

Uphill Access Policy



Background

In recent years there have been more persons accessing the ski area and not using lifts. Non-lift access/uphill access (“uphill access”) such as uphill snowshoeing hiking or “skinning” may present high danger of personal injury to participants or others.

The ski area is not maintained for uphill access and trails are not patrolled outside normal ski area operating hours, therefore emergency services may not be available. Ski area operations take place 24 hours, 7 days a week in winter and users may encounter vehicles, slope and trail maintenance activities, snowmaking operations and other hazards not typically present during operating hours.

Scope

This Policy applies to all persons that undertake uphill access within Perisher Ski Resort and the ski area facilities.

Policy

1. Uphill access is only permitted outside of public operating hours – From 5.00pm to 8.30am. All uphill users must be clear of the ski area by 8.00am
2. Avoid areas where machinery is operating. Winch grooming operations may be in progress. Strobe lights mean stay clear and avoid the area altogether. Runs that are commonly and regularly winch groomed include: Towers, Zali’s, Excelsior, Lower Roller Coaster, Cleft, Dogleg and Olympic however winch grooming may occur in any place in the resort
3. Stay off all runs and areas signposted as closed. Stay off advanced (black diamond) terrain. Stay off all Terrain Park features and jumps.
4. Obey all signage.
5. Stay towards the centre of the trail.
6. Maximise your visibility – position yourself so that you are visible from above; wear reflective or brightly coloured clothing.
7. Stay clear of all snowmaking equipment as it may commence operating at any time.
8. Be vigilant for early morning ski/snowboard race training when crossing ski slopes.
9. Please note that fat tyre biking and / or mountain biking is prohibited within the ski area during the winter season, both during daytime and night time operations.
10. Third party (i.e. non-Perisher) snowmobiles are prohibited within Perisher’s ski area at all times, save for where the use has been authorised by Perisher’s Operations Director.

Persons engaged in uphill access of Perisher Ski Resort assume all risks associated with access.