford himself owns a ski area nearby (appropriately called Sundance).

For those still unsatisfied, visitors to Park City also have further terrain choice, with the pristine slopes of Deer Valley just a short bus ride away.

**Location**

Park City Mountain Resort is located in the Wasatch Mountains of Utah in the USA; less than an hour's drive from the state's capital Salt Lake City.

**Website**

http://www.parkcitymountain.com

**Piste Map**

http://www.parkcitymountain.com/~/media/park%20city/pdfs/1516\_pc\_trailmap\_web102715.ashx

**Hit The Slopes**

Often covered with light powder snow, the slopes at Park City Mountain are largely carved through pretty woodland, with a few open snow fields right at the top of the ski area.

The merger with the Canyons resort more than doubled the extent of the slopes, and the area is now one of the planet’s 20 largest. It also boasts mostly modern, fast lifts, as Canyons had expanded rapidly through the start of this century under its previous owners.

On the Park City side the area for beginners around the base lodge gives way to intermediate runs in and around the bowl above. One of the best options for those still getting used to their skis is the long blue from the top of the Pay Day chairlift. From this area, there's a scenic ski down across a bridge to the top of Main Street and the Town Lift chair in the centre of town.

For more experienced intermediates, there's plenty of cruising and a network of blues (and moderate blacks) descending from the ridges served by the Silverlode and King's Con chairs.

Experts should head higher for thrills – the glades of McConkey's Bowl and the couloirs in Jupiter and Scott's Bowls are great places to explore. Good skiers should also do the Interconnect, a day's guided backcountry tour from Deer Valley through Park City Mountain Resort, Solitude, Brighton and Alta to Snowbird.

In addition, Park City Mountain Resort boasts seven highly-rated terrain parks suitable for everyone from novices to experts.

Like most Utah resorts, snow reliability in Park City Mountain Resort is generally good and snow-making facilities cover around a fifth of the slopes. As a result, the ski season in Park City Mountain Resort is relatively long, running from mid-November until mid-April.

**Park City**

**Resort**

2100

**Base**

2100

**Top**

3048

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

There’s a lot to do in Park City with plenty of year round attractions.

Visitors can tour the Olympic Park and ride a bobsleigh, luge or try their hand at ski-jumping, with private lessons on offer. Snowmobile tours (tel: +1 888 304 7669; [www.parkcitysnowmobile.com](http://www.parkcitysnowmobile.com)) are also available, along with facilities for skating, tubing, snowshoeing and sledding.

A nice way of taking in the pristine surrounds is with a sleigh ride, or – for those who live life at a slightly faster pace – on the year round ‘mountain coaster’ ride that slaloms down the slopes.

An enjoyable, slower-paced activity is simply ambling round the historic streets of this charming town, in particular Main Street. This activity takes on a whole new dimension during the Sundance Film Festival and the subsequent Winterfest – the February celebration of the area's 2002 Winter Olympics triumph with concerts and ice sculptures – when visitors from across the world swarm to the area, generating a convivial atmosphere.

**Family Fun**

One of the world’s most family-friendly resorts, there’s a load for kids to do at Park City, both on and off the slopes.

The ski school's (tel: +1 800 227 2754) ‘Kids Signature 5’ set-up guarantees a maximum of five children (aged six to 14) per instructor, while ‘Kids Signature 3’ caters for children aged three-and-a-half to five with only three children per group.

Child-friendly attractions in and around the resort include Gorgoza Park (tel: +1 435 658 2648; [www.gorgoza.com](http://www.gorgoza.com)), which is 11km (7 miles) from Park City’s centre. Here, kids can go tubing, ride child-sized snowmobiles and have fun in a winter play area.

**Retail Therapy**

Main Street is great for browsing, with 100 shops in or near this central part of Park City. For every Bunya Bunya (11 Main Street), a hip clothing emporium, visitors will find the moneyed exoticism of an Alaska Fur Gallery (591 Main Street) or expensive art galleries.

For low prices and stylish gear, head to Canyons where there are more than 50 shops in an outlet mall selling bargain Nike, Ann Taylor and Ralph Lauren brands amongst others.

**Splashing Out**

An unconventional après-ski activity, test your metal by spending an evening with Park City Ghost Tours (tel: +1 435 615 7673; [www.parkcityghosttours.com](http://www.parkcityghosttours.com)). The spooky 75-minute walking tour, led by a very knowledgeable retired history teacher, visits some of Park City’s most haunted buildings. The tours leave at 2000 every day from Miner's Park (across from 415 Main Street).

