**Nevis Range**

**Categories**

**Good For**

Beginners

Intermediates

Experts

Snowboarders

Families

**Data**

**Beginner Runs**

7

**Intermediate Runs**

12

**Advanced Runs**

16

**Total Runs**

35

**Lifts**

12

**Chairs**

3

**Drags**

8

**Gondola Cable Cars**

1

**Parks**

1

**Pipes**

0

**Weather**

**Annual Snowfall**

Unavailable.

**Overview**

Nevis Range remains one of the United Kingdom's newest and highest ski areas, and while popular with British and foreign skiers, has also carved out a reputation as a world-class mountain-biking destination.

The slopes, covering a wide swathe of terrain close to Britain’s highest mountain Ben Nevis (1,344m/4,409ft), are accessed by a Doppelmayr gondola located on the upper mountain. The terrain is suitable for all standards with the off piste Back Corries area over the back of the main ski area a particular draw for advanced skiers and boarders.

Despite its modern appearance, the history of skiing at Nevis Range goes back to at least the 1930s when adventurous locals hiked up to the area now known as the 'Snowgoose' – so named because by the time of the spring snow melts, the patch of snow left on the mountainside resembles the shape of a flying goose.

Over the past decade or so Nevis Range has grown its year-round operation, becoming an international centre for downhill mountain biking (it is an annual World Cup host) and adding attractions like a high ropes course at its base. Fort William and the wider area have a myriad of year round outdoor attractions that provide a good range of dining, shopping and accommodation options.

**Location**

Nevis Range is located on Aonach Mor Mountain, in the Lochaber region of the western Scottish Highlands. The resort is close to the town of Fort William and Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis, in the Grampian mountain range.

**Website**

http://www.nevisrange.co.uk

**Piste Map**

http://snowsports.nevisrange.co.uk/piste-map.asp

**Hit The Slopes**

Nevis Range has the same snow condition ‘issues’ that affect the four other Scottish ski areas: unpredictability. Snow can fall between October and June, allowing skiing in mid-Autumn or late spring. But equally, little or no skiing at all in midwinter is also a possibility, so skiers must be prepared to travel at short notice when the snow reports are good.

The ski area is accessed by the fast, modern Doppelmayr gondola with its six-seater cabins. The beginner slopes are conveniently located right next to the top of the gondola and the mountain restaurant, and have their own drag lift. There are lots of longer runs to progress to, including the Summit Run, a very gentle blue with superb views on the way down.

Intermediates will find much of the terrain open to them, with wide, fast cruisers making up the majority of the three dozen trails. Meanwhile, the most advanced skiers and boarders will want to head to the Snowgoose Bowl and Warrens, while a trip 'over the back' into Corrie Dubh is a must.

Nevis Range has a reputation for excellence with its Snowsports School, and freestylers will find a terrain park on which to practise their moves.

**Nevis Range**

**Resort**

650

**Base**

100

**Top**

1221

**General**

**Beyond The Slopes**

In addition to sightseeing in and around Fort William, there's plenty to do besides skiing and snowboarding at Nevis Range in the winter.

Courses at High Wire Adventure (tel: +44 1397 705 825) are suitable for all ages and abilities. Alternatively, miles of cross-country mountain bike trails await you in Leanachan forest at the gondola base station, while there is also a myriad of activities in the wider Fort William/west coast area.

The region's spectacular natural beauty is its key asset and this is as magnificent on a frosty winter's day as during the busy tourist months of summer. So a drive to either Glen Nevis – a favoured filming spot for the Harry Potter films – or Glencoe to the south, or a walk on one of the many stunning sandy beaches in the area, are all great options.

There are also indoor activities in Fort William itself, including the Lochaber Leisure Centre (tel: +44 1397 704 359) with a pool, gym, table tennis tables, squash courts, spacious spa bath, sauna, steam baths and solarium facilities.

**Family Fun**

Nevis Range is one of the easiest Scottish ski areas to access. Just off the Fort William-Inverness main road, a modern access road leads to the gondola base station – so there's minimum stress in reaching the slopes with children.

At the top of the gondola; the nursery slopes and a sledging area, as well as the family-friendly Snowgoose restaurant, are all just a few slides away.

Fort William is also a good resort town base, and the Lochaber Leisure Centre (tel: +44 1397 704 359) at the north end of the town has a pool. There are also plenty of affordable dining options for families in the region.

**Retail Therapy**

Fort William is the leading retail and tourist centre in the area. It combines all the usual high street shops one would expect to find in any small British town with a good range of tourist shops and specialist ski and mountain outlets; including the excellent Nevisport (High Street). The Ben Nevis Woollen Mill (Belford Road) sells a wide range of knitwear, tartans, gifts and souvenirs.

**Splashing Out**

Ice Factor (Leven Road; tel: +44 1855 831 100; [www.ice-factor.co.uk](http://www.ice-factor.co.uk)‎), 20 minutes drive from Nevis Range, is home to the world’s largest indoor ice climbing wall (16m/50 ft high) comprised of 500 tonnes of real snow and ice. Courses are offered for everyone, from first-timers right through to experienced ice climbers.

