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SeniorsSkiing Guide: Bogus Basin Not Your Usual Local Ski Hill

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This Non-Profit Ski Area Is Community Owned And Prices Reflect It.



View from the top at Bogus Basin, the ski resort outside Boise, ID
Credit: Yvette Cardozo

[Bogus Basin](#) outside Boise, ID, is the local ski hill. But it's not your usual tiny, rustic, over run local hill.

"What you get here is destination skiing at local prices," said General Manager Brad Wilson. "Our lift tickets are \$59, our ski rental package \$30, our burgers are \$7. We're able to do that because we are non-profit. It's community owned."



Skiing couple takes a selfie at Bogus Basin outside Boise, ID.
Credit: Yvette Cardozo

Indeed, the size might make it a destination hill in many places. It is second largest in Idaho after Schweitzer. But the vibe is definitely local, families doing box lunches, school buses loaded with local kids, night skiing seven days a week.

"We see people from Texas, from Florida but this is not our focus because we have so many local people to draw from.

"The quality of our skiing is equal to destination areas but there's no granite in the bathrooms, and our chefs aren't wearing tall hats." Wilson added.

Why, then ski Bogus as a visitor? Because it's 40 minutes from Boise. If you are flying in to ski elsewhere, say, Brundage and Tamarack near McCall, or Sun Valley, odds are you come through Boise, a vibrant, fresh new city. So it makes sense to spend a day or two, and also perhaps a day skiing Bogus.

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Snow, Terrain And More

Location: Bogus Basin is 16 miles north of Boise, ID, which is towards the southwest end of the state. It's about a 40 minute drive from downtown. The city is in the midst of a construction boom with 800 new hotel rooms expected by next summer. The ski area draws from the entire "Treasure Valley," some 700,000 people from Boise and surrounding towns.

Snowfall: 200 – 250 inches a year. Four "fan guns" fill in where snow is sparse in early season.

Terrain, lifts: Three detachable high-speed quads, a triple chair and three doubles, along with a conveyer belt for beginners, serve the 2,600 skiable acres. There are 78 named runs. Eighteen percent are easiest, 42 percent intermediate, 40 percent expert. Free mountain tours are offered weekends at 10:30am and 1:30pm.

Vertical: 5,800 feet at the base, 7,582 at the top, resulting in just shy of an 1,800 foot vertical drop.

Nordic & more: 37 km of groomed Nordic trails for day skiing, 7 km for night, 12 km for winter fat bikes and snowshoes. Frontier Point Nordic Lodge has a gas fireplace, equipment rental, ticketing office and waxing bench.

Lot to Lift Access: Seven parking lots with ski in-ski out access, more with shuttle service.

Public transportation: Roundtrip buses with stops in Caldwell, Nampa, Middleton, Star, Eagle, Meridian, Boise State and various Boise locations through bogusbasin.org or Caldwell Transportation Co. (208) 459-6612

Accommodations: No on slope lodging.

Culture:

The Vibe: This is a local hill on steroids. Not wild and crazy but, rather, casual, friendly, but much larger than you expect. Since most skiers here are locals, they ski well and know the mountain. Ride a lift with one, and he/she will give you tips on getting good snow.

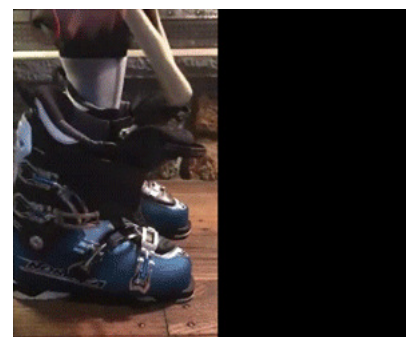
Dining: Of the three lodges, two have grills, bars or some sort of food. These include the J.R. Simplot Lodge at the base and Pioneer Lodge on the upper mountain.

Mountain Life: Snow, snow and more snow. Alpine and nordic skiing, fat tire cycling. You don't come here to lounge in front of a fireplace in expensive duds. You get out and go, then come in to rest, then get out and go some more.

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Yvette didn't even see snow until she was 25. That's because she grew up in snow free, frost free South Miami Beach. In fact, she says, "When I finally got to see frost for the first time at age 13, I thought it was mold all over the cars. (Some of us were more sheltered than others)." She finally got into skiing at age 30 and claims she has "probably the world's most exhaustive collection of 'dumb Florida gal discovers snow' stories" in the world. That includes her first heli-ski trip when someone gently pointed out to her that maybe it was time to retire the novice ski angle. Yvette now lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband, Bill Hirsch, 30 minutes from the nearest slopes and she skis at least once a week during the season. Her ski stories have taken her around the world, including India and several trips to South America.

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