

Utah Spring Skiing

One Weekend and Four Vacation Days Gets You...



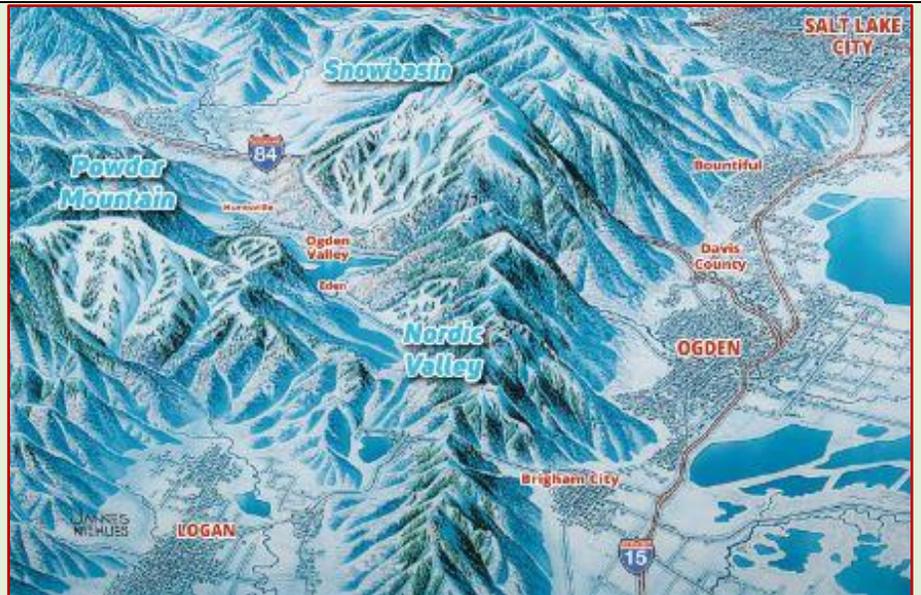
5 Nights in Ogden, UT

2 Days Each at Powder Mountain and Snowbasin

Downhill and Cross-Country Spring Skiing at Both Locations

Saturday March 28 –
Thursday April 2, 2020

Led by Dennis Slough & TBD



STANDARD TRIP PACKAGE AT \$1352 INCLUDES;

- Roundtrip Air Fare, DTW – SLC
- 5 Nights Lodging at the [Bigelow Hotel](#)
- Roundtrip Airport Shuttle
- Lift Tickets
 - Powder Mountain 2-Day
 - Snowbasin 2-Day
- Shuttle to/from Powder Mountain
- UTA Roundtrip Passes (2) to/from Snowbasin
- 5 Private Room Hot Breakfast Buffets: Eggs, Potatoes, Meat, Fruit, Yogurt
- A Bigelow Hotel Welcome Reception
- Pre-Trip Let's Meet Party
- Post-Trip Looking Back Party
- On-the-Hill Party themed *Day at the Beach*

A LIMITED NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVE PACKAGES ARE AVAILABLE AT LOWER OR HIGHER COSTS

Sign-Up Package	Price	Limited Seats
Standard	\$ 1353	28
Senior (64+)	\$ 1302	28
Single Occupancy	\$ 1597	4
No Air Travel	\$ 659	6
No Ski Pass	\$ 961	6

OTHER POTENTIAL SIGN-UP OPTIONS – CHECK WITH TRIP LEADER DENNIS SLOUGH FIRST!!

	Single Occupancy	Senior
Single Occupancy		\$ 1544
No Air	\$ 903	\$ 609
No Lift	\$ 1246	

Air Travel

[American Airline](#) flights, with a hop via Dallas, have been reserved.

By the time of the Corn Roast, when this trip releases for sign-ups, we expect to have more flight options from which to choose, including typically lower cost [Southwest](#) routes. We expect the flight cost will go down leading to lower package prices. *TBD*

Flight	Date	Route	Depart	Arrive
AA 2491 L	28MAR	DTW/DFW	740A	928A
AA 2357 L	28MAR	DFW/SLC	1250P	233P
AA 1006 L	02APR	SLC/DFW	150P	531P
AA 2508 L	02APR	DFW/DTW	830P	1213A (03APR)

Hotel

Three hotel room sleeping arrangements are available;

1. *Single Occupancy*
2. *Double Occupancy for Singles*
3. *Double Occupancy for Couples*

We can't guarantee your first choice, but odds are high that at this hotel, one of Ogden's largest, you'll get your preference.

