

## Sugar Bowl Resort Uphill Use Policy

The Uphill Use Policy outlines permitted uphill access at Sugar Bowl Resort. Uphill access is use of the resort and its surrounding areas by means of skinning, snowshoeing, hiking, and running. This policy governs all terrain within the Sugar Bowl permitted boundary area in which the resort is actively engaged in day time and or night time operations. Sugar Bowl reserves the right to deny uphill access at the discretion of resort management for safety reasons.

### **I. General Rules Regarding Uphill Travel**

- a. Users must abide by the rules and regulations established by Sugar Bowl and USFS when accessing Sugar Bowl Resort both during and after operating hours.
- b. Uphill Access is **PROHIBITED** between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- c. Uphill Access may remain closed after 6 a.m. due to ongoing operations.
- d. Users must abide by the Placer County Skier's Responsibility Code.
- e. Uphill Access is **PROHIBITED** during inclement weather and while avalanche mitigation measures are underway. Visit [www.sugarbowl.com/uphill](http://www.sugarbowl.com/uphill) or call 530-426-6775 for status of Uphill Access.
- f. All users are **PROHIBITED** to approach within 100 feet of grooming machines, snowmobiles, winch cats, winch cables (whether stationary or moving) or snowmaking equipment (to include but not limited to fan guns, high-pressure water lines, and high voltage electrical cables).
- g. Snowmobiles, snow cats, winch cables, snowmaking hoses, snowmaking electrical cables and other equipment may be encountered at any time. Users assume all risks of encounters with this machinery and equipment.
- h. All users accessing resort trails or permitted areas at any time, with or without a ticket/pass assume **ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH** associated with such use. All users are required to adhere to any and all closures, warning signs, and ropes regardless of time of day or season.
- i. Users must be especially aware of other skiers and riders approaching from above and below when on the mountain.
- j. During operating hours all users must stay to the side of the groomed runs.
- k. Headlamps are required and must be turned on during dark and twilight hours.
- l. All users must travel in single file form at all times.
- m. If the resort staff feels that users are presenting a hazard or impeding the operations the user will be asked to leave the resort.
- n. Use of the terrain parks and terrain park features is prohibited after operating hours.
- o. Users deciding to leave the ski area boundary are responsible for understanding and accepting the inherent risks of their choice. At no time may users enter, leave, or re-enter Sugar Bowl Resort through a closed area.
- p. Dogs are not permitted.
- q. Anyone accessing chairlift(s) must have a valid lift ticket or season pass.
- r. All uphill access shall begin at a designated trailhead. The trailheads are located at the bottom of Pine Martin, the bottom of Union Street and bottom of the Disney Return adjacent to the Disney chairlift. Uphill access open/closed signs are placed at each trailhead. Users will not access any closed area.
- s. Uphill access is allowed only on the following trails:

<b>Mt. LINCOLN</b> Union Street Silver Belt Runout Henderson's Bowl Station B Crowley's Lake View	<b>Mt. JUDAH</b> Tunnel 41 Buena Vista <b>Mt. DISNEY (access closed after 4:00pm)</b> Disney Return Overland Disney Traverse
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- t. All trails, other than those specified above, are closed to uphill traffic
- u. Users are encouraged to call the Uphill Access Hotline at 530-426-6775 for the latest information on uphill open/closed status.
- v. Special permission to uphill access outside of the rules outlined in the policy for group outings such as full moon tours may be granted on a case by case basis. Please contact Resort Operations at 530-426-6703 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to request a variance.

All participants will be required to have an uphill pass or uphill ticket and will be required to read and acknowledge this uphill policy and the release of liability.

**II. Required Pass and Release of Liability Signature**

a. All persons are required to have an uphill travel pass, issued by Special Tickets at Judah Lodge or Village Tickets in the Lodge at Sugar Bowl, in order to travel uphill on Resort grounds. In addition, all persons are required to sign the Uphill Travel Policy Release of Liability, at the time of pass issuance.

b. Persons traveling uphill without proper, required documents will be asked to leave the resort and obtain proper pass credentials before returning.

**III. Uphill Travel along the Pacific Crest Trail**

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Judah expansion contains language, as a mitigation measure, providing access to the backcountry for travelers desiring to go through the expansion area along the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Specifically, the mitigation measure states: "The special use permit will specifically guarantee access through the National Forest System Lands within the project area for the life of the special use permit." In accordance, Sugar Bowl has allowed free, access to backcountry users traveling along the Pacific Crest Trail toward the Benson Hut along the eastern portion of the resort, specifically along the "climbers left" of the Tunnel 41 run and over the top of the Summit Chair lift (the PCT/Summit chair route). The following applies to uphill travelers utilizing this route:

- a. PCT users must adhere to all conditions, rules, regulations, warnings, etc. contained within the **Sugar Bowl Resort Uphill Use Policy**. The only exception is that PCT users ARE NOT required to adhere to Section II of this policy specifically pertaining to required passes and release of liability signature.
- b. PCT users must access the PCT route at the Pine Martin Trailhead. Uphill access will be closed while avalanche mitigation measures are underway. Any such closure will be temporary and will be posted at the Pine Martin Trailhead.
- c. Users traversing the PCT are required to stay "climbers left" of the Tunnel 41 and White Pine Lift ski trails and must traverse above the Summit Chair lift. These specific locations can be determined by contacting mountain operations.

If PCT users leave their vehicles at the Resort in accordance with overnight travel, they must use sanctioned overnight parking lots. Please see attached map for specific overnight parking lot locations.

This policy is subject to change at any time. Please visit [www.sugarbowl.com/uphill](http://www.sugarbowl.com/uphill) for current policies.

I have read and agree to abide by the terms of this policy.

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Print Name

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Signature

**The above policies DO NOT apply to any Royal Gorge Ski Trails.**