Skiway Uphill Travel Policy

Office of Responsibility: Dartmouth Skiway
Effective Date: August, 2016

POLICY SUMMARY

Dartmouth Skiway is private property, with the exception of the Appalachian Trail Corridor at the top of Holt's Ledge an AT/USFS easement thru the property on Winslow. As a courtesy to the community, the Skiway permits uphill travel on trails, with the following conditions and recommendations. (See the definition of ‘uphill travel’ in the section below.) So that we may continue to extend this privilege, your cooperation is necessary.

Management Rights
Management reserves the right to deny uphill travel/plus access at any time or to any individual. The Skiway does not guarantee rescue services will be available; you may be responsible for the cost of your rescue.

Area Use Ticket
All guests using Skiway trails must possess a valid daily 'Area Use Ticket'. Purchase does not permit lift use. The Area Use Ticket costs $5 and may be purchased at any ticket sales window. No check-in, no sign-out is required. A printed copy of this policy is available at Guest Services in the McLane Family Lodge.

Uphill Travel during the operating season
Uphill travel is permitted only during lift operating hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., only on an OPEN and designated slope/trail, using the edges of trails, caution during ascent, and crossing trails with extreme care as needed. Please minimize your impact; avoid ‘postholing’ or disturbing groomed trails. Climb only at the sides of the trail, and keep out of Skiway lift/maintenance buildings.

Skinners must ask for information regarding the status of the area they wish to use. Permitted trails to summits would be Papoose or MD when available. Other trails as designated. If one 'side' of the Skiway is operating and the other closed, 'skinners' may use the closed side only if there is no snowmaking, grooming or other activity occurring. No lift ticket is necessary; no rescue is available.

Uphill Travel after the operating season
At the end of our operating season, the area can be accessed at will. NOTICE: rescue or other assistance is not available in the ‘off-season’. Additionally, personnel, snow machines, snowmaking and grooming equipment, and marked and unmarked hazards both natural and man-made, may be present at any time. Stay clear of any and all
snowmaking components, pipes, guns, hydrants, hoses, lift equipment, lift/maintenance buildings, etc. Conditions will vary greatly; use good judgement.

**General warnings**
Be aware and use caution when on Skiway trails. All users must follow the 'Skier's Responsibility Code' and NH RSA 225-A:24 Responsibilities Of Skiers And Passengers.

**Other Comments**
Visitors to the Nunnemacher cabin may hike to the Cabin without an area use ticket via the Appalachian Trail. If visitors skin or snowshoe up an open ski trail to Nunnemacher, an area use ticket is required. Please park near the 'hiking/parking' sign and not in the Skiway main lots.

Back country PE program will be provided a complimentary Area Use Ticket, only by previous arrangement.

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**REASON FOR POLICY**

This policy describes how Uphill Travelers can safely use the Dartmouth Skiway trails/slopes, and to integrate their use with others enjoying related activities.

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**WHO IS AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY – EXCEPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS**

This policy applies to anyone who utilizes the trails and woods of Dartmouth Skiway.

**Exceptions:**
Ice Climbers may hike without an area use ticket by staying to the EAST side of the Green pastures, off the skiable portion of the slope.

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**DEFINITIONS**
For purposes of this policy, “Uphill travel” refers to any uphill or downhill skinning, snowshoeing, hiking, climbing, etc. on Skiway trails.

RAMIFICATIONS IF POLICY IS BREACHED

Persons without a valid 'area use ticket' may lose their annual ski pass, if they have one. Uphill travelers use the area at their own risk.

PROCEDURE – FORMS

N/A