

Minimise your impact

- Please respect the fact that the resorts have a business to run and the groomers take great pride in providing a quality experience for their paying customers
- Try to plan your route to avoid crossing pistes or, where this isn't possible, minimise the amount of time doing so and be aware of downhill skiers and snowboarders
- If there is no marked uphill route, please stay on the outside of the snow fence on narrow pistes (walk if necessary) or to the edge of the piste when it is wider
- Minimise damage to the freshly groomed runs; remember that, after closing, the runs will have been prepared for the next day

- Consider where you might be leaving tracks and how it affects the piste. Minimise your impact
- Do not dig snow holes within resort boundaries (yes it really has happened!)
- Keep dogs under close control at all times. Dogs can be seriously injured by skis or snowboards



Just Ask!

If you are unsure where to go within the resort area then please ask a member of the ski patrol. They will be happy to help and will have information on the best and safest conditions.



Find out more about snowsports touring and managed resorts at:
www.mountaineering.scot/snowsports-touring-code



Snowsports Touring, Mountaineering & Managed Resorts in Scotland





Snowsports touring (using skis or snow boards) is one of Scotland's fastest growing mountain activities. More people than ever are moving away from managed resorts and are skinning uphill and accessing more remote areas.

Many mountaineers and snowsports tourers set off on their adventures from Scotland's five managed ski areas; Nevis Range, Cairngorm, Glencoe, Glenshee and the Lecht. The resorts all welcome tourers and most run Skimo events and they are keen to ensure this activity does not impact upon the safety and enjoyment of their downhill snowsports customers.

Follow the code

Mountaineering Scotland has pulled together this simple mountaineer's and tourer's access code with the endorsement of resort managers and users to raise awareness of access rights and responsibilities and help everyone have a fantastic, safe day out on the hill.

Legally, mountaineers and snowsports tourers only have access rights within managed resorts if they do not 'interfere' with the primary recreational activities.

So, please follow this code and explore responsibly to avoid the risk of forfeiting your access rights.



For everyone's safety

Resort operations continue 24 hours a day including during bad weather and whether the area is open or closed.

Respect any warning signs erected by the resorts, keep away from lift lines (even if they are closed) and stay out of roped off areas.

Resorts are not safe when they are closed.

Be alert for snowmobiles, groomer cables and other equipment. Stay clear of all grooming machines – do not assume the operator can see you.

Grooming machines operating at night use winch cables that are difficult to see and which may not be directly above the machine. Cables can be 1000m long. Avoid the slopes where they are operating.

Follow the code for everyone's safety. Within resort boundaries you are bound by the International Ski Federation's Code of Conduct. Those skiing or snowboarding downhill have right of way.

Be especially aware of other skiers and snowboarders approaching from above, changing weather conditions (it is Scotland after all) and poor visibility. Other skiers or snowboarders may not expect you to be there.

Do not attempt to use a lift unless you have a valid lift ticket. Never get on a lift if it is unmanned as it might stop and not start again.



Thank you

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