**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**

9

**Drags**

2

**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 village featuring wood-clad architecture and friendly locals. What’s more, this village is packed full of great accommodation, dining and shopping options.

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, as well as 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

http://www.gostowe.com

**Piste Map**

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

**Hit The Slopes**

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

A multi-million dollar investment in lifts, snowmaking facilities and a host of other infrastructure improvements during the first decade of this century means that getting around the slopes quickly and comfortably has become much easier. The resort’s beginner and intermediate terrain was also improved and brought up to modern, world-class standard with particularly good nursery slopes at Spruce Peak.

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, while there's also a halfpipe on which boarders can practice their skills.

Cross-country skiers also have enough to explore with 45km (28 miles) of marked trails and 30km (19 miles) of backcountry terrain, with options to suit all levels of ability. There is a dedicated training centre (tel: (802) 253 3000) for the sport, which can also rent out equipment.

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 (1746 Mountain Road; tel: 1 800 253 2232; [www.stoweflake.com](http://www.stoweflake.com)) and Stowe Mountain Lodge (7412 Mountain Road; tel: (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: (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: (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: (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.

The Hourglass Bar in Stowe Mountain Lodge serves regional microbrew beers, designer cocktails and rare wines by the glass and is a popular (and therefore invariably animated) venue.

Among the long-established watering holes for animated après-ski in Stowe is The Rusty Nail Bar & Grille (1190 Mountain Road), a lively nightspot with big-screen TVs and late-night music.

**Eating Out**

With more than 60 places to eat in Stowe, and tough competition between them all, hungry visitors will find a great range of options and normally high standards of service and cuisine at most. Italian, Indian, Japanese and French Savoyard options sit alongside the large number of American restaurants in Stowe.

Among the best is the gourmet Solstice Restaurant in Stowe Mountain Lodge. This eatery serves delicious seasonal cuisine with food sourced from local farmers, cheese makers and other small food producers, while the accompanying wine is acquired from boutique wineries, whenever 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.

**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 most needs.

**Category**

Luxury

**Thoroughfare**

7412 Mountain Road

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Vermont

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

(802) 253 3560.

**Website**

http://www.stowemountainlodge.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**

Vermont

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

(802) 253 7525.

**Website**

http://www.stowemountaineerinn.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.

**Category**

Moderate

**Thoroughfare**

700 Trapp Hill Road

**Neighborhood**

XXX

**Locality**

Vermont

**Sub Admin Area**

XXX

**Admin Area**

XXX

**Postcode**

XXX

**Country**

United States of America

**Telephone**

(802) 253 8511.

**Website**

http://www.trappfamily.com