**Apres Ski**

Park City has benefited form the abolition of Utah’s strict and confusing drinking laws (previously only a guest of a local, those eating a meal, or bar ‘members’ could be served alcohol) and consequently the après-ski scene in the resort is booming.

Main Street is where the action is. The No Name Saloon (tel: +1 435 649 6667; [www.nonamesaloon.net](http://www.nonamesaloon.net/)) is good for lively, beer-swilling fun; while the Wasatch Brew Pub (tel: +1 435 649 0900; [www.wasatchbeers.com](http://www.wasatchbeers.com/)) is a little calmer. Later in the evening, Park City Live (tel: +1 435 649 9123; [www.parkcitylive.net](http://www.parkcitylive.net)), a hip dance club, is the place to be.

**Eating Out**

When it comes to dining, Park City and Deer Valley offer flair and fun. There are around 200 choices in and around town, from cheap and cheerful cafés to fine dining restaurants.

Try the Blind Dog (tel: +1 435 655 0800; www.[blinddogpc.com](http://blinddogpc.com/)) for an eclectic take on seafood, sushi and steak. Alternatively, sample Alpine dishes at the Goldener Hirsch (tel: +1 435 649 7770; [www.goldenerhirschinn.com](http://www.goldenerhirschinn.com/)) or opt for gourmet fare at Apex in the Montage Deer Valley resort (tel: +1 435 604 1300; [www.montagedeervalley.com](http://www.montagedeervalley.com/)).

El Chubasco (tel: +1 435 645 9114; www.elchubascomexicangrill.com) is perhaps the best option in the resort for Mexican, offering award-winning burritos, fajitas and a particularly good Chile Relleno. The salsa bar, with its eye-popping selection of sauces, has also helped the restaurant make a name for itself.

A more unusual night out involves a five-course dinner in the cosy Viking Yurt (tel: +1 435 615 9878; [www.vikingyurt.com](http://www.vikingyurt.com/)), accessible via a sleigh ride up on the slopes.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airport: Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC).

Distance to resort: 40km (35 miles).

Driving time: 40 minutes.

**Getting Around**

Free shuttle buses transport visitors to Resort Centre, Main Street and to Canyons and Deer Valley ski resorts. These run until late in the evening.

**Hotels**

Those looking for a central place to stay with a great location near to the slopes, restaurants and entertainment should plan a stay on Main Street. There is, however, also an extensive selection of accommodation in the surrounding suburbs.

Hotels in Park City vary greatly, from typical chains to family-run bed and breakfasts. There is also a large range of apartments with some ski-in/ski-out options and self-catering facilities.

**The Lowell**

This ski-in/ski-out hotel at the base of the mountain is a 10-minute walk from Main Street and has a pool and spa overlooking the slopes.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

1450 Lowell Avenue

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Park City

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

84060

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 888 649 0291

**Website**

www.thelowellparkcity.com

**Chateau Après Lodge**

A bargain hotel just across from the main lifts, Chateau Après Lodge offers breakfast included in the room rate.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

1299 Norfolk Avenue

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Park City

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

84060

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 435 649 9372

**Website**

www.chateauapres.com

**Silver Queen Hotel**

A boutique hotel on Main Street with elegant suites, the Silver Queen Hotel boasts an outdoor hot tub and great mountain views.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

632 Main Street

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Park City

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

84060

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 435 645 9696

**Website**

www.sterlingparkcity.com

**Washington School House Hotel**

A luxury boutique hotel located roughly 1.5km (1 mile) from Park City Mountain and Deer Valley, the Washington School House Hotel was converted from a 1889 school building. The establishment offers 12 luxury suites and a heated pool terraced in the hillside.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

543 Park Avenue

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Park City

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

84060

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 435 649 3800

**Website**

www.washingtonschoolhouse.com

**Shadow Ridge Resort**

An affordable complex of 1- and 2-bedroom condos superbly located only 100m (330ft) from Park City’s lifts. Condos come with dining areas and fireplaces, and a small gym and swimming pool are located on site.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

50 Shadow Ridge Road

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Park City

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

84060

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 435 649 4300

**Website**

www.allseasonsresortlodging.com

**Trail's End Lodge**

A popular complex located slopeside at Deer Valley, the Trail’s End Lodge offers convenient ski-in/ski-out access and comfortable rooms, some with hot tubs on their balconies.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

2100 Deer Valley Drive South

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Park City

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

84060

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 435 647 3527

**Website**

www.deervalley.com