

Spring Break '85 Sugarloaf, U.S.A.



Sugarloaf USA

It is easy to see why Sugarloaf/USA is a mountain with all the fun. From the first glance at "Oh my gosh" corner, Sugarloaf Mountain's 4,237 foot peak towers above the tree line. This year marks the 30th Anniversary, but after all these years, it is still relatively unknown and definitely uncrowded. However, discerning skiers from the world over have discovered the mountain to be blessed with some of the finest skiing in the Northeast, regardless of ability.

Sugarloaf/USA is a skiers' mountain. Forty miles of Alpine terrain on 52 trails highlight the only above timberline snowfield skiing in the East. The main face is straight-forward from the base lodge and village and is serviced by a four passenger gondola, Eight double chairlifts and four T-bars. Twin double chairlifts, one of which carries skiers to the beginners' mid station, while the other feeds the lift to the peak, move most of the skiers onto the mountain. The gondola does the rest, stopping at an intermediate mid station or onward to the top. For the expert skier, trail names such as "Bubble-Cuffer, Ramdown, Widowmaker and Narrow-Gauge" conjure up wild visions of radical skiing. Many very wide, gently sloping runs provide unlimited beginner trails.

Sugarloaf/USA's strengths are much more. Three thousand on the hill beds provide the ultimate in modern Condominium style living. Most are privately owned but developed and leased by the mountain Corporation. Many Condos include saunas, hot tubs and other recreational areas. All have immediate access to the mountain due to the excellent village layout and positioning of the lower lifts.

Other very nice touches have been added as well. For those short on funds or simply reluctant to leave the slopes, hot dogs and soft drinks can be found at the glades conveniently next to the traverse trails. Horsedrawn sleigh rides also add to the down home atmosphere. Sugarloaf's own cable television system delivers the latest up to date ski news into most Condo living rooms. The channel continuously gives temperatures, wind speed and snow conditions on the mountain and other details on the lifts and runs.

When it comes to eating out, there are many dining spots catering to any atmosphere and culinary delight. Live entertainment ranging from rock to folk and jazz and even live theatre are also available.

Perhaps the most favorable point for Sugarloaf is its closeness to the Atlantic region. Just six hours from Fredericton and our University of New Brunswick, Sugarloaf/USA has been the mainstay of the UNB Spring Break Ski Trip. This year is no different and the usual contingent of about 100 skiers will be invading again this year in late February. Students from UNB are now booked into Condos on the hill and are now awaiting what we've come to expect; Su-pah skiing.

Beside Ski schools and rentals many extra curricular activities have been planned. The Pub Crawl and the Toga party at the Red Stallion are always a gas. Tours of the mountain (beverage hunt) and a lively hockey game against the locals are also planned. But after a hard day on the slopes a nice soft bed beside the fireplace is most gratifying.

If you are in search of that ultimate ski challenge that Sugarloaf provides, complete with the on the hill comforts of Sugarloaf's Condominiums, drop into our second organizational meeting Wednesday, January 22nd at 7 pm in Carleton Hall, room 106. Until then, a word from the wise: Live to ski and ski to die.

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