

# Mountain Tours

Mountain Hosts provide guided tours of the mountain for guests who wish to become familiar with the area. Tours showcase the terrain, facilities, and services available at Bogus Basin, ensuring guests have a safe, enjoyable, and informative experience.

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## Tour Schedule

- **Winter Operations:**
    - Tours are offered **at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.** every **Saturday, Sunday, and on holidays** as needed.
    - Hosts assigned to a tour should report to the **Host Tour sign** in front of the **J.R. Simplot Lodge** and make their presence known to guests.
  - **Summer Operations:**
    - Tours may be given **upon request or as needed**.
    - Often, this involves handing out **trail maps or informational pamphlets**, providing **basic orientation**, or leading short, guided **hikes or bike rides** based on guest interest.
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## Before the Tour

1. **Greet Guests:**  
Welcome guests warmly, distribute trail maps, and explain that the tour's main purpose is to help them **get to know the mountain**.
  2. **Guest Information:**  
If possible, note **each guest's name** and **where they are from**. Submit the list to a **Lead Host** after the tour.
  3. **Assess Ability:**  
Ask about guests' experience, skill level, and familiarity with Bogus Basin.
    - Tour participants must be able to **ride chairlifts, navigate easy terrain, and remain in control**.
  4. **Customize the Tour:**  
Tailor your route to **snow conditions, weather, and guest abilities**.  
Always remember: **Safety First!**
  5. **Encourage Questions:**  
Invite guests to ask questions before and during the tour.
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## Tour Overview

The following is a general outline for the **All-Mountain Tour**. Adjust as needed based on conditions and guest preferences.

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## Prior to leaving Patio Area

Mention nearby facilities and services, such as:

- Frontier Point Nordic Lodge – snacks & beverages
- Bogus Creek Plaza (Summer)
- Double R Ranch BBQ Smokehouse
- Pepsi Gold Rush Tube Hill
- Black Diamond Sports (rental/repair/retail)
- Skiing & Boarding School
- Ticketing and passes
- NASTAR course and sign-up
- Lockers, restrooms, childcare
- Food services in **J.R. Simplot Lodge** and **Pioneer Lodge**
- Mountain Coaster and summer activities

## Deer Point Express (Chair 1)

- Point out **Cabin Traverse** and other visible runs as you ride up.
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## Top of Deer Point Chair

- Decide which Host will **lead** and which will **sweep**.
  - Ask the **lift operator** if your group can go through together.
  - Proceed safely and stay together.
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## Route Highlights

1. From Deer Point, proceed toward **Alpine** and the **Pine Creek access trail (Nugget Cat Track)**.
    - o Depending on ability, ski **Showcase** or **Alpine** down to #4 **Showcase Chair**.
  2. Continue to #2 **Morning Star Chair**, explaining it serves mostly **green runs** and provides access to **Pioneer Lodge** and the **back side**.
  3. Ride #2 **Morning Star Chair** and point out:
    - o **Pioneer Lodge** services:
      - 1st Floor – Ticket office, restrooms, lockers, sack lunch area
      - 2nd Floor – Bogus Bob’s Grill, Firewater Saloon, ATM
      - 3rd Floor – Dining and views
    - o **Spurn Structure**- tables, restaurant, bar, and ski up window.
    - o **Pioneer Inn Condos** and #5 **Bitterroot Chair**
  4. Continue down **Smuggler**, pointing out access to **Bitterroot Chair** and proceed to #3 **Superior Chair**. (If guests are all advanced skiers, you may point out the Smuggler Trail and then proceed on War Eagle Cat to War Eagle.)
  5. Before ascending #3 **Superior Chair**, describe the **advanced/expert terrain** visible below, as well as **cross-country** and **summer trail** routes.
  6. From the top, follow **Cabin Traverse**, stopping near **Wildcat** or **Upper Nugget** to explain the front-side layout and lodge access.
  7. Take **Upper Nugget** (great intermediate cruiser) to **Lower Nugget**.
    - o Point out **Lower Paradise**, **Second Chance**, and **cat track options**.
  8. Proceed to #6 **Pine Creek Quad**, noting “**The Beach**” food & drink area and restrooms.
    - o Explain elevation change (5,800’ to 7,590’) and terrain below.
  9. At the top of **Pine Creek**, point out **Upper Paradise**, **expert terrain access**, and the **summer camp site** (reservable via Parks & Rec).
  10. Return via **Cabin Traverse**, pointing out **Majestic Cat Track**, **Bonanza**, **Matchless**, **Tempest**, **Greenies**, **Triumph**, and other runs as appropriate.
  11. End tour near **Pioneer Lodge** or **base area**, depending on group ability and time.
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## Ending the Tour

- Thank guests for visiting Bogus Basin.
- Ask for questions or suggestions.
- Offer **comment cards** and encourage feedback.
- Recommend the **Ski/Board School** for continued learning or skill development.
- Escort interested guests to the **school office** if they’d like to enroll.