**Apres Ski**

Nevis Range shuts down more or less as soon as the ski day ends, so most of the après-ski action can be found in Fort William, 8km (5 miles) away; where there are about 40 bars and restaurants. The Crofter (tel: +44 1397 704 899; [www.crofterbar.co.uk](http://www.crofterbar.co.uk)) is an award winning Highland pub in central Fort William with real ale, occasional live music and Sports TV. The Tavern, also on the central street (tel: +44 1397 703 600; [www.thetavernrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.thetavernrestaurant.co.uk)) is another traditional pub that does a mean cocktail alongside the regular selection of beers and whiskies.

Cobbs at Nevisport (Airds Crossing High Street; tel: +44 1397 704 790; www.[cobbs-atevisport.co.uk](http://cobbs-at-nevisport.co.uk)) has an open fire, and also serves real ales and has occasional live music, while lilting notes can also often be heard coming from the doors of Ben Nevis Inn on Achintee Road (tel: +44 1397 701 227), a short distance out of town.

**Eating Out**

On the slopes the Snowgoose Restaurant (tel: +44 1397 705 825) at the top of the gondola station provides a range of affordable basic meals on the mountain. The Pinemarten, a café/bar with a lovely view of the mountain at the foot of Aonach Mor, serves freshly made meals using locally sourced produce.

Back in Fort William and the wider area there's a good choice of more than 60 places to eat, with options ranging from Chinese, Indian or traditional fish and chips to fine dining. The brilliantly named Grog and Gruel (tel: +44 1397 705 078; [www.grogandgruel.co.uk](http://www.grogandgruel.co.uk)) serves wholesome bar meals, while the colourful Crannog Restaurant (tel: +44 1397 705 589; [www.crannog.net](http://www.crannog.net)) has a long-standing reputation for excellent seafood, often caught from the neighbouring loch. Browns Restaurant in the Nevis Bank Inn (tel: +44 1397 705 721; [www.nevisbankinn.co.uk](http://www.nevisbankinn.co.uk)) is also good for seafood and one of the most popular restaurants in town for visitors and tourists alike.

For international flavours Sugar & Spice on High Street (tel: +44 1397 705 005) is a popular Thai restaurant.

**Transport**

**Getting There**

Nearest airport: Inverness Airport (INV); Glasgow Airport (GLA).

Distance to resort: 100km (63 miles); 179km (112 miles).

Driving time: 1 hour 15 minutes; 2 hours 30 minutes.

**Getting Around**

Nevis Range is reached by car (there is extensive free car park at base) or by a regular bus service that operates to and from Fort William. The nearest other ski centre is Glencoe, about 56km (35 miles) by road to the south.

**Hotels**

As a popular winter and summer destination, there is a whole host of accommodation in Nevis Range, both near the slopes and in the surrounding villages and towns. These include countless bed and breakfast hotels, lodges, guest houses and hotels, ranging from the basic to luxurious.

**Inverlochy Castle Hotel**

This historic and elegant castle hotel is just across the road from the Nevis Range ski area. Former guests here include Queen Victoria, who stayed for a week in 1873 in what is now the Honeymoon Suite, complete with four-poster bed.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

Torlundy

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Fort William

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

PH33 6SN

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Telephone**

+44 1397 702 177.

**Website**

www.inverlochycastlehotel.com

**Fort William Backpackers**

This affordable, friendly and well-equipped hostel is in a central location in Fort William.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

Alma Road

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Fort William

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

PH33 6HB

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Telephone**

+44 1397 700 711.

**Website**

http://www.fortwilliambackpackers.com

**The Ben Nevis Hotel**

Located just 7km (4 miles) from Nevis Range on the road into Fort William, The Ben Nevis Hotel has its own leisure club with a swimming pool, sauna, steam room, spa and gym.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

North Rd

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Fort William

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

PH33 6TG

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Telephone**

+44 1397 702 331.

**Website**

www.strathmorehotels.com

**Fort William Travelodge**

The affordable - especially when booked early – Fort William Travelodge is a little on the basic side but comes with all the necessary facilities including comfortable beds, en-suite bathrooms and Wi-Fi that’s available to all guests.

**Category**

Cheap

**Thoroughfare**

High St

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Fort William

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

PH33 6SN

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Telephone**

+44 871 984 6419

**Website**

http://www.travelodge.co.uk

**Nevis Bank Inn**

The four-star graded Nevis Bank Inn houses modern rooms and holds a reputation for good staff and service. The hotel is located within a short walk of Fort William centre and is a mere five minute drive from Nevis Range.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Belford Road

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Fort William

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

PH33 6BY

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Telephone**

+44 1397 705 721.

**Website**

http://www.nevisbankinn.co.uk/

**Myrtle Bank Guest House**

A beautifully maintained Victorian villa close to Fort William centre with great views over Loch Linnhe towards the Ardgour Hills. The Myrtle Bank Guest House provides comfortable spacious rooms and excellent friendly service.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

Achintore Rd

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Fort William

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

PH33 6RQ

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Telephone**

+44 1397 702 034.

**Website**

www.myrtlebankguesthouse.co.uk