

SIGNAGE

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<https://skisafety.ca/ski-area-premises/>

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When visiting a ski area, the premise is not limited to the ski runs – many ski areas will have day lodges, parking lots, restaurants, tube/tobogganing areas, terrain parks, walkways, access roads and other ski area facilities. You will come across signage throughout the ski area premise that are important to respect and understand.

Please pay close attention to all signage. It is present for the safety of both guests and employees. Failing to follow the directions on these signs may result in the loss of your ticket or pass. It is your responsibility to be aware of mountain signage at all times.



MARKING, FLAGGING, FENCING

There are a number of different signs and markers to indicate conditions, boundaries and warnings on the Ski Area Premise.

All poles, flags, fencing, signage and padding on equipment or objects or other forms of marking devices are used by the ski area to inform you of the presence or

location of a potential obstacle or hazard. For mountain biking, pin flags may

be used to mark lips of jumps.

These markers are no guarantee of your safety and will not protect you from injury. It is part of your responsibility under the Alpine Responsibility Code to avoid all obstacles or hazards, including those that are so marked. Inbound terrain includes natural hazards including cliffs and cornices. Ski with caution, unmarked objects and hazards may exist.



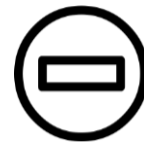
SKI AREA BOUNDARY

Most ski areas mark their operational boundaries with fencing or signage.



The terrain within the ski area boundary is patrolled and some hazards are marked. The area beyond the ski area boundary is neither controlled nor patrolled. Some ski areas permit users to travel beyond the ski area boundary into the backcountry.

Backcountry travel can be very hazardous and requires specialized equipment, training and experience. Do not travel into the backcountry if you are not qualified to do so. Some ski areas may close their ski area boundaries or portions of the boundary. A closure sign must be respected and obeyed. Breach of a closure could result in the loss of ski area privileges and other sanctions.



CLOSED MEANS CLOSED

CLOSED RUNS

Entering closed runs and areas is strictly prohibited. Runs are closed for several reasons: trees have fallen onto the run, ditches or holes have rendered the run unsafe, a race or other events are taking place, Terrain Parks are not yet ready to open, or perhaps machinery is operating. Observe and obey all posted signs and warnings. Ignoring these messages may put you at greater risk. Those who violate closures may lose lift privileges.

CLOSED RESORT

When the ski area is closed, access to the area is strictly forbidden for your safety.

While closed the ski area is not patrolled and area is not maintained for public use. Hazards may not be marked, areas will not be controlled for avalanches, and machinery may be working.



WALKING IN SKI AREAS

Walking in ski areas should not be overlooked as a risk, with potential for serious injuries. There are many wet, icy, slippery surfaces throughout the ski area premise. Slips, trips and falls are common and all users should take precautions at all times when travelling throughout a ski area. Ski boots and many types of other footwear do not provide good traction, and extra caution should be used when walking.

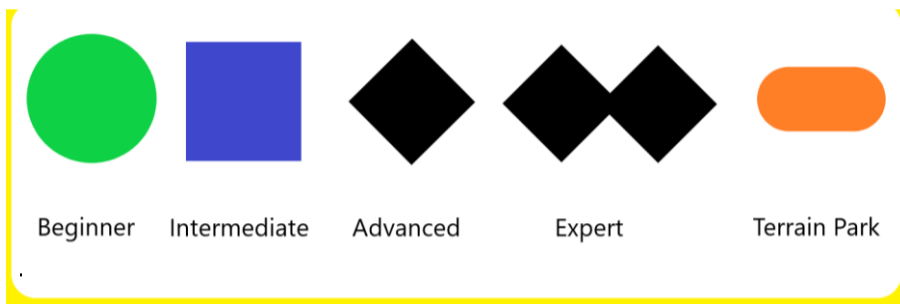
RELATIVE TRAIL DIFFICULTY



SKI & SNOWBOARD TRAIL LEVELS

The designation of run difficulty is set by each ski area individually.

Skiers and riders should be advised that a Green Circle, Blue Square or Black Diamond trails are not necessarily the same as a similarly rated trail at another area. Skiers and riders should work their way up, beginning with the easiest trails, no matter what their ability level may be, until they are familiar with the trails at each ski area.



See more about Terrain Park Signage >>
[HERE \(https://skisafety.ca/terrain-parks/\)](https://skisafety.ca/terrain-parks/).



BIKE PARK TRAIL SIGNAGE

Just like ski runs, routes within the Bike Park are designated by colour-coded trail markers. However, in Bike Parks there are two types of runs – Freeride & Technical. Each type has a colour-coded rating. It is important to note, trail difficulty designations can vary from one resort to another.

Freeride trails are machine-cut and contain man-made features such as dirt jumps, rid-on features, gaps, berms and other natural or constructed features.

Freeride trails are identified with an orange oval.

Technical trails are designed to embrace the rugged shape and terrain of the mountain. Routes are typically hand-built and feature organic obstacles and stunts such as rocks, roots, logs, drops, jumps and other natural or constructed features. Technical trails are identified by just their difficulty symbol.

FREERIDE	TECHNICAL												
<p>Freeride trails are machine-cut and contain man-made features. Routes may be enhanced with dirt jumps, ride-on features, gaps, narrow surfaces, wallrides, berms and other natural or constructed features. All freeride trails are identified with an orange oval.</p> <p>JUMPING SKILLS MAY BE REQUIRED</p>	<p>Technical trails are designed to embrace the rugged shape and terrain of the mountain, utilizing a majority of natural terrain. Routes are typically hand-built and feature organic obstacles and stunts such as rocks, roots, logs, drops, jumps & other natural or constructed features that require technical riding skills. Technical trails are identified by just their difficulty symbol. Jumping skills may be required.</p>												
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TRAIL RATINGS													
BEGINNER	Gentle riding with obstacles such as gravel, roots, rocks, potholes and bridges. MUST HAVE RIDDEN A BICYCLE BEFORE												
INTERMEDIATE	Challenging riding with steep slopes and/or obstacles, possibly on narrow trails with man-made objects and features. These include but are not limited to: jumps, ramps, roots, rocks & other terrain variations. MUST BE A COMPETENT MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDER												
ADVANCED	Difficult riding with a mixture of long steep descents, loose trail surfaces, numerous natural & man-made obstacles and features. These include but are not limited to: jumps, ramps, elevated features, gaps, drops, rocks and other terrain variations. MUST HAVE ADVANCED MOUNTAIN BIKE HANDLING SKILLS												
EXPERTS ONLY	Highly difficult riding. Some elements that will be encountered include large man-made and natural jumps & obstacles, wood ramps, elevated narrow trails, drops, rock faces & other difficult terrain variations. EXPERT MOUNTAIN BIKERS WITH VERY ADVANCED BICYCLE HANDLING SKILLS ONLY												
There may be more difficult features to the sides of trails than otherwise indicated on the ratings													