SKI VILLAGE RESORTS - MAIN STREET BRECKENRIDGE

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BRECKENRIDGE, CO – Parking in Breckenridge, Colo., is its own animal. And not like the cute, fuzzy, "mountain experience" photo-op animals that you will likely see when you are there, like the family of foxes that make their nest every spring in the neighboring lot to lodging company Ski Village Resorts on Main Street in Breckenridge's historic downtown.

One thing that Breckenridge does not do a good job providing is parking spaces. However, it does provide lots of material for people to write in to the local paper about. Moreover, it amuses locals and visitors alike in watching "The Big Guys" go head-to-head during Breckenridge Town Council meetings in repeated attempts to reinterpret the latest poll as swinging in their respective favors.

There is a lot to do when you visit Breckenridge, but very few places to easily and cheaply park when you do it. That is where Ski Village Resorts comes in.

Let us start with Ski Village Resorts' own parking lot. Ski Village's check-in office and base of operations has an entire (free!) parking lot on its west side, easily accessed from two directions and offering a view of Breckenridge Ski Resort, where you will soon be swooshing down its 187 trails, playing in its four terrain parks, and enjoying every inch of its 2,908 acres of terrain. Business parking is an even rarer commodity in ski towns like Breckenridge. If you have not chosen to book your stay with Ski Village Resorts, you may very well be

hunting for a roadside parking spot and walking blocks, just to check in to your vacation rental. This is not a great start to your vacation stay, and this is certainly no easy feat if you are toting a family. Book your stay in Breckenridge with Ski Village Resorts, and checking in is just the beginning of a vacation made easy.

Now let us say you have made it to your accommodations. If you are like me, you are not on vacation in an historic, all-season, outdoor paradise to see how your condo's channel line-up compares to the one you sit on your couch at home and watch every night after you get home from work. Breckenridge offers beautiful, temperate summers and is laced with waterways and hiking trails, to say nothing of its biking trails (paved and mountain) and excellent Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course. During Breckenridge's mild, champagne-snow covered winters, you can ski, snowboard, snowshoe, cross-country ski or take a horse-drawn sleigh ride to dinner and back. All year, Breckenridge is a charming, real town boasting centuries of sordid and inspiring history, and it is a verifiable mecca for the arts. Its Arts District hosts music events, visual art displays and an impressively wide variety of participatory cultural experiences as a Colorado Certified Creative District (2016).

Book your next trip to Breckenridge with Ski Village Resorts and they will make sure you are within a walk's distance or a quick trip on the free Town shuttling and bus system. Ski Village specializes in properties that are ski in/ski out to Breckenridge Ski Resort and in beautiful getaways located within Town limits. When you call Ski Village, you have tapped a jackpot of vacation convenience, and you will not have to go hunting for the one condo or home that offers both convenience and quality. Once you are parked at your Ski Village Resorts property, you are probably parked for the duration of your stay, to experience all that Breckenridge has to offer (which is a lot!). In case you want to venture to one of Breckenridge's neighboring globally recognized vacation destinations like Vail, Ski Village can arrange a private shuttle for your day excursions.

Leave the parking headaches at home, and stay in Breckenridge with Ski Village Resorts. If you live in Colorado, stay with Ski Village and consider it a stay-cation.

Forget the congested I-70 corridor bookending your day and having to pay parking fees on top of it all. What is a mountain resort vacation without pay parking and bumper-to-bumper traffic? It is a vacation the way it should be done, and it is a stay with Ski Village Resorts.

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WHAT SKIERS and RESORT GUESTS CAN DO TO HELP

Follow the Leave No Trace™ Principles of Outdoor Ethics:

• Plan ahead and prepare:

Know the regulations and special concerns of the area you will visit. Prepare for winter weather, consider off-peak visits when scheduling your trip.

· Dispose of waste properly:

Recycle your glass, plastics, aluminum and paper at resorts. Reuse trail maps on your next visit or recycle them. Never throw trash, cigarette butts or other items from the lifts.

• Respect wildlife:

Observe trail closures, seasonal closures, and ski area boundaries. These closures are in place not only for your safety, but the well being of plants and animals located in sensitive areas.

In summer, stick to designated trails when hiking and biking to avoid disturbances to vegetation and wildlife.

• Be considerate:

Respect other guests, protect the quality of their experience; let nature's sounds pre-

Carpool with friends and family or use transit to avoid traffic when travelling to and within the ski area.

Turn off the lights when leaving your room and re-use bath towels and linens to help conserve energy.

This is a partial list.