We are staying at the historic [Bigelow Hotel](#), a Choice hotel in the [Ascend Collection](#).

"...upscale, independent hotels designed for travelers pursuing distinct experiences in unforgettable surroundings."

Also known as the [Ben Lomond and the Reed Hotel](#), the original structure was put up in 1891. It is considered one of Utah's three **grand** hotels; one of **only two standing** today; and, the only **one in which you can still book a room**.



The Bigelow and [Union Station](#) anchor [historic 25th Street](#).

Hot breakfast included.

Lift Passes

Three options are available on this trip.

1. Regular two-day passes to Powder Mountain and Snowbasin;
2. Discounted senior passes for those who qualify ; ([age 64+](#))
3. No pass for those who intend to XC ski, or sight-see. ([Limited to first six.](#))

Shuttle: To/From Airport

The 40 miles from SLC airport to Bigelow Hotel in downtown Ogden, (then back on Thursday), takes about 50 minutes and it will be covered via chartered bus.

If you're traveling separately and would like to join us on the airport shuttle it is vital you arrive at SLC with spare time before departure, *currently* scheduled for 3:30 PM Saturday March 28. A good alternative if you can't time your travel accordingly is to use [UTA's Frontrunner commuter train](#).

Shuttle: To/From Resorts

Each resort will have its own transport solution.

The distance to **Snowbasin** will be covered using a specialized route in the local metropolitan bus system known as UTA, (Utah Transit Authority.) The trip takes about 45 minutes and there are multiple departures from in front of the hotel every morning. The reverse trip is handled in a similar way.



The trip to **Powder Mountain** takes about 55 minutes and the route will be conquered using a Powder Mountain owned shuttle. Locally, Powder Mountain and the shuttle are known as **The Pow Mow**.

We'll organize one Pow Mow group departure each morning and afternoon. There are multiple other departures from the hotel and resort using the UTA metro system.

NOTE: We'll be skiing Snowbasin first. Bus service to that resort stops on March 31st.

Skiing and Snowboarding

Utah's ski resorts, located along the [Wasatch Mountains](#), are famous for powder. That is, light fluffy snow that's as comfy to float through as breezing down corduroy. Both kinds of snow tend to make us look better than we are! And, there should be a lot of both by late March.

In an average year both resorts get about 30 feet of snowfall building up to a ten-foot base by late March.

On top of this base, Spring storms deliver fresh powder every three or so days providing a clean backdrop for painting beautiful tracks. Conveniently by this late date many locals have turned



their attentions elsewhere leaving the canvas to us alone. *Plus!* Between those storms is a lot of Southwestern blue sky.

Utah mountains start lower and stop lower than Colorado mountains. Both resorts summit below tree-line (9500') at around 9400 feet. The terrain and ecosystem are *sub-alpine*, though Snowbasin's rugged

peaks provide an Alpine backdrop. Utah's arid climate limits vegetation. Doug Fir, Aspen, and Oak trees are widely spaced as well as their groves opening many non-groomed routes for exploring.

For lungs that train at 1000 feet acclimation is easier in Utah than at Colorado's lofty 11,000-foot summits. Alas this also leads to slushy snow on the lower slopes as the day progresses. Yet conditions on upper reaches typically stay cold and dry.

At Powder Mountain all skiers start at the top. The lodge is at the top.

Shredding happens too at both resorts. [Powder Mountain](#) was the first Utah resort to allow Snowboarding. They have three terrain parks. Snowbasin has four.

There are Nordic trails at both resorts. [Snowbasin](#) is a big promoter of Cross-Country skiing earning the resort [good XC press](#). Powder Mountain barely mentions Cross-Country, yet it is well regarded by [Ogden's vibrant Nordic community](#).

If there is enough interest, [North Fork Nordic Park](#) is a nearby third Cross-Country Ski destination that can be added to our itinerary.

What	Powder Mountain	Snowbasin
Summit	9422'	9350'
Vertical Drop	2522'	2900'
Base	6900'	6450'
Beginner	25%	7%
Intermediate	40%	37%
Advanced	35%	47%
Expert	0%	9%
Longest	3.5 mi	3.5 mi
Skiable Terrain	8464 Acres	3000 Acres
Annual Snowfall (ft)	33	25

Powder Mountain vs. Snowbasin

Ogden

Our host city, on the eastern edge of the [Great Salt Lake](#), is Utah's 7th largest at 90,000 residents and the largest along the northern [Wasatch Front](#). It's a railroad town and has always been a railroad town full of [interesting railroad town history](#). [Hill Air Force Base](#) and [Weber State University](#) (*Go Wildcats!*) are located there.

