

Maximizing Your Enjoyment On The Mountain

The following tips will greatly increase your efficiency and enjoyment:

- Before you head up the mountain, call the Snow Phone or refer to whistlerblackcomb.com to find out what the current and forecast weather is. This information will allow you to dress appropriately and plan for the day.
- Bring your goggles! There are only a few days each season when you don't need them.
- On busy days (weekends, holidays and when there are great conditions) it is important to get up the mountain early to beat the crowds at the valley lifts. Remember, all skiers must funnel through one of two lifts on Blackcomb or one of three lifts on Whistler to get out of the valley. Try and be there within half an hour of the lift openings.
- Once you are on the upper mountain, avoid skiing down to the valley on busy mornings so you don't have to rejoin the lift-lines in the valley.
- Refer to the light boards, grooming maps and grooming signs. These postings tell you what lifts are open, how busy each lift is and which runs were groomed the night before. It is important to note that some Blue runs can become Black runs if they are not groomed. This fact makes it crucial to inform yourself as to where the grooming has occurred.
- Avoid the restaurants at midday as they can be extremely busy. Two recommended strategies are, have an early brunch or snack as you ski and have lunch after 1:00 pm. Often the most pleasant time in the big lodge-style restaurants (e.g. Roundhouse, Rendezvous, Glacier Creek) is at breakfast-time between 9:30 and 10:30.



Fantastic spring cruising. Photo: Insight Photography.