

# SLOPE SCOOP

It's not too early to plan a quick trip to our nearby slopes. "Skiing" can be a family event these days with snowboarding and tubing as well as ice skating, snow mobiling and even a winter zip line offered at some resorts. The whole family can get in on the fun.

Resort	How Far?	Vertical Drop	Lift Ticket* (Adults/Kids)	Ski Rentals* (Adults/Kids)	Snowboard Rental*	Tubing 2-hr session	Kids Amenities	Notes
<b>Appalachian Ski Mtn</b> Blowing Rock, NC 800-322-2373 www.appskimtn.com	3 hrs 30 min	365 ft	\$36/\$28	\$19/\$11	\$26	-	SKlwee and Cruiser Camps	
<b>Bryce Resort</b> Basye, VA 800-821-1444 www.bryceresort.com	5 hrs	500 ft	\$43/\$37	\$29/\$21	\$29/\$21	\$19	Kinder School	
<b>Cataloochee Ski Area</b> Maggie Valley, NC 800-768-0285 www.cataloochee.com	4 hrs 30 min	740 ft	\$38/\$26	\$23/\$19	\$30	\$25	Wee bowl snowplay area in Tube World	Wednesday is Family Day! Free Beginner Lessons M-Th, non-holidays
<b>Homestead Ski Area</b> Hot Springs, VA 800-838-1766 www.thehomestead.com	4 hrs 45 min	700 ft	\$39/\$29	\$35/\$30	\$35	\$19 hr	Little Penguins Program	Ice Skating Snow Mobile
<b>Massanutten</b> Massanutten, VA 800-207-MASS www.massresort.com	4 hrs 30 min	1,110 ft	\$46/\$40	\$35/\$29	\$35	\$20	Slope Sliders Children's Program	Ice Skating Indoor Water Park
<b>Sapphire Valley Ski Area</b> Sapphire, NC 828-743-7663 www.sapphirevalleyresort.com	5 hrs 30 min	200 ft	\$52/\$26	\$21/\$16	\$30	\$24	Lessons Available	
<b>Ski Beech</b> Beech Mountain, NC 800-438-2093 www.beechmountainresort.com	3 hrs 45 min	830 ft	\$30/\$30	\$20/\$12	\$28	-	Youth Learning Center	Ice Skating Terrain Park
<b>Sugar Mountain Resort</b> Banner Elk, NC 800-SUGAR-MT www.skisugar.com	3 hrs 45 min	1,200 ft	\$40/\$31	\$20/\$12	\$35	\$25	Sugar Bear Ski School	Ice Skating
<b>Wintergreen Resort</b> Wintergreen, VA 434-325-2100 www.wintergreenresort.com	3 hrs 30 min	1,003 ft	\$50/\$40	\$37/\$32	\$41/\$36	\$20	Treehouse Ski School	Ice Skating Winter Zipline
<b>Wolf Ridge Ski Resort</b> Mars Hill, NC 800-817-4111 www.skiwolfbridgenc.com	4 hrs 30 min	700+ ft	\$39/\$24	\$19/\$19	\$34	\$35	Snow Sports School	Terrain Park

\*These are approximate, weekday, non-holiday rates. Check websites for variations on rates.

Many resorts offer March discounts!

Many resorts offer group discounts for groups of 15 or more.

Most resorts open in November, but tubing could be later

Helmets are available for rent at most locations.

Tubing facilities can fill - call ahead for information.

Lift tickets for kids under 4 are often free with a paid adult.



Luke Rodgers enjoys a visit with Carolina Hurricane Juri Tlusty during a preseason/unofficial open practice. "These are FREE, and the kids can get right up to the glass," says Luke's mother...or even closer!

Some resorts have height requirements for tubing.



These Mighty Mites tear up the ice with Stormy during a Carolina Hurricanes intermission. Photo Courtesy of Baird Photography