

Heavenly Mountain Resort Focused on Pass Holder Experience During Early Season, Plans to Open Resort's California-Side Terrain First

- Opening day is set for Friday, Nov. 20. Reservations are required to access the mountain. Details at [EpicPass.com](https://epicpass.com)
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South Lake Tahoe, Calif. — Sept. 29, 2020 — Heavenly Mountain Resort plans to open on Friday, Nov. 20 with a focus on the pass holder early-season experience. For the first time in over a decade, the resort will open with skiing and riding on the California side of the resort, including the iconic Ridge Run.

A revised opening approach will provide pass holders with more early-season skiable terrain – and the ability to open additional terrain faster, as well as free and convenient parking in the California Lodge Base area. Heavenly plans to have beginner and intermediate trails open for skiing and snowboarding, available via the Gunbarrel Express, Powderbowl Express, Canyon Express and Patsy's chairlifts.

The plan for Heavenly's opening includes green trails Patsy's and Maggie's and the blue trail Ridge Run, which is a favorite for its sweeping views of Lake Tahoe. While there will be no skiing or riding access available in the early season from the Heavenly Gondola, the gondola will be open for sightseeing access.

"We wanted to do something special this season to thank our community of loyal guests for their patience. Here in South Lake Tahoe, we know our locals love to access the mountain from Cal Base and enjoy the unparalleled views and long sweeping turns that Ridge Run affords," said Tom Fortune, Vice President and General Manager of Heavenly Mountain Resort. "We're looking forward to providing an incredible start to winter for our guests and I can't wait to get out and ski."

Complimentary shuttle-service will run between Heavenly Village Base Area and California Lodge Base Area. The resort plans to open for skiing and riding from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and operate sightseeing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Final operating hours will be available on SkiHeavenly.com as the season approaches.

"As a reminder, all guests must make a reservation in advance, wear face coverings, and be prepared to follow all safety protocols," said Fortune. "These core measures will help us stay safe, open and remain open, and enjoy an amazing South Tahoe winter."

More details on Epic Pass products, reservation system, Epic Coverage and the new Epic Mountain Rewards program can be found at EpicPass.com. For those who plan to ski or ride just a few days, an Epic Day Pass offers up to a 50% discount off lift tickets and is considered a season pass. As a reminder, Vail Resorts will not begin selling daily lift tickets until Dec. 8.

More details below:

[A letter from CEO Rob Katz on our approach to winter](#)

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