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Best Apres Ski Bars at the Salt Lake City Resorts

Salt Lake City, Park City, 1 Day

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Guide Description



AUTHOR NOTE: Recent changes in Utah liquor laws have made it easier to celebrate après ski at any one of Salt Lake City's celebrated resorts. Memberships are no longer required to get a drink in a Utah bar so stop on by any one of these ski saloons for some brews and appetizer deals post ski.

Visit Alta's Peruvian Bar for free après ski appetizers, drinks, and lively conversation with Alta's loyal ski bum crowd.

After a day skiing the slopes at Snowbird stop by the Tram Club for a beer and a shot special and then head over to the Wildflower Lounge for some of their famed après ski wings.

If skiing Solitude or Brighton in Big Cottonwood Canyon, finish the day with a microbrew at Brighton's Molly Greens or enjoy sushi at Solitude's Thirsty Squirrel.

The Porcupine Pub and Grille is also a Salt Lake City skier favorite. Located at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, the Porcupine boasts 20 plus microbrew drafts, awesome appetizer specials, and a full dinner menu.

Itinerary Overview

things to do
restaurants
hotels
nightlife

Day 1 - Salt Lake City, Park City



Porcupine Pub and Grille

Huge beer selection and killer appetizers close to the ski resorts



Wildflower Lounge

Famous après-ski wings



Molly Green's

Brighton Ski Resort's slopeside pub



Tram Club

Snowbird's most happening ski bar



Alta's Peruvian Bar

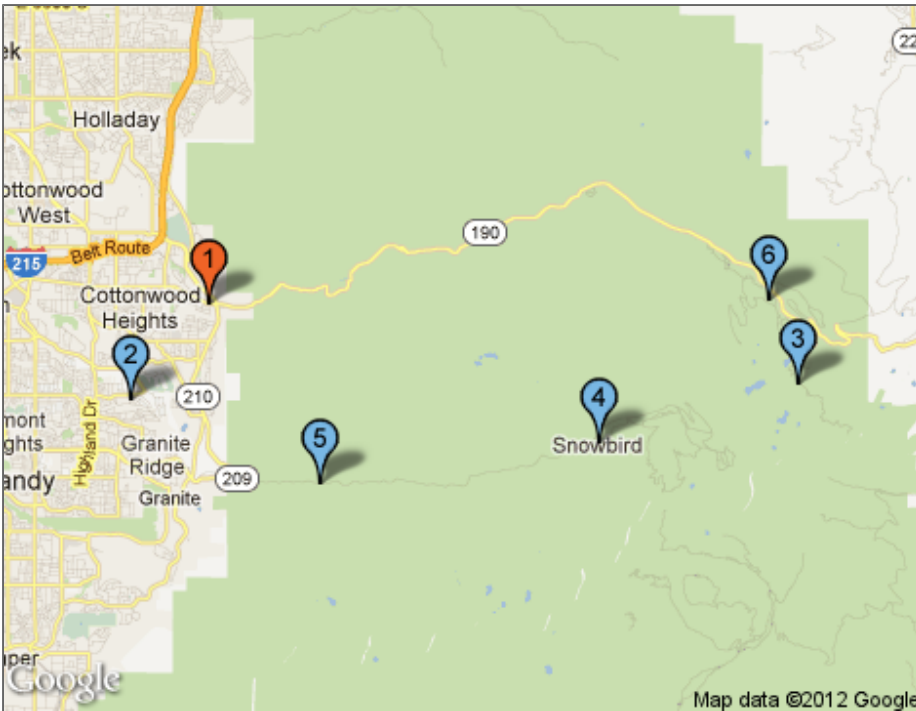
Locals favorite après ski bar at Alta Ski Area



Thirsty Squirrel

Après ski cocktails and appetizers at Solitude Mountain Resort

Day 1 - Salt Lake City, Park City



QUICK NOTE

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hours:
Mon-Fri 11AM-11PM; Sat
9:30AM TO 11PM & Sun
9:30AM TO 10PM

1 Porcupine Pub and Grille

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Visit the Porcupine Grill for 'Appy Hour' Monday through Friday between 2:30 and 5pm for discounts on all appetizers including Artichoke Cheese Dip, Calamari, Ahi Spring Rolls, and Nachos.

DESCRIPTION: Located right at the bottom of Big Cottonwood Canyon (and directly on the way from Little Cottonwood Canyon to Salt Lake City), the Porcupine has a prime location in terms of catching and feeding hungry skiers. With an expansive, two-story dining room, it has plenty of room to seat everyone -- and a highly varied menu to please the diverse crowd that dines here. If you're feeling like beers and apps, take a plate of their *huge* nachos (half price during "appy hour", Mon-Fri after 2:30-5 pm) - or if you're feeling a bit more formal, try some of their high-end entrees like filet mignon. In between are burgers, salads, pasta dishes, and more. A place that truly is great for families with kids or ski buddies having a beer.

