



**Vail** has some of the best snowfall in the USA. It has an average snowfall of about 348 inches, with well-groomed trails that cut through the trees. The skiing attracts visitors from around the world. Vail is divided into three bowls, which are; Mid-Vail, found in the centre, Game Creek found in the south west and Blue Sky Basin, which is north east and mostly un-groomed, giving it that desirable backcountry feel. Most of the ski lifts on all three bowls are fairly quick, with Blue Sky Basin containing all fast chair lifts.

## Top Runs

- Vail is comprised mostly of intermediate runs. There are quite a few long blues above Lionshead that intermediate skiers or boarders will be very interested in.
- You may also want to check out Bwana, Born Free and Simba, which are good runs as well. Although, be aware that they can get quite busy.
- One of the best blue runs is Silk Road, which has great views and loops around the Eastern Edge. The view definitely makes it worth it!
- Intermediates that are looking to challenge themselves might want to try Cloud 9. This is a gentle run, and very well-groomed. Blue Sky Basin is also a great adventure run.



## Best for Après Ski

- **Garfinkel's**  
This bar offers great après ski with its excellent DJ, sun deck and happy hour.
- **The Red Lion**  
Good fun for great value. It offers live music, big screen TVs and huge portions of food.
- **Los Amigos**  
A Mexican themed restaurant, with a fantastic après scene after 4pm.

## Recommended Restaurants

- **Bistro Fourteen at Eagle's Nest**  
Ski-in ski-out mountain restaurant with a great patio, serving up American cuisine.
- **Two Elk**  
A popular spot for lunch. A mixture of quick food is available here.
- **La Tour Restaurant**  
Sophisticated French bistro with creative yet elegant dishes & a long wine list.
- **Pepi's Restaurant and Bar (Hotel Gramhammer)**  
Fantastic Alpine cuisine inspired by European dishes.