Helpful Hints

Getting Started

Once you have chosen a date for your visit to Monarch Mountain, you can reserve your day on the snow by contacting our knowledgeable reservations staff (888-996-7669 ext 5196 or 719-530-5196). Lift tickets, rentals, lessons, and childcare can be reserved all in the

same phone call. All reservations must be made 48 hours in advance. (Please allow an additional 30 minutes for clothing rental.)

Preparing for Your Trip

Skiing and snowboarding takes place in outdoor environments at high mountain elevations. Adapting for
ever changing conditions can be a challenge. Here is a list of some things to consider in your preparation
process:

• Dress in wool or synthetic layers so you have the option to shed or add clothing as
conditions change. Avoid cotton---it gets wet and stays wet.
• Wear one pair of comfortable wool or wool blend socks.
• Choose gloves that are made for winter sports. They should have a water resistant outer
shell and light insulating layers inside. Mittens are usually warmer than gloves.
• Eye protection is necessary. Wear sunglasses for clear sunny days or ski goggles for
stormy or low light conditions.

• Having a stocking cap available for head and ear protection is recommended.
• Apply sunscreen initially and regularly throughout the day. Our high altitude rays can
find you even on cloudy days.
• Be well rested and hydrated when you arrive.
• Plan for drive time and expect to arrive at the mountain at least 1 hour and 30 minutes prior to your
scheduled lesson.

Upon Arrival

As you pull off of US Highway 50 into the Monarch Mountain Parking Lot you will be met by our
friendly Guest Services Staff and they will guide you to a parking space. As you come up the main
stairway out of the parking lot you will see the Lesson and Rental Center to your right. Enter the main
doors and approach the Reservations and Will Call Window. There is a good chance that you will be
greeted by the same person that took your reservation. He or she will present you with your lift tickets and vouchers for your

lessons and rentals. You will be guided to the Rental Reservations Desk where a
knowledgeable member of the rental shop staff will have your equipment prepared and waiting for you.

Adjacent to the Rental Reservations Desk is an exit that leads to the Ski and Ride School Meeting Area.
Please step through the doors to the meeting area 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of your lesson.
A friendly Ski and Ride School Supervisor will guide you to your age and equipment specific lesson and
introduce you to your instructor.

Safety
Monarch can be enjoyed in many ways using alpine, snowboard, telemark or other specialized ski equipment, such as that used by disabled or other skiers. Regardless of how you decide to enjoy the slopes, always show courtesy to others and be aware that there are elements or risk in skiing and snowboarding that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce.

Know the Code

It's your responsibility to observe the codes listed below and share the responsibility while on the mountain.

1) Always stay in control and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.
2) People ahead of you have the right of way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.
3) You must not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
4) Whenever starting downhill or merging into a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
5) Always use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
6) Observe all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
7) Prior to using any lift, you must have the knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely.
8) Snow maintenance vehicles or snowmobiles may be encountered on any trail at any time.

This is a partial list. Be safety conscious. Officially endorsed by the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA).

Slow Zones:

Yellow areas on the trail map denote family skiing and snowboarding zones. They indicate approaches to loading and busy traffic areas. Speeding or recklessness in these areas will result in loss of lift ticket.

Ski Patrol:

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