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Solitude Mountain Resort's Honeycomb Canyon and Unique Back Tracks
Program Offer Skiers Big Mountain Terrain Minus the Crowds

SOLITUDE, UTAH (Sept. 21, 2004) Long known as a family resort with immaculate grooming and ideal conditions to learn to ski or ride, there is more to Solitude Mountain Resort than just its front side — more to it than a handful of lucky Solitude Custom Season Pass holders are willing to let you know.

Each season, Solitude is blanketed in more than 500 inches of the lightest, driest snow in the world, filling in some of the best terrain you've never skied and quite possibly, never even heard of.

Solitude is home to Honeycomb Canyon, the response to Big Cottonwood naysayers and proof that you don't need to be amidst a crowd to ride the steepest, deepest lines. Instead, a short traverse into Honeycomb is pleasant, without feeling clustered, and brings you to lines that remain fresh even days after a storm. One of the most beautiful areas in the Wasatch, Honeycomb Canyon parallels Silver Fork Canyon and provides skiers with 400 acres of backcountry-styled bliss, all within the confines of Solitude's boundaries.

"The tight chutes, glades and bowls in Honeycomb Canyon give advanced skiers and riders a big mountain experience without the crowds, lines and scene typical of some mountains," said Dave DeSeelhorst, vice president at Solitude Mountain Resort.

Access into and out of Honeycomb Canyon couldn't be easier. The experience used to include a long traverse and a hike out at the end of the run. Now, skiers simply ride the Summit Chair and, thanks to a quad lift installed in the canyon two years ago, take a return lift back to the front of Solitude Mountain Resort. In addition to providing the advancing rider an opportunity to experience the backcountry within the controlled comfort of Solitude's boundaries, the lift makes some of the most scenic and snow-filled terrain in the Wasatch easily accessible while maintaining the environmental integrity of the area.

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“Through careful placement and installation, skiers and riders experience the same view of the Honeycomb Cliffs as before the lift went in,” DeSeelhorst said.

For those ready to head outside of the area’s boundaries, Solitude Mountain Resort has your ticket – and it’s not for a heli ride. Back Tracks guided backcountry tours offer a unique and memorable adventure into the Wasatch Mountains’ backcountry. This daylong journey explores coveted out-of-bounds areas like Twin Lakes and Silver Fork Canyon. Tour prices are contingent upon group size, and are limited to ten advanced skiers and snowboarders, but a group of two skiers or riders can enjoy this guided adventure for only \$150 pp. Two members of Solitude’s professional ski patrol accompany each group, and each Back Tracks participant is outfitted with a lift ticket, avalanche transceiver, backpack, free heel adaptors and climbing skins or snowshoes. The day also includes lunch at Solitude’s signature eatery, the Creekside Restaurant.

For more information about the Back Tracks program dial 801.536.5705, visit www.skisolitude.com, or call (801) 536-5777 for snow conditions at Solitude Mountain Resort.

Solitude Mountain Resort, a year-round, family-friendly destination, receives more than 500 inches of the Greatest Snow on Earth™ every year and is located just 40 minutes from the Salt Lake City International Airport.

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