**Stowe**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Experts

Snowboarders

Families

Après ski

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

19

**Intermediate Runs**

69

**Advanced Runs**

28

**Total Runs**

116

**Lifts**

13

**Chairs**

8

**Drags**

3

**Gondola Cable Cars**

2

**Parks**

3

**Pipes**

1

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

8.3m (27.7ft).

**Overview**

One of the world's most famous ski destinations, Stowe ski resort combines a classic ski area and a quaint New England village featuring wood-clad architecture and friendly locals. What’s more, this village is packed full of great accommodation, dining and shopping options.

With skiing on Mount Mansfield, the highest peak in Vermont, Stowe is often listed alongside other early winter sports meccas such as Aspen, St Anton, St Moritz or Chamonix. The resort has a 'European feel' with many of the local hoteliers originating from Europe (including the real-life Von Trapp family from Austria) and skiing beginning in the area with the arrival of one Sepp Ruschp from Linz in Austria.

In recent years, Stowe has spent hundreds of millions of dollars in a huge renaissance programme at the base of the slopes, which has left it with a state-of-the-art, 21st-century ski area equipped with 100% high-speed lift access.

These improvements have helped to make the most of Stowe's natural assets, which include Vermont's highest mountain, some of the steepest and longest runs in New England, and plenty of great beginner and intermediate terrain.

**Location**

Stowe is located in Vermont’s Green Mountains, within the New England region of the USA.

**Website**

http://www.stowe.com

**Piste Map**

http://www.stowe.com/ski-ride/trail-map/2014-15-trail-map

**Hit The Slopes**

Stowe's famous ski area is located on two mountains, Spruce Peak and Mount Mansfield, and has a season that lasts from mid-November to mid-April.

There’s been massive investment over the past decade or so in a complete overhaul of resort facilities, both on and off the mountain. Beginner and intermediate terrain for example is now world-class, with particularly good nursery slopes at Spruce Peak and a reliable and fast lift network to access them.

But despite these impressive modernisations, where Stowe excels – as it always has done – is with the length of its classic New England trails. It has more runs than any other ski area in the region, as well as the longest, Toll Road.

Advanced skiers should make a beeline for the famed ‘Front Four’ double black diamond trails at the top of the Four Runner Quad. These are named Starr, National, Goat and Liftline.

Freestylers of all ability levels will enjoy the choice of beginner, advanced and intermediate terrain parks, and there's also a halfpipe for those looking to get some air.

Cross-country skiers also have 45km (28 miles) of marked trails and 30km (19 miles) of backcountry terrain, with options to suit all ability levels.

The best way to get to know Stowe’s slopes upon arrival is by joining a free guided mountain tour. These meet at weekends and in holiday periods outside the Stowe Toys Demo Center at the base of the Four Runner quad chairlift (in front of the giant trail map).

**Stowe**

**Resort**

475

**Base**

240

**Top**

1133

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

Stowe is a year-round resort and as such offers a range of activities on the mountain, in the base area and in the village besides simply careering down on skis or a snowboard. Tobogganing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing and dog sledding tours are just some of the options on the snow.

Guests who like to relax with some water-based fun are spoilt for choice, with the numerous heated pools and spas in the area. The majority of these can be found in individual hotels such as the Stoweflake Mountain Resort (tel: +1 800 253 2232; [www.stoweflake.com](http://www.stoweflake.com)) and Stowe Mountain Lodge (tel: +1 802 253 3560; [www.stowemountainlodge.com](http://www.stowemountainlodge.com)).

Those looking for a touch of culture should head to the Spruce Peak Arts Center (tel: +1 802 760 4634; [www.sprucepeakarts.org](http://www.sprucepeakarts.org)), where a wide range of performances are staged throughout the year.

**Family Fun**

There's everything a family needs at Stowe, from day care facilities to night-time activities.

Care for children from the age of just six weeks is available at Cubs Daycare (tel: +1 802 253 4754) at the Spruce base area.

Children aged from three to 12 years are able to ski with the resort ski school’s tailored lessons, with different groupings depending on the age group.

There are dozens of family-friendly places in which to stay or to grab some food. In the village, make sure to take a look in The Depot Street Malt Shop (57 Depot Street), a 1950s-style ice cream café serving sundaes and cones.

**Retail Therapy**

Chain stores are practically non-existent here, but the 70 or so independent art galleries and boutique shops in Stowe make the resort something of a shoppers' paradise.

In fact, many visitors here do little more than spend their days wandering around the various retailers looking for that unique gift or clothing item to take home, such as blown glass or pottery items from Simon Pearce ([www.simonpearce.com](http://www.simonpearce.com)) in Stowe Mountain Lodge.

**Splashing Out**

Peace Pups Dog-Sledding (tel: +1 802 888 7733; [www.peacepupsdogsledding.com](http://www.peacepupsdogsledding.com)) offers evening dog sledding tours in the ski region, which involves touring the wider area pulled by an enthusiastic team of Siberian huskies. Discounts are offered to guests staying in Stowe resort’s accommodation.

**Apres Ski**

Stowe's pedestrian plaza at Spruce Peak is a lively après-ski hub with shopping, dining, interactive ice-carving and igloo building, as well as live music and campfires with outdoor seating.

Among the long-established watering holes for animated après-ski in Stowe is The Rusty Nail Bar & Grille (tel: +1 802 253 6245; [www.rustynailvt.com](http://www.rustynailvt.com)), a lively nightspot with big-screen TVs and late-night music. The Hourglass Bar in Stowe Mountain Lodge is a classier affair, serving regional microbrew beers, designer cocktails and rare wines by the glass.

Harrison’s Restaurant and Bar on Main Street (tel: +1 802 253 7773; [www.harrisonsstowe.com](http://www.harrisonsstowe.com)) is another very popular choice, where a crackling open fire produces an intimate and sociable atmosphere.

**Eating Out**

With more than 60 places to eat in Stowe, and tough competition between establishments, visitors can expect high quality, varied fare when visiting the resort.

Many in-the-know visitors start their day at McCarthy’s (tel: +1 802 253 8626; [www.mccarthysrestaurantstowe.com](http://www.mccarthysrestaurantstowe.com)), which has built a reputation for its spectacular breakfasts (the pancakes are a must!), and is also popular for lunches, serving up classic American grub. The central Café on Main (tel: +1 802 253 0077) is another popular lunch option, offering great hot soups, sandwiches and salads.

Gracie’s (tel: +1 802 253 8741; [www.gracies.com](http://www.gracies.com)) is another good choice for the full traditional American family-dining experience – expect big portions of ‘comfort food’ in a restaurant with a dog themed décor that has been established in Stowe for over 25 years.

For fine dining, one of the best options is the gourmet Solstice Restaurant in Stowe Mountain Lodge. This eatery serves delicious seasonal cuisine, including salmon, lobster and chicken, all sourced from local farmers. The accompanying wine is acquired from boutique wineries, when possible.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airports: Burlington International Airport (BTV); Montreal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport (YUL).

Distances to resort: 41km (26 miles); 220km (138 miles).

Driving times: 45 minutes; 3 hours.

**Getting Around**

Stowe's ski slopes, hotels, restaurants and other amenities are located around 10km (6 miles) from the historic village. Many of the area's hotels have their own shuttle bus, and many visitors arrive in rental cars. There is, however, a public shuttle bus with frequent services (particularly when the lifts open and close for the day). Several taxi firms also operate in the ski resort.

**Hotels**

There is a massive choice of 3- and 4-star hotels in Stowe, a small, pretty, chocolate-box town of New England clapboard buildings. There is also a reasonable range of apartments. Most of the accommodation in Stowe is situated on the road between the town and the slopes.

**Top Notch Resort**

A recently renovated 4-star hotel, the Top Notch Resort boasts excellent facilities including a pool, spa and fitness room and a popular restaurant and brewpub on site.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

4000 Mountain Road

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Stowe

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

VT

**Postcode**

VT 05672

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 802 760 6330

**Website**

www.topnotchresort.com

**Trapp Family Lodge**

A resort in its own right, Trapp Family Lodge has been open to guests since 1950 and was established by the famous family depicted in the *Sound of Music* film after they left Europe. The hotel has a bakery and a restaurant and offers a range of activities for all ages including Von Trapp family history tours.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

700 Trapp Hill Road

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Stowe

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

VT

**Postcode**

VT 05672

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 802 253 8511

**Website**

www.trappfamily.com

**The Mountaineer Inn**

A traditional New England-style inn, The Mountaineer Inn is well located for the slopes and has excellent amenities, including a huge hot tub and sauna.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

3343 Mountain Road

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Stowe

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

VT

**Postcode**

VT 05672

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 802 253 7525

**Website**

www.stowemountaineerinn.com

**Stowe Mountain Lodge**

A stunning slopeside lodge of rustic Vermont-Alpine architecture and exceptional facilities, Stowe Mountain Lodge includes a luxury spa and boasts a wonderful concierge service that can cater to almost all guest needs.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

7412 Mountain Road

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Stowe

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

VT

**Postcode**

VT 05672

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 802 253 3560

**Website**

www.stowemountainlodge.com

**The Green Mountain Inn**

Established in 1883 and still generally regarded as the best hotel in Stowe, everything in The Green Mountain Inn is notably excellent, with an enviable location, plush rooms and a choice of excellent on-site restaurants. The Inn also has a pool and spa area.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

18 Main Street

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Stowe

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

VT

**Postcode**

VT 05672

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 866 715 3812

**Website**

www.greenmountaininn.com

**Stowe Motel and Snowdrift**

Well located and spotlessly clean, Stowe Motel and Snowdrift is meticulously managed and offers affordable motel style accommodation within a short drive/bus journey of the resort.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

2043 Mountain Road

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Stowe

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

VT

**Postcode**

VT 05672

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

+1 802 823 1029

**Website**

www.stowemotel.com