



# SNOWBASIN

Just minutes from Salt Lake City, this four-season resort of Olympic fame offers fun for all ages


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Before a day on the slopes, grab some sustenance (try the wild mushroom omelet with sautéed potatoes) at **Earl's Lodge**, a 45,000-square-foot rock-and-log dining facility that is the epitome of "rustic chic." Brush up on your skills at the **Snowsports Learning Center**—with more than 100 instructors on staff—then ride up the **Needles Express** gondola for access to ski runs for all levels—2,959 vertical feet of ski trails and powder bowls on 2,800 acres. Lunch at **Needles Lodge** and enjoy Austrian cuisine and spectacular scenery. At day's end, make the short (17-mile) drive to Ogden to stroll down **Historic 25th Street**, a mix of unique shops, art galleries and restaurants. For dinner, enjoy the elegant home cooking at **Rickenbacker's** and be sure to peek out the windows at sunset for the best mountain views.

Start the day with a breakfast burrito at **Karen's Café** but don't leave without trying the homemade cinnamon rolls. After breakfast, head to Snowbasin for downhill and nordic skiing and snowboarding on uncrowded slopes. Have lunch on the wrap-around patio at the **John Paul Lodge** (at the top of the John Paul Express Quad Lift). Then, if you're an expert skier, head up the Mt. Allen tram to the **Grizzly Course** (used for the men's races in the 2002 Olympic Winter Games). Later, drive into Ogden for dinner at **Roosters 25th Street Brewing Company**. Order the **Penne Shrimp Florentine** (shrimp and spinach simmered in a gorgonzola cream sauce) and pair it with a **Polygamy Pale Ale**.

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