

Lost Ski Areas of the White Mountains: A Fond Farewell to the Slopes of Yesteryear

Nestled amidst the towering peaks and pristine wilderness of the White Mountains, a hidden history unfolds—the tale of lost ski areas that once echoed with the laughter and chatter of skiers and snowboarders.



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These forgotten slopes hold a special place in the hearts of locals and visitors alike, evoking a sense of nostalgia and a longing for the days when the mountains were alive with winter sports.

The Rise and Fall of the White Mountain Ski Industry

The White Mountains have a rich skiing history dating back to the early 20th century. As the popularity of skiing grew, entrepreneurs seized the opportunity to establish ski areas throughout the region.

By the 1960s, the White Mountains boasted over 20 ski areas, each offering unique challenges and terrain. However, the industry faced

challenges such as rising operating costs, changing weather patterns, and the emergence of larger, more modern resorts.

As a result, many smaller ski areas struggled to survive and were forced to close their doors. Today, only a handful of the original ski areas remain in operation, leaving behind a legacy of abandoned slopes and cherished memories.

A Nostalgic Journey to the Lost Slopes

Embarking on a journey to the lost ski areas of the White Mountains is like stepping back in time. Abandoned lifts and dilapidated buildings stand as silent witnesses to a bygone era.

Bald Mountain, nestled in the heart of the Presidentials, was once a beloved ski destination known for its challenging terrain and breathtaking views. Today, the slopes are overgrown with trees, but the remnants of the old ski trails can still be seen.

Black Mountain, located in Jackson, was another popular ski area that closed in the 1980s. Its slopes are now used for hiking and mountain biking, but the old lodge still stands, a reminder of the lively atmosphere that once filled the mountain.

Ski 93, once the largest ski area in the White Mountains, operated for over 50 years before closing in 2012. Its slopes are now used for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, but the abandoned base lodge still evokes memories of the bustling crowds that once gathered there.

The Spirit of Winter Sports Lives On

While the lost ski areas of the White Mountains may be gone, the spirit of winter sports continues to thrive in the region. Skiers and snowboarders flock to the remaining resorts, eager to experience the thrill of gliding down the slopes.

Local organizations and enthusiasts are also working to preserve the history of the lost ski areas. The **Lost Ski Areas of New England Project** documents the stories and legacies of these forgotten slopes, ensuring that their memories live on.

Whether it's through ski museums, historical tours, or simply sharing stories around a campfire, the lost ski areas of the White Mountains continue to inspire and connect generations of winter sports enthusiasts.

: A Lasting Legacy

The lost ski areas of the White Mountains may have faded into obscurity, but their legacy remains etched into the landscape and the hearts of those who skied their slopes.

They stand as symbols of a bygone era, a testament to the enduring power of winter sports and the resilience of the human spirit. And as the snow falls each year, covering the slopes with a fresh blanket of white, the memories of these lost ski areas will forever linger in the hearts of those who knew them.



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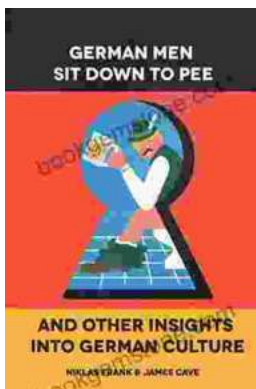
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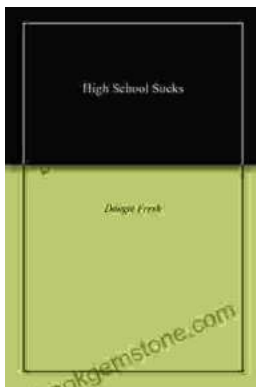
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