



Information sheet 2018

What's new at Coronet Peak in Queenstown?

With Coronet Peak the leader in **snowmaking** in New Zealand with the biggest snowmaking system in the Southern Hemisphere, it's no wonder 2018 investment for the Queenstown ski field has focussed on snow making system.

But it's not only about keeping the trails topped up, the 280ha Peak has also significantly improved its **learning experience**, and further good news is that **Wednesday twilight and night skiing** is back, this year for the entire night ski season.

Improved snow making capacity includes:

- Five new lances and two new Fan guns (TF10 and TR8) from Techno Alpin to improve the mobile snowgun fleet and enable Coronet Peak snow makers to reinstate snowmaking on Ego Alley, a fun and popular run down to the six-seater Greengates chair lift.
- The Snomax system is also being installed in all four pumphouses which will increase snowmaking capacity by up to 20%, enabling the ski field to make more snow early season.

Reconfigured beginner's area and conveyor:

- The children's slope for Skiwiland, the first ski school for children from 3 months to five years of age, has been turned and rebuilt to enhance the first steps experience, leading naturally to a shortened beginner carpet lift with a gentle slope.
- A new 140m Magic Carpet is being installed parallel to the existing main Learner slope to lift capacity and cope with the numbers of Learners at Coronet Peak.
- The finishing touch is the rebuilding of part of access into 'Little Easy' which features a 9% gradient slope from the top of the Meadows Express Learners chair so that when learners hop off Meadows they cruise down a 9% slope rather than a 22% slope!

Coronet Peak Ski Area Manager Nigel Kerr says these changes make it easier to move through the first steps and then progress onto a chair lift for novice skiers and boarders.

"With the slope of Little Easy being no greater than the carpet slopes, we are offering guests more beginner terrain and a greater chance of getting on to the first chair sooner.

"I think we will see a greater number of our guests riding the four-seater beginner Meadows Chair by end of day one than ever before, which means these guests have had a hugely successful and memorable day and are ready to tackle the mountain on the rest of their holiday."

In terms of product, 2018 will see night skiing back on Wednesdays for the entire night ski season. Other new products and services include:

- More pizza thanks to a new large capacity pizza oven in the base building. This will help supply with demand on Fridays and Saturday night ski when Pizzas are a hugely popular après choice.
- Around 20% new rental gear, with a large chunk of that covering performance gear for advanced and experienced skiers.

- The toilets at Heidi's hut, the popular bistro café on the mountain, have had a major facelift.
- Trails are easier to navigate with new trail maps, increased trail signage and the adoption of the European trail grading with red now an intermediate advanced trail before black runs - Green, Blue, Red and Black.
- We have a new \$300k grit truck joining the fleet too. It will be faster up and down the road and carry a full grit load with it so getting the road open on time should be improved.
- The 4WD fleet is increasing in numbers to accommodate more guests using the convenient town-to-mountain service.
- A number of new parties for night ski that will be announced closer to the season, but expect bands and DJs.

Other key features

- Member of The Mountain Collective, a grouping of 13 of the best ski resorts in the world.
- A member of NZSki offering discounts across Mt Hutt, The Remarkables and Coronet Peak.
- An easy 25-minute drive from downtown Queenstown on a fully-sealed access road.
- Coronet Peak possesses some of the most diverse terrain of any mountain in the Southern Lakes – open, rolling, steep, exciting, varied and challenging.
- Premium product First Tracks runs each day from 8-9am (July until late Sept)
- Longest daily operational hours of any New Zealand ski area with First Tracks & Night Skiing
- Family-friendly with Skiwiland the early learning ski progression school for kids from three months.
- Free lift passes for children aged five and under
- Training ground of Winter Olympic ski teams, including our very own New Zealand team, and local star Alice Robinson

Mountain stats, dates and times

Targeted opening date: Saturday 16 June

Anticipated Closing Date: Sunday 30 September

(Subject to weather conditions)

Elevation: 1649m, 462m vertical drop

Skiable Area: 280 hectares

Lifts: 1 high-speed six-seater chair, 2 high-speed quad chairs, 1 T-bar, 4 surface conveyor lifts

Average snowfall: 1.99 metres per annum
(excl. snowmaking)

Snowmaking: 211 fixed guns, and 7 portable for extensive coverage top to bottom

Terrain: approx. 14% learners, 33% intermediate, 25% advanced, 27% Expert

Access: 18km sealed road, just 25 minutes from Queenstown

Transport: Multiple daily bus services on Skibus from the Snow Centre with pick up and pre-arranged hotel picks up en-route.

Childcare/early ages ski school: Skiwiland for 3 months – 5-year olds

Kids Club: Kea Club from 5-17 years of age, all season

Twilight/Night Skiing: Wed, Fri & Sat 4pm-9pm July – early Sept

First Tracks: 8-9am, July until late Sept

Sledding will be available in our Play Zone with rental or purchase options of sleds from retail.

Operating Hours: 9am to 4pm

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