The US Air Force used to run their own private lodge adjacent to Snowbasin benefiting USAF members and their families, but they gave it up for the 2002 Olympics. They're on the verge of [opening a new one in Park City](#).

Recently Ogden has attracted much new business in the [outdoor sports industry](#). [Mormons](#) settled the area and an [LDS temple](#) is a short walk from our hotel.

Utah

Fast growing Utah is the country pioneered by Mormons in the mid-1840s, which became a state in 1896. It is still the only state with a majority population (60+%) belonging to a single church, ([Latter Day Saints](#), aka LDS.) Historically, *The Church* prohibited drinking alcohol and caffeine. Nowadays it's easy to find a coffee shop, but alas not liquor.

[We'll solve the package liquor and ordering drinks problems unique to Utah and describe these solutions in a *Trip Guide* to be published later.]

A quadrant of the **Colorado Plateau**, the western edge of the **Central Rockies**, and a slice of **Basin and Range** geography make up Utah. On this trip we'll get to see the latter two. (And, from the top of Pow Mow three additional states!)

In addition to tourism, Utah's leading industries are; Mining and Energy, Ranching, Business Services ([cough] call centers), and Intermountain Finance.

Notable Dates & Events

AUG 25	CORN ROAST	TRIP OPENS FOR SIGN-UPS; FIRST INSTALLMENT PAYMENT ACCOMPANIES APPLICATION; (\$250)
DEC 5	CHRISTMAS GM	SECOND INSTALLMENT DUE; (\$400)
JAN 9	NEW YEAR GM	FINAL INSTALLMENT DUE; (BALANCE)
<i>EARLY MARCH 2020</i>	LET'S GET INTRODUCED PARTY	TRAVELERS MEET EACH OTHER AND THE TRIP LEADERS; FINAL TRIP DETAILS ARE SHARED AND DISCUSSED. AND, WE CELEBRATE WITH FOOD AND DRINK.
MAR 28	DEPART	FLY TO UTAH
MARCH 30	ON THE ROAD PARTY	CURRENTLY PLANNING FOR A SNOWBASIN DAY AT THE BEACH.*
APRIL 2	RETURN	FLY HOME TO DTW
<i>LATE MAY 2020</i>	LOOKING BACK PARTY	LIKELY TO GET MERGED INTO A "MEGA" PARTY WITH ALL TRIPS LOOKING BACK TOGETHER.

* As per usual we'll roll with the facts on the ground, choosing a day with proper weather or changing our plans altogether as needed. The point is, there's room for even more celebrating *a la* A²SC while in Utah.

Trip Leaders

	<p>Dennis Slough</p> <p>A²SC member since 2009. My first club trip was the 2010 Instructional. I co-led 2 Utah trips before including a similar Ogden trip in 2014. Also, several Michigan bike trips.</p> <p>I <i>actually</i> live in Utah! The view from my porch (behind me over there ←) is a piece of Salt Lake City.</p> <p>Downhiller and cross-country skier occasionally. Favorite Utah resort, Alta. Second favorite, Snowbasin. Go Blue.</p>
	<p>TBD</p> <p>Looking for someone who can handle the Michigan end of leading a trip-- 1) Attending General Meetings to represent the trip, and 2) accepting, then passing on to our Receiving Treasurer, payments.</p> <p>Also, if you've never led a trip before, but would like to, this job is for you. All tricks revealed!</p>

Disclaimers

- Everything above is written in sincerity. If there are any errors, we're embarrassed, and we'll get on correcting them right away.
- This trip could get cancelled for a variety of reasons, but primarily only if it doesn't attract enough participants. If it gets cancelled applicants will get reimbursed according to club bylaws. We'll endeavor to do everything according to club bylaws.
- The terms of this trip will almost certainly change before it is opened for sign-ups at the Corn Roast. We think better airfares becoming available will lead to lower costs.
- And, the trip leaders may tweak details in response to demand, but only under guidance of A²SC Bylaws, Policies, and executive direction by club officers.