

WINTER 2026

CORONET PEAK



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QUEENSTOWN • NEW ZEALAND

NEW FOR 2026

- 1** A South Island first — a brand-new Snow Factory is now operating at the surface conveyor lifts, producing snow in all weather, even at 20°C.
- 2** The 2026 season is extended, running from 29 May to 4 October. Open for winter made early 29 May - 12 June (limited opening).
- 3** A reshaped Kidszone offers more space and a better learning experience for first-timers.
- 4** A new intermediate Terrain Park will open off Greengates Express on the Upper Walk-about trail, offering a progression-friendly setup with a range of features and jumps that will be added throughout the season.
- 5** Upgraded rental gear across Queenstown.
- 6** New Safe Zones on key runs, monitored by Trail Safety to support on-snow safety.
- 7** A third winch groomer joins the fleet, boosting grooming on steeper terrain and opening new areas.
- 8** A new winter trail map makes mountain navigation easier than ever.
- 9** Increased skibus capacity with the purchase of 3 new MAN 4WD coaches and a 4th on delivery mid-season.
- 10** New Snowsports Heli Premium Private experience, where guests can enjoy a day heliskiing with one of our experienced Snowsports coaches.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



KIDS DAY OUT

Coronet Peak's family favourite! Enjoy a fun-filled day with treats, colouring, face painting, and even balloon animals from Ru. Perfect for kids and families to make memories together!



NIGHT SKI PARTY

Hit the slopes for a shred down the mountain and a boogie on the deck at an iconic Night Ski Party! Headline act is Hot Dub Time Machine.



DOG DERBY

Hit the slopes with your pooch to celebrate our 52nd Dog Derby community race.



MTB ON SNOW

Bringing together summer and winter for an epic race down the mountain on bikes – first to the bottom wins!



CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES FOR 2026

WINTER MADE EARLY WITH SNOW FACTORY

Coronet Peak is set to guarantee early winter openings from 2026 with the installation of a state-of-the-art Snow Factory.

This innovative technology, a first for South Island ski areas, can produce snow regardless of air temperature, allowing Coronet Peak to open for a limited opening on May 29, 2026 - earlier than ever before.

The Snow Factory's \$2 million-plus investment is part of a wider \$4 million capital works programme at Coronet Peak this year. Located between the surface conveyor lifts area and the Kidzone Carpet, it will provide reliable snow for lower learner slopes and the new kidzone learner area. The project is on track for completion over the summer months before winter 2026.

Earlier openings are expected to boost Queenstown's winter season, benefiting local businesses and staff while attracting both beginner skiers and visitors seeking snow play experiences.

KIDZONE CARPET UPGRADE

The Kidzone carpet has been completely remodelled, transforming the former Kaser carpet into a dedicated beginner and kids' area. The new Snow Factