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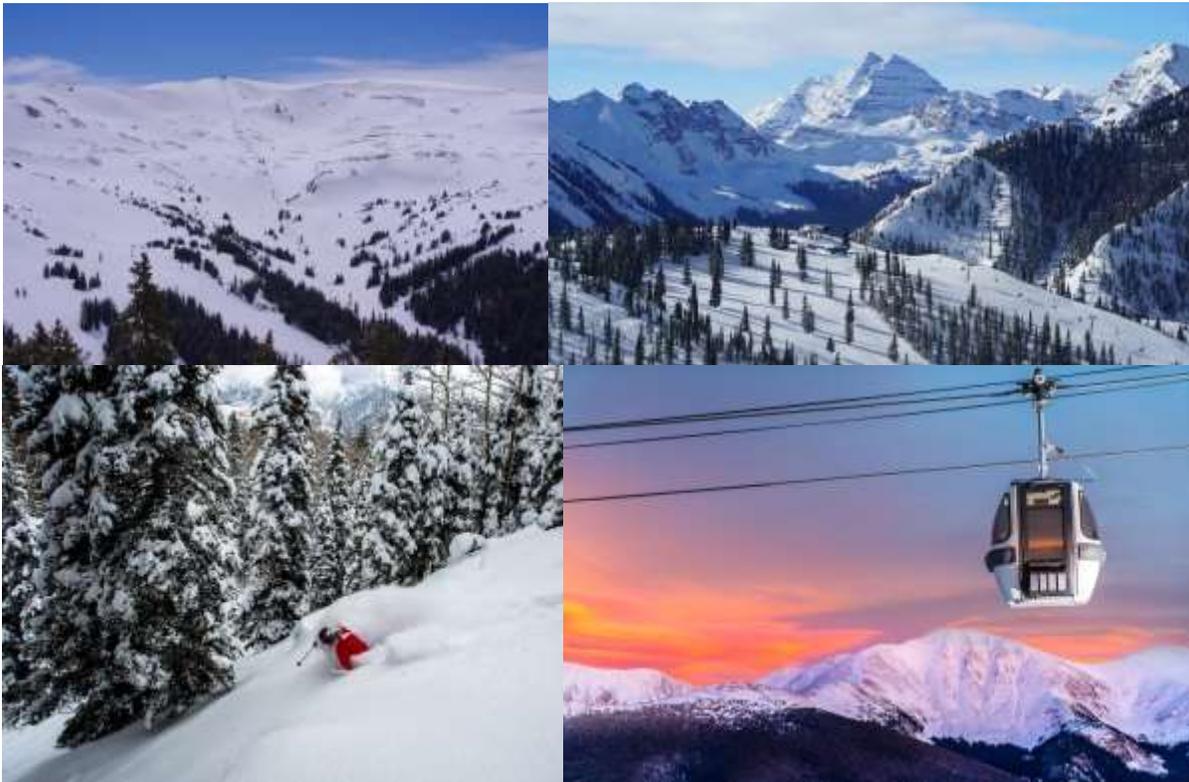
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## 2021-22 Colorado Ski Season Beckons with News from Across the State



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DENVER –September 15, 2021 – After a long, hot summer Colorado Ski Country USA (CSCUSA) member ski areas are excited to welcome guests back to the slopes for the 2021-22 season. Ski areas have learned a tremendous amount during the pandemic and have adopted many improvements to enhance the guest experience. There are also significant capital improvements in progress at ski areas across the state, with new food and beverage installations, important anniversaries and other improvements making the upcoming season one to look forward to.

Ski areas and Colorado Ski Country will release additional COVID-19 information for the 2021-22 season as appropriate as the season approaches and progresses, but guests are encouraged to Know Before You Go by checking ski area websites and other channels for the most up to date information on what to expect during their visit. Guests may also visit [www.coloradoski.com/covid-19](http://www.coloradoski.com/covid-19) for tips and information from ski areas across the state.

Below is a summary of the many improvements at CSCUSA ski areas for the 2021-22 ski season. Opening and closing dates for the 2021-22 season are at the bottom of this release.

