

Ski Cheat Sheet



Booking Checklist - Make sure you collect:

- ☐ Full name, DOB, email, mobile of all travellers
- ☐ Full payment upfront
- ☐ Confirm transfer/lesson times + specific mountain
- ☐ Lesson ability level (Beginner / Novice / Intermediate / Advanced)
- ☐ Travel insurance is essential
- ☐ Ski products are non-refundable & non-transferable



QUEENSTOWN

Coronet Peak

- Closest to town (20 mins), night skiing available (Wed & Fri)
- 211 snow guns = top snowmaking in Southern Hemisphere
- Terrain: 32% Beginner / 41% Intermediate / 27% Advanced
- Elevation: 1649m | Skiable Area: 280ha | Longest Run: 2.4km
- Lifts: 1 Gondola, 1 Six-Seater, 2 Quads, T-Bar, 4 Surface Conveyors
- **The Remarkables**
- Best for beginners & families, sunny slopes
- Terrain: 30% Beginner / 40% Intermediate / 30% Advanced
- Elevation: 1943m | Skiable Area: 385ha | Longest Run: 2.5km
- Lifts: 1 Six-Seater, 3 Quads, 3 Conveyors
- Lift Passes: Discounts for 65-74 yrs; Free for 75+ & under 5

Hire Options:

- NZSki: Collect in town or on-mountain. Performance gear only on-mountain.
- Snowbiz: Free hotel delivery, specials (e.g. Hire 4/Pay 3), open daily 7:15am-9pm

Transport:

- NZSki Buses: From Snow Centre (Queenstown) to mountains every 30 mins (peak times)
- Info & Snow: Hotel pickups, return at 4:15pm. Private transfers available

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WANAKA

Cardrona

- All-level resort incl. X-Games & Olympic athletes
- Terrain: 25% Beginner / 25% Intermediate / 30% Advanced / 20% Expert
- Elevation: 1860m | Skiable Area: 600ha | Longest Run: 4.2km
- Lifts: Mixed Gondola, new Soho chairlift, multiple quads & conveyors
- Treble Cone
- Largest ski area in South Island, fewer crowds, epic views
- Terrain: 10% Beginner / 30% Intermediate / 40% Advanced / 20% Expert
- Elevation: 2088m | Skiable Area: 550ha | Longest Run: 4km
- Lifts: 6-Seater Express, Quad Chair, Surface Platter
- Lift Passes: Must be used within 21 days (not consecutive)

Cardrona Hire Options:

- Racers Edge: In-town fittings, free hotel delivery, gear swap between ski/snowboard

Cardrona Mountain Hire:

- Multiple pickup locations, bundle options incl. goggles, helmets
- Transport: From Wanaka and Queenstown to both Cardrona & Treble Cone. TC is self-drive ex-Wanaka

Lessons (Cardrona Only):

- First Timer Package: 1-day, includes beginner lift, hire, 2x lessons
- Full Day Package: Available as 1–3 days, 2x lessons/day
- Individual Lessons: Grouped by skill/age. Private lessons available (including at TC)

TEKAPO

Ōhau Snow Fields

- Hidden gem between Christchurch & Queenstown, stunning lake views
- Terrain: 20% Beginner / 50% Intermediate / 30% Advanced
- Elevation: 1925m | Skiable Area: 125ha | Longest Run: 3km
- Lifts: 1 Double Chairlift, 1 Platter, 1 Snow Mat
- Accommodation: Ōhau Lodge nearby with ski-in/ski-out packages

Roundhill Ski Area

- Family-friendly, known for the world's longest rope tow (main basin + backcountry)
- Terrain: 35% Beginner / 50% Intermediate / 15% Advanced (plus expert terrain via rope tow)
- Elevation: 2133m | Skiable Area: 550ha | Longest Run: 2.5km
- Lifts: 2 T-Bars, 1 Platter, 1 Beginner Rope Tow, 1 Long Rope Tow (heritage/high-speed)
- Views: Panoramic sights over Lake Tekapo & Southern AlpsShape

Mt Dobson Ski Area

- Great all-rounder, wide open runs and natural snow base
- Terrain: 33% Beginner / 33% Intermediate / 34% Advanced
- Elevation: 2030m | Skiable Area: 400ha | Longest Run: 3km
- Lifts: 1 Triple Chair, 1 Platter, 1 Beginner Rope Tow
- Access: Easy gravel access road, popular with families and groups

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METHVEN / MT HUTT

Mt Hutt

- Voted NZ's Best Ski Resort 10 years running
- Terrain: 25% Beginner / 50% Intermediate / 25% Advanced
- Elevation: 2086m | Skiable Area: 365ha | Longest Run: 2km
- Lifts: 6-Seater, Quad, Triple Chair, 2 Learner Lifts
- Lift Passes, Hire, Lessons: Same as Queenstown (NZSki)

Transport:

- Methven Travel: Daily shuttles from town to mountain
- Snowman Shuttles: Daily from Christchurch
- Pickup from most major accommodations in Methven

Lessons:

- 3-Day Intro to Snow: For first-timers only, includes rental, lift, and 3 full-day group lessons

Porters Alpine Resort

- Closest ski field to Christchurch (89km), great for day trips
- Terrain: 15% Beginner / 35% Intermediate / 50% Advanced
- Elevation: 1980m | Skiable Area: 285ha | Longest Run: 2.5km
- Lifts: 1 Quad Chair, 3 Platter Lifts, 1 Magic Carpet
- Facilities: Café, rental, lessons; shuttle service available from SpringfieldShape

NORTH ISLAND

Whakapapa

- Large ski area, great for all levels & home to beginner-friendly Happy Valley
- Terrain: 25% Beginner / 50% Intermediate / 25% Advanced
- Elevation: 2300m | Skiable Area: 550ha | Longest Run: 4km
- Lifts: 1 Gondola (Sky Waka), 1 High-Speed Quad, 6 T-Bars, 1 Double Chair, Magic Carpet
- Extras: Volcanic terrain, snow play zones, rentals & dining at Knoll Ridge Café

Tūroa

- Known for natural halfpipes, wide trails & the highest lifted point in NZ
- Terrain: 20% Beginner / 55% Intermediate / 25% Advanced
- Elevation: 2322m | Skiable Area: 500ha | Longest Run: 4km
- Lifts: 4x Chair Lifts, 1x Magic Carpet & 2x Pomas
- Features: South-facing slopes = longer season, backcountry access for advanced skier