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contact:

<http://www.snowbird.com/dining/nightlife/wildflowerlounge.html>

location:

Level 3, Iron Blossam Lodge
Snowbird UT 84093

2 Wildflower Lounge

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Catch a snowbird shuttle or hike up from the Wilbere Ski Lift to get to the Wildflower Lounge at the Iron Blossam Lodge to secure your seat for après ski at one of Utah's greatest after ski bars.

DESCRIPTION: Stop by the Wildflower Lounge after a fabulous powder day at Snowbird Ski Resort to top off the day with the Wildflower's famed après-ski wings special. Also choose among daily pizza and pasta specials along with a full bar menu and local microbrew drafts. The Wildflower is one of Snowbird's favorite après-ski bars with its cozy fireplace and magnificent views of the mountain. Relive your favorite skiing moments from the day with friends while enjoying live music by local bands or unwind with a game of pool or catch a sporting event on one of several televisions.

The Wildflower Lounge is located on the third floor of the Iron Blossam Lodge at Salt Lake City's Snowbird Ski Resort and is limited to guests 21 and over. The Wildflower Lounge is closed during the summer months.

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location:

12601 Big Cottonwood Cyn
Brighton UT 84121

3 Molly Green's

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

For après ski, try Molly's Famous Great Western Nacho Grande - a heaping pile of cheesy nacho goodness. If you need help warming up after a chilly day on the slopes fire up with Molly's Gaz-Ex Hot Wings, some of the hottest hot wings around.

DESCRIPTION: Located at the base of Salt Lake City's Brighton Ski Resort, Molly Greens is where it's at for après-ski in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Opening daily at 11am during ski season, Molly's serves soups, sandwiches, pizzas, and après-ski fare. Molly Greens offers sit-down pub service, has plenty of microbrews on draft, and is complete with a fireplace and great views of the mountain.

Molly Green's is located slopeside on the top floor of the A-frame at the base of the mountain. Molly Green's is also accessible by foot for any non-skiers who want to join the après-ski scene.

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contact:

tel: (801) 933-2222

location:

Little Cottonwood Rd
Snowbird UT 84138

hours:

Mon-Sun during the ski
season 12PM-12AM

4 Tram Club

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Ask the bartender about the beer and a shot special. Buy a shot and your beer is only a dollar.

DESCRIPTION: The absolute most happening place to be after a day of skiing on Snowbird's famed slopes. The Tram Club is always lively with pool tables, live music, and loads of special events and parties. The Tram Club is also the best place to catch your favorite game with 12 flat screen TVs and several projection screens there isn't a bad seat in the house.

The Tram Club is located on the ground floor of the Snowbird Center right next to the Steak Pit. The club holds the gears of the Snowbird Tram and you can view the Tram in action through the glass windows in the bar. Also open during the summer months, the Tram Club has a beautiful patio located at the base of the mountain. © NileGuide

contact:
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<http://www.altaperuvian.com/odge/bar.htm#>

location:
Little Cottonwood Canyon Rd
Alta UT 84092

hours:
Mon-Sun during ski season
4:30PM-11PM

5 Alta's Peruvian Bar

DESCRIPTION: Alta's Peruvian Bar is a favorite among Alta's die-hard ski bum crowd. The cozy, western-themed bar offers complimentary appetizers and popcorn and thus attracts colorful local characters seeking cold libations, free food, and lively conversation. With great views of Alta's impressive peaks and a welcoming fireplace, the Peruvian Bar just may be the best place to unwind after a sweet day on the slopes. Also a great place to score some great insider ski tips from the locals. Located near the entrance to Alta's Wildcat base area, the Peruvian bar is located in the charming, rustic Alta Peruvian Lodge. Like all Utah bars, entrance is limited to guests 21 and over. © NileGuide



Photo courtesy of Peruvian Bar.

contact:
<http://www.skisolitude.com/dining/squirrel.php>

location:
12000 Big Cottonwood Cyn
Brighton UT 84121

hours:
Mon-Fri 2-9PM, Sat-Sun
12-9PM

6 Thirsty Squirrel

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

Try après ski sushi at the Thirsty Squirrel on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays from 3-8PM. Make sure to try the Solitude Roll - smoked salmon, avocado, lemon, and sesame. Après ski has never been so fine.

DESCRIPTION: The Thirsty Squirrel is Solitude Mountain Resort's après ski bar of choice. The Thirsty Squirrel hosts a mix of Salt Lake City locals and travelers musing over their killer powder day with a beer and an appetizer. The pub serves wine, beer, liquor, and a variety of appetizers including a tasty artichoke and crab dip and a heaping nachos platter. The Thirsty Squirrel is located in Solitude's pedestrian village, right across from the Inn at Solitude. Enjoy your favorite sports game on a number of flat-screen TVs or challenge your ski buds to a game of pool. You must be 21 or older to enter the pub. © NileGuide



Thirsty Squirrel

Salt Lake City Snapshot

Local Info

Salt Lake City, Utah's capital, sits snugly against the base of the soaring Wasatch Mountains. These dramatic Rocky Mountain peaks today define Salt Lake City equally as much as its founding by the Mormons in 1848. And though a lot of strange urban legends circulate, the Mormon church (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) certainly exerts a much more subdued and positive influence on the city than the fearful would believe.