### **Arapahoe Basin Ski Area**

Celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Season, guests can enjoy Arapahoe Basin's new food and beverage venue, Steilhang Hut. Steilhang will serve gourmet, made-in-Colorado sausages, warm pretzels, strudel and German beer in a warming hut with bathrooms. The food will all be handheld so guests can easily go outside to enjoy the view of the East Wall and Continental Divide from the wraparound deck. Arapahoe Basin will also only sell lift tickets online and in advance this season. For more information, visit [www.arapahoebasin.com](http://www.arapahoebasin.com).

### **Aspen Snowmass**

To honor its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Aspen Snowmass will be embracing 75 years of creating possibilities with a brand refresh and new logo at Aspen Mountain and Snowmass this year, with Highlands and Buttermilk to follow next year. Visitors can also enjoy the new Alpin Room in the High Alpine restaurant at Snowmass that pays homage to the ski culture and a menu influenced by the Swiss, French and Austrian Alps.

Aspen Mountain has undergone upgrades over the summer and fall with the Silver Queen Gondola receiving a new cable and the Aspen Mountain Club being remodeled. For more information, visit [www.aspensnowmass.com](http://www.aspensnowmass.com).

### **Cooper**

Cooper will welcome a new restaurant for winter 2021-22 called Timberline Taproom and Trading Post featuring a sawmill theme and an array of Colorado beers and light fares. Guests can also enjoy a new, streamlined rental and retail space featuring a 20 percent increase in capacity for rentals and 35 percent for the retail space. For more information, visit [www.skicooper.com](http://www.skicooper.com).

### **Copper Mountain**

New for the 2021-22 season, Copper is launching the Western Territory, an area on the resort's western-most side dedicated to inspiring beginner skiers, kids and families to connect with Copper's history and heritage. This season that will include two new family-friendly adventure zones, two new trails and a connector trail that offer skill development and animation to help inspire families learning the sport.

Copper will welcome back free unrestricted parking in the Alpine and Far East parking lots. For more information, visit [www.coppercolorado.com](http://www.coppercolorado.com).

### **Echo Mountain Resort**

Brothers Grill at Echo Mountain will feature new menu items and the pizza truck has a new home, which will provide more convenient access to the mountain for guests. Guests visiting Echo will need to purchase tickets or season passes in advance. For more information, visit [www.echomountainresort.com](http://www.echomountainresort.com).

### **Eldora**

Guests visiting Eldora this winter will not need to make a parking reservation, although single occupancy vehicles will be assessed a \$10 parking charge on weekends and holidays in accordance with Boulder County's sustainable-transportation priorities. Guests can take

advantage of the free round trip transportation program offered in conjunction with RTD from downtown Boulder. For more information, visit [www.eldora.com](http://www.eldora.com).

### **Granby Ranch**

Granby Ranch has greatly expanded its snowmaking capabilities, tripling the acreage with snowmaking to 115 acres for the 2021-22 season, providing guests a more consistent and earlier snow surface. Guests will also enjoy greatly increased connectivity as new fiber has been installed over the summer. For more information, visit [www.granbyranch.com](http://www.granbyranch.com).

### **Howelsen Hill**

Howelsen Hill has seen significant investment heading into the winter including the new triple chair Barrows chairlift, which will replace the old double chairlift. A new ticket office and concession area will improve the guest experience by offering separate facilities and enhanced concession options. For more information visit [www.steamboatsprings.net/131/Howelsen-Hill-Ski-Area](http://www.steamboatsprings.net/131/Howelsen-Hill-Ski-Area).

### **Loveland Ski Area**

New for the 2021-22 season, Loveland will offer Snowcat tours in Dry Gulch, just east of Lift 8, a new guided backcountry experience. The entire snowcat can be booked for groups as well as individual seats. The Loveland Valley Lodge has undergone a significant expansion which will triple the seating available in the cafeteria, expand the rental shop and provide additional capacity at the Ski and Ride school. For more information, visit [www.skiloveland.com](http://www.skiloveland.com).

### **Monarch Mountain**

Monarch will increase parking capacity in its Paradise Parking lot by 200 parking spaces and welcome RFID technology to improve guest flow through the chairlift loading process. A new food operation, Shredders, will offer guests a new dining option when visiting Monarch. For more information, visit [www.skimonarch.com](http://www.skimonarch.com).

