

SKI TOURING ACCESS GUIDELINES

Touring within the ski area boundary is not permitted during the hours of 6pm - 4am during the ski season

Respect all closures including Winch Cat signs



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Sarah Sue, the western most run on the mountain is the designated touring route due to reduced operational risk.
- It is advisable to ski down what you skin up so you are aware of conditions and ski area operations.
- If conditions allow, the Greengates trail can be skied down. Please only use this route when the snow is firm. Skiing this route when the snow is soft will create a hazard when it freezes.
- Locate and read the avalanche bulletin appropriate to the terrain you intend to access particularly if going into the back country www.avalanche.net.nz. Uphill access may be closed during avalanche control work.
- Uphill traffic must use outside of trails and remain visible from above at all times.
- Coronet Peak does not provide Patrol response when closed or for incidents outside the ski area, call 111 for all such emergencies.
- Take responsibility for your own safety and be equipped.

BACKGROUND

- Coronet Peak is a 24 hour, 7 day per week operation with multiple natural and operational hazards. Ski touring within the ski area boundary is dangerous and can result in serious injury.
- The highest risks for ski tourers are:
 - Collision with winch groomer cables, skidoos and stationary equipment.
 - Disorientation in poor weather or darkness, or skiing/ leading to exposure.
 - Skiing/riding or falling injury leading to exposure (hypothermia).
- All areas of the Mountain are winch groomed on a daily basis with activity concentrated around the M1.
- Winch cables are impossible to see at times, may be buried beneath the snow, can move suddenly and could easily kill you!
- Skidoos take a long time to stop and may not be able to avoid a collision if you are on their path.
- Visibility can be severely limited by factors such as cloud, snow/snowmaking and lights from machinery. Never assume that you have been seen by machinery just because you can see it.