By any standards, Salt Lake City is a fairly young city—at just more than 160 years old. But it is one of the nation's most historically unique modern cities, having grown up in a territory peppered with sometimes bloody battles between Mormons and "gentiles". Of course this history and cultural background still effect Utah, but so too do many other factors like its magnificent outdoor opportunities and remarkably stable economy. Salt Lake's modern visitors and residents come for all sorts of reasons and enjoy an equally diverse set of opportunities. Located right at the crossroads of I-80 and I-15, and within

five minutes of a major international airport, it could hardly be more accessible.

Salt Lake's downtown sits at the northern end of Salt Lake Valley. With Utah's largest conference centers and guest capacities, the downtown area also has a host of restaurants, bars, and clubs. The majority of music venues can also be found here, as well as art galleries, cafes, and shops. Some of the highlights here include Market Street and its excellent restaurants like Takashi and Market Street Grill. Front and center are Abravanel Hall, home of the Utah Symphony, and the Energy Solutions Arena, where the Utah Jazz often play.

The University of Utah with its research facilities, galleries, and associated business occupies the city's eastern corner. The general public might head up to campus to hike the Bonneville Shoreline Trail or check out the Red Butte Gardens.

Heading southeast from downtown proper is the 9th and 9th region of town; a small collection of boutique shops, multiple restaurants, a cafe, bakery, and yoga studio. Move farther to the south and you'll run into Sugarhouse, the big brother of 9th and 9th. This dense center is home to a

book shop, a Patagonia Outlet, dollar-style Cinemax movie theater, Salt Lake's latest-open liquor store, restaurants and pubs, as well as several big, national retail stores.

As you head south still, the town becomes increasingly residential, though various malls, retail districts, restaurants, and bars pop up here and there. But even as you spread to the perimeters of town, you will continue to find culinary and commercial gems in each of its various neighborhoods. Toward the far southeastern corner of the valley (and the I-215 beltway) are the mouths to Big and Little Cottonwood canyons and their ski resorts, Brighton and Solitude (in Big), Alta and Snowbird (in Little). Look sharp for restaurants, apres ski spots, and hotels in this area.

Regardless of where you're staying and recreating in Salt Lake City, you'll have easy access to all parts of town via the I-80/I-215 beltway that encircles the majority of the urban compact, rendering almost every corner of town within 25 or 35 minutes of each other.

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Park City Snapshot

Local Info

Located high in the Wasatch Mountains, Park City has always stood apart from the rest of Utah. While Salt Lake City was founded to be the new Mormon Zion, Park City grew up in the gritty business of mining. Park City's mountain town layout and liberated lifestyle have always contrasted with greater Utah's gridded streets and conservative culture. And though Salt Lake has greatly adapted and grown into the modern world, Park City has always maintained a flavor distinct from traditional Utah, drawing from its abundant natural beauty, recreational opportunities, and mountain culture.

Today Park City is world-famous as a ski destination, made so by its three world-class resorts, Park City, The Canyons, and Deer Valley. Each with its own flavor, these ski areas cater to visitors (and residents!) of all ski abilities and leisure tastes. Closely behind its snow sport fame comes its reputation as an incredible mountain biking town. Buffed trails meander over grassy foothills around the valley for cross-country riders; steep, lift-served

downhill courses serve to challenge bikers at the ski resorts.

And in any season, Park City's "city" offers an enormous and condensed amount of cultural and culinary points of interest for any kind of visitor. Home to the Sundance Film Festival, Park City has been visited by nearly every silver screen celebrity during this January event. Whether you want to dine at a world-ranked restaurant or grab a burger at a brew pub, partake in an art stroll or catch an outdoor concert, Park City has you covered. And if you happen to have a bit too much to drink or don't want to bother with parking- you may simply ride any of the free Park City shuttle buses.

Orientation-wise, Park City's Main Street can really be considered the town center. Lining this passageway is a huge representation of the town's galleries, eateries, and boutique shops. This long, narrow road, though open to vehicles, is much better suited to pedestrians than cars. If visiting this area, park in any of the lots just off Main Street and stroll around.

To the north (and near I-80) is Kimball Junction. Quite removed from the center of

Park City, Kimball Junction serves Summit County with larger shops and venues requiring of more space to operate. Here you'll find the famous Tanger Outlets and other, larger box-type stores as well as some modern restaurants.

The three resorts, Deer Valley, The Canyons, and Park City Mountain Resort, function nearly as their own cities, each with restaurants, shops, and equipment rental opportunities. Of the three, The Canyons is located the farthest to the north, between Park City and Kimball Junction. Park City Mountain Resort is situated almost literally off Park City's Main Street. And Deer valley finds itself on the southeastern edge of town.

When planning your visit to Park City, don't consider yourself restricted to winter! This area is happy to host during any season, and is typically less crowded during the summer months. But be sure to book lodging well ahead of time to ensure the right rooms at the right price.

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