



What to expect at New Zealand's best ski field in 2019

Mt Hutt has once again been voted New Zealand's best ski resort at the World Ski Awards, for the fourth consecutive year!!

Nothing has changed when it comes to the awesome customer service and big mountain ski terrain at Mt Hutt – two of many reasons why it's been voted New Zealand's best ski resort four years in a row. Behind the scenes there's a lot happening ahead of the 2019 ski season. As well as a new award for the mantelpiece, the Canterbury favourite is spending in excess of \$2.5 million on projects around our ski area, including:



- The creation of a new fun zone area from the top of Quad down to the base area, adding an all-ages area at our parks abilities. As well as trails and dedicated snowmaking, the fun zone will feature a covered tunnel.
- The latest groomer money can buy which will add value to our slope preparation.
- Sky High Café will get new state-of-the-art cleaning equipment that will turn over crockery and cutlery at a rapid speed for improved, quicker food and beverage service.
- Upgraded ski rentals to keep up with the latest innovations in performance and safety
- A 44-seater 4x4 shuttle bus joining our fleet to move people even more quickly from our lower car parks.

Other key features and facts

- Home of the South Island's highest chair lift and largest lift accessible terrain
- Ongoing facility, road and trail development in recent years has added new trails, seen the completion of a comprehensive road edge barrier programme and increased snowmaking capacity
- Exceptional snow record – total snowfall and snow quality for one of the longest snow seasons in NZ
- A choice of four freestyle terrain parks
- Exclusive Kids 4 Free deal – every child 10 years and under gets free lift pass every day at Mt Hutt (with a paying adult), as part of the www.kids4free.co.nz programme that also provides free accommodation, transport and meals in Methven.
- Upgrades to on-mountain rental fleet of skis, boards, boots and helmets
- 35-minute drive from Methven village; 90-minutes from Christchurch International Airport
- Breathtaking views across the Canterbury Plains to the Pacific Ocean
- A member of NZSki offering discounts across Mt Hutt, The Remarkables and Coronet Peak.

About Mt Hutt

and facts Officially New Zealand's Best Ski Resort for the fourth year in a row*, Mt Hutt is New Zealand's big friendly mountain with snow fall and altitude delivering a long, white season. The altitude of 2086m with a 683 vertical drop makes it the South Island's highest chair lift, attracting plenty of snow, leg-burning runs and some of the country's most spectacular views. As well as Kiwi hospitality, enjoy wide groomed slopes, all-lift access for all abilities, top to bottom terrain parks with world class jumps, and some of the best off-piste skiing around.

Mt Hutt in Canterbury has 365 ha of skiable terrain, and state of the art snow-making to top up snow. As a member of The Methven Kids4Free Deal, children 10 and under get a lift pass free of charge during the season.

Mountain stats, dates and times

Targeted opening date: Friday June 07

Anticipated Closing Date: Sunday October 13

(Subject to weather conditions)

Elevation: 2086m, 683m vertical drop

Skiable Area: 365 hectares

Lifts: 1 six-seater detachable chair, 1 quad chair, 1 triple chair, 2 learner conveyors

Groomed Terrain: 11% beginner / 37% intermediate / 27% adv. intermediate / 20% advanced / 5% park

Average Snowfall: 4m per annum (excl. snowmaking)

Snowmaking: 27 hectares

Children's programs: for 3months up to 17 years old

Access: 26km/35 minutes from Methven

Shuttles: Daily services to/from Methven and Christchurch. Chain hire & fitting service available on the access road for most 2 or 4 wheel drive vehicles

Operating Hours: 9am to 4pm

(First Tracks 8am to 9am Sat/Sun from 1st July)

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It is a member of NZSki, alongside Coronet Peak and The Remarkables, which regularly invests in technology, snow-making and trail development, and which is a platinum partner of The Kea Conservation Trust. Mt Hutt is also on the IKON Pass, the global multi-resort snow pass.

*Mt Hutt was voted New Zealand's Best Ski Resort in 2015, '16, '17 and '18 at the World Ski Awards.