### **Powderhorn Resort**

Powderhorn will continue to make improvements to its state-of-the-art gravity fed snowmaking system, which has allowed the ski area to operate earlier and later into the season. Guests can also enjoy a coffee, treat or pizza from the new coffee shop, Sunrise Coffee & Pizza. For more information, visit [www.powderhorn.com](http://www.powderhorn.com).

### **Purgatory Resort**

Purgatory continues to undergo upgrades to the guest experience including improvements to the snowmaking infrastructure, new snow groomers to improve snow surface conditions, modernizing existing lifts with new electric motors and digital drives and thinning and removing trees across the mountain. Snowboarding guests can also enjoy a new Burton snowboard rental fleet. For more information, visit [www.skipurg.com](http://www.skipurg.com).

### **Silverton**

Silverton will be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its chairlift all season long with events and celebrations to be announced throughout the season. For more information, visit [www.silvertonmountain.com](http://www.silvertonmountain.com).

### **Steamboat**

Phase One of Steamboat's Full Steam Ahead project will be complete for the upcoming season featuring an expanded base area, streamlined arrival process and the realignment of the Gondola to better improve guest spacing and flow. Guests can also enjoy the return of Routtie's

in the Torian Plum Plaza serving delicious BBQ. For more information, visit [www.steamboat.com](http://www.steamboat.com).

### **Sunlight Mountain Resort**

Sunlight will welcome several new guest improvements this season including an expanded lower parking lot, six new electric vehicle charging stations, a new website featuring a new online store and new ticketing, season pass and lift scanning software. For more information, visit [www.sunlightmtn.com](http://www.sunlightmtn.com).

### **Telluride Ski Resort**

Telluride will provide guests with 40 new acres of beginner and intermediate skiing including the new Grouse Glades and will welcome a \$1 million upgrade to its snowmaking system covering 60 acres and providing a consistent early season snow product. There will also be new daily direct air service from Phoenix via Denver Air and Houston through American Airlines. For more information, visit [www.tellurideskiresort.com](http://www.tellurideskiresort.com).

### **Winter Park Resort**

Winter Park will welcome several new and improved food and beverage options for guests this season. Ember at Snoasis is a new, outdoor woodfired dining facility overlooking Winter Park. Bradley's at the Base will give guests tasty, scratch-made chicken dishes while well-known Front Range restaurant Stoney's Bar and Grill will be opening a location in the Village this season. Season pass holders can enjoy Ten Buck Huck- offering a hearty breakfast burrito and a 16 oz coffee every morning. Pop up dining will return in several on-mountain locations and online mobile ordering will also be back for the season.

New this winter, Winter Park will offer guests sunset guided skiing and riding experiences. Guests can also enjoy sunset by taking free Gondola rides to Sunspot after 4pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays to enjoy apres and the spectacular view. For more information, visit [www.winterparkresort.com](http://www.winterparkresort.com).

2021-22 Winter Operating Dates for Colorado Ski Country USA members\*:

<b>RESORT</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>CLOSE</b>
<b>ARAPAHOE BASIN</b>	Mid-October	June TBD
<b>ASPEN HIGHLANDS</b>	December 11	April 10
<b>ASPEN MOUNTAIN</b>	November 25	April 17
<b>BUTTERMILK</b>	December 11	April 3
<b>COOPER</b>	December 8	April 17
<b>COPPER MOUNTAIN</b>	November 22	April 24
<b>ECHO MOUNTAIN</b>	November 26	April 17
<b>ELDORA</b>	November 19	April 17
<b>GRANBY RANCH</b>	December 10	April 3
<b>HESPERUS</b>	December 17	March 20
<b>HOWELSEN HILL</b>	November 28	April 3
<b>KENDALL MOUNTAIN</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>LOVELAND</b>	Late-October	Early May
<b>MONARCH</b>	TBA	April 3
<b>POWDERHORN</b>	November 26	April 27
<b>PURGATORY</b>	November 20	April 4

<b>SILVERTON</b>	December 30	April 17
<b>SNOWMASS</b>	November 25	April 17
<b>STEAMBOAT</b>	November 20	April 10
<b>SUNLIGHT</b>	December 10	April 3
<b>TELLURIDE</b>	November 25	April 17
<b>WINTER PARK</b>	November 17	Mid-May

\* These dates are weather dependent and subject to change

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