

## Hot Tennessee Ski Resort

Located near Gatlinburg, Tennessee, Ober Gatlinburg is the only ski resort in Tennessee. It is more than just a ski resort, though. It is a complete family vacation spot with an amusement park, an indoor ice skating rink, a bungee tower, an alpine slide, and many other activities and attractions, so there is bound to be something to please everyone.

With a maximum elevation of 3,301 feet, and a vertical drop of 600 feet, Ober Gatlinburg boasts eight trails: two beginner trails, four intermediate trails, and two advanced trails. There are three lifts, consisting of two quad lifts, one double lift, and one surface lift. The season runs from the middle of December to the beginning of March, and night skiing is permitted on all trails except the Grizzly trail.

You can rent both ski and snowboarding equipment. In addition, private and group lessons for skiing and snowboarding are available through the Smokey Mountain Snow Sport School. You can also easily find food at the various snack bars, food carts, the cafe, the restaurant, or in the lounge.

You shouldn't miss the longest chair lift ride in the South! You will see impressive views of the Great Smoky Mountains. You'll also get to experience a bird's eye view of some of the slopes, and you can have your picture taken on top of the mountain. If you don't ski, no problem! You can ride back to the bottom of the mountain on the chair lift as well. Don't ignore the tramway. The tramway departs from downtown Gatlinburg and provides transportation to the ski resort and the amusement park.

Activities for non-skiers Even if you don't ski, you can still explore the thrill of flying down a mountain at a high speed # or a slow speed if you prefer. This is possible with the Alpine Slide. The slide is approximately 1,800 feet in length, and takes you down a winding wooded slope. You have complete control over your speed with the use of a braking device on each sled. Additional attractions at the amusement park include the Black Bear Habitat, a water race, go-karts, a bungee jump, indoor ice skating, kiddie land, miniature golf, a spider web Velcro wall jump, an arcade, water rides, and a shooting range.

No matter what type of fun or adventure you are looking for, there is something to satisfy everyone in the family at Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort and Amusement Park. This is definitely a trip worth taking, especially if you have younger children or senior citizens traveling with you.