

The Ultimate Guide to the State's Best Ski Tours: Backcountry Skiing Series

Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Backcountry skiing is an exhilarating and rewarding way to experience the pristine beauty of the winter wilderness. And what better place to do it than in the stunning mountains of our state? With its towering peaks, endless snowfields, and breathtaking scenery, our state offers some of the best backcountry skiing in the world.

In this guide, we'll take you on a tour of the state's best ski tours. We'll cover everything you need to know, from planning your trip to staying safe in the backcountry. So whether you're a seasoned pro or a first-timer, read on for the ultimate guide to backcountry skiing in our state.



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Planning Your Trip

There are a few things you'll need to do before you head out on your backcountry skiing adventure.

1. **Choose a destination.** There are dozens of great backcountry skiing destinations in our state. Do some research and find a place that matches your skill level and interests.
2. **Get a permit.** Some areas require permits for backcountry skiing. Be sure to check the regulations for the area you're planning to visit.
3. **Check the weather forecast.** Backcountry skiing is a weather-dependent activity. Always check the forecast before you go and be prepared for changing conditions.
4. **Pack the right gear.** You'll need to bring the following gear: skis, boots, poles, avalanche beacon, shovel, probe, first-aid kit, and extra layers of clothing.
5. **Find a partner.** Backcountry skiing is best enjoyed with a partner. This is especially important for safety reasons.

Staying Safe in the Backcountry

Backcountry skiing is a inherently risky activity. There are a number of hazards to be aware of, including avalanches, crevasses, and extreme cold. It's important to take steps to minimize these risks.

1. **Get avalanche training.** Avalanche training is essential for anyone who wants to ski in the backcountry. It will teach you how to identify avalanche terrain and how to avoid being caught in an avalanche.
2. **Carry an avalanche beacon.** An avalanche beacon is a device that allows rescuers to find you if you're buried in an avalanche. It's one of

the most important pieces of safety gear you can carry.

3. **Be aware of the weather forecast.** Backcountry skiing is a weather-dependent activity. Always check the forecast before you go and be prepared for changing conditions.
4. **Ski with a partner.** Backcountry skiing is best enjoyed with a partner. This is especially important for safety reasons.
5. **Tell someone where you're going.** Before you head out, let someone know where you're going and when you expect to be back.

The State's Best Ski Tours

Now that you're prepared for the backcountry, it's time to start planning your trip. Here are a few of the state's best ski tours:

- **The Haute Route.** The Haute Route is a classic ski tour that traverses the Alps from Chamonix, France, to Zermatt, Switzerland. It's a challenging but rewarding tour that offers stunning scenery and unforgettable skiing.
- **The John Muir Trail.** The John Muir Trail is a long-distance hiking trail that traverses the Sierra Nevada mountains of California. In the winter, the trail is a popular destination for backcountry skiers. It offers a variety of terrain and stunning scenery.
- **The Colorado Trail.** The Colorado Trail is a long-distance hiking trail that traverses the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. In the winter, the trail is a popular destination for backcountry skiers. It offers a variety of terrain and stunning scenery.

- **The Grand Traverse.** The Grand Traverse is a ski tour that traverses the Presidential Range of the White Mountains in New Hampshire. It's a challenging but rewarding tour that offers stunning scenery and unforgettable skiing.
- **The Tuckerman Ravine.** The Tuckerman Ravine is a steep and challenging ski run located on the slopes of Mount Washington in New Hampshire. It's one of the most popular backcountry skiing destinations in the Northeast.

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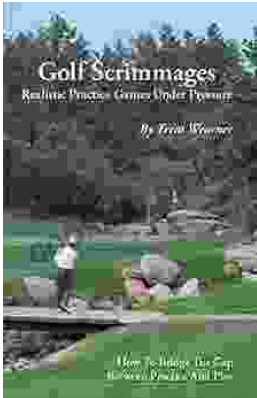
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