

12 Things You Can Only Do at Squaw Valley | Alpine Meadows

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1. [The North Face Mountain Guides](#): The ultimate guided tour, offering unrivaled access to the resort's most coveted terrain and secret stashes for intermediate and advanced skiers and snowboarders. Offered in partnership with The North Face, the non-instructional tours are led by the resort's most experienced guides, whose extensive knowledge of the terrain rivals that of the resorts' ski patrollers. In addition to priority lift line access, participants also receive a complimentary Ventrax Jacket from The North Face or other branded items, and great après ski discounts. The North Face Mountain Guides are open to adults and teens ages 13+, intermediate through expert. [PHOTO](#)
2. [Celebrate an Olympic Legacy](#): Squaw Valley hosted the 1960 Olympics and is home to the free Olympic Museum at 8,200 feet, along with a rich heritage of champion athletes. See the Olympic flames burning at the bottom of Squaw Valley Road, and ski alongside Olympians like Jonny Moseley, Julia Mancuso, Travis Ganong and Nate Holland. It's not unusual to share a chairlift ride and a story with world renowned athletes like Jeremy Jones, JT Holmes, Michelle Parker and Cody Townsend. [PHOTO](#)
3. [Dawn Patrol at Squaw Valley](#): Serious about first chair? Get on the lifts before anyone else for first tracks down untouched powder or perfectly groomed corduroy depending on the day's conditions. The sunrise over Lake Tahoe isn't too shabby either. [PHOTO](#)
4. [14 East-to-Navigate Zones](#): 6,000 acres of skiable terrain is a lot to process. Plan your day the easy way with the zone map, with terrain groupings designed to help you personalize your experience. Zone descriptions include terrain details, highlights, difficulty level, and directions to get to the zone easily. The zones are easy to explore on the Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows website or on the go with the mobile app. [PHOTO](#)
5. [Moonlit Snowshoe Tour & Dinner](#): After the mountain closes and the winter moon rises, experience a snowshoe tour to the mid-mountain Chalet at Alpine Meadows. Enjoy an intimate seated dinner where you'll be served an Alps-inspired menu with dishes like potato cheese soup, chicken cordon bleu and apple strudel. This unique experience is only available for 50 guests and available during select dates during the winter season. [PHOTO](#)
6. [Mountain Top Learning](#): Learn to ski on 30 acres of mountain top beginner terrain with views of Lake Tahoe...most beginners get stuck at the base of the mountain, but not here. A dedicated learning zone, specially designed terrain features and an active teaching philosophy encourage natural progression and eliminate the intimidating hurdles of skiing and snowboarding. [PHOTO](#)
7. [High Camp Pool & Hot Tub](#): Each year around March or April, Squaw Valley clears the snow off the decks of the giant jacuzzi tub at High Camp and declares itself once again the spring skiing capital, inviting spring revelers to trade their skis for bikinis and join the

High Camp Hot Tub party at 8,200 feet. The tub-side Umbrella Bar serves up cold beers and icy cocktails to cool down the sun-drenched soakers, who can take in the spectacular views of Lake Tahoe and the surrounding Sierra Nevada mountains. On select dates, a DJ or live band sets up adjacent to the Umbrella Bar, and bumps tunes throughout the afternoon. Not a skier? Hopping on the Aerial Tram in the Village at Squaw Valley takes you straight to High Camp. Don't forget your sunscreen! [PHOTO](#)

8. [Slopeside Lodging with 8 Unique Outdoor Hot Tubs](#): Discover eight outdoor hot tubs dotted throughout The Village at Squaw Valley lodging, each with unique views of the iconic Tram Face, Olympic and World Cup host venue Red Dog Trail and the surrounding Sierra Nevada range. [PHOTO](#)
9. [Visit the Spring Skiing Capital](#): With an annual average of 450 inches of snowfall and 300 sunny days, Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows is usually open later into the spring season than any other resort in Lake Tahoe, where guests can ditch the layers and delight in easy and approachable spring skiing conditions. Slapstick events like the Cushing Crossing and Snow Golf at Alpine Meadows combine decades of tradition with outrageous costumes, sporting antics and endless laughs. Different costume themes each weekend bring A-game looks from families and friends across the mountains. Work on your goggle tan late into the day: after daylight savings time, California sun pours down onto famed après hangouts like Le Chamois well into the evening. [PHOTO](#)
10. [The Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows App](#): The first of its kind in a ski resort app, one-touch easy "group" creation allows users to stay automatically connected with friends and family on the hill, sharing location and messaging throughout their day at the resort. Real-time tracking shows the exact location of everyone in the group on the resort map, including exact position on lifts and runs, allowing guests to navigate the mountain seamlessly. A leaderboard feature allows users to compare their ski day performance with the rest of the Squaw Alpine community while allowing for friendly competition with friends, and Chairlift wait times allow users to plan their runs and navigate the mountain efficiently. The app carries live snow and weather conditions at three different elevations and one-touch access to the Squaw Alpine Mountain Ops Twitter feed. Coupled with site-specific notification system enabled through beacon technology at each chairlift, skiers and riders are kept up to date on changing conditions and resort updates at all times. Users can pre-purchase lift tickets directly from the mobile app, adding convenience to the purchase process. [PHOTO](#)
11. [Non-stop Events & Entertainment](#): From horse-drawn sleigh rides during Merry Days & Holly Nights to mountaintop bluegrass at WinterWonderGrass Tahoe, the Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows events calendar is chock full of Tahoe's most unique experiences. Pack your clubs next to your skis for Snow Golf at Alpine Meadows or test your mettle in front of a panel of celebrity judges at the Cushing Crossing, the original pond skating event that started a spring resort ritual. [PHOTO](#)
12. [Ice Bar at Alpine Meadows](#): Slide up to the Ice Bar tucked away on the backside of Alpine Meadows and soak up the casual, inviting ambiance usually reserved for the

beach. Skiers and riders cruising down the Pacific Crest South Bowls on Alpine Meadows' remote backside enjoy stunning views of Lake Tahoe as they pull up to the Ice Bar, located at the base of Sherwood Chair. A popular destination on sunny spring days, Ice Bar patrons kick back in lounge chairs with a cold beverage and hot barbecued bratwurst and enjoy the feeling of being completely away from it all. [PHOTO](#)