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# SKI TRACKS History



Skiers at Sugarloaf Mountain ride the first T-bar that was installed in 1955.

(Photo courtesy of Scott Andrews, Fireside Chats)

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coverage to more than 90 percent of the mountain. The town has helped finance many other improvements to Sugarloaf over the years.

This four-season resort includes golf, cross-country skiing, hiking, snowshoeing, work-out centers, many restaurants and facilities for meetings, conferences, weddings and other social events.

Sugarloaf is also in line with the Maine Appalachian Trail, where a side trail crosses 0.6 mile stretch leading to the 4,237 foot summit, before crossing over to the Crocker's.

Ski races like the Sugarloaf Schuss, Tall Timber Classics to the World Cups have been held at this mountain. Olympic skiers and riders from all over the world including names like Peekaboo Street, Tommy Moe, and locals, Seth Wescott, Kirsten Clark and Bode Miller have all streaked down Narrow Gauge at top speed to the winner's circle.

There is talk now that Sugarloaf may get a new eight passenger gondola soon. Seth Wescott, Olympic Gold Medalist in Bordercross and the top Sugarloaf Ambassador made a passionate presentation to the Town of Carrabassett Valley's selectmen recently. Meetings are currently being held by the Town of Carrabassett Valley and Sugarloaf to see if this is feasible. It seems as though interest is high, but there is much research to be done before a determination is made.

Although there are other Sugarloaf Mountains

in Maine along with several throughout the United States, there is only one other on the Atlantic Coast, a rocky peak in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil where an aerial railroad leads to the 1,299 foot high summit. However, this is a hiker's mountain, not a skiable one.

## SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN STATS

Base elevation: 1,517 feet  
Vertical: 2,820 feet  
Longest trail: Tote Road -- 3.5 miles from summit to base

Snowmaking: 95 percent on 490 acres.  
Natural snow: Averages 200 inches a year.  
15 lifts: two super quads, two high-capacity quads, eight doubles, one triple and two surface lifts. Lift capacity is 21,810 passengers per hour.

Snowmaking on 95 percent of trails  
Three terrain parks  
Superpipe  
Permanent snowboardercross and skiercross course  
20 Glades

Cross-country skiing at the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center  
Full rental shops  
Restaurants, pubs, hotels, condo rentals  
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Sugarloaf Mountain telephone: (207) 237-2000  
Web site: [www.sugarloaf.com](http://www.sugarloaf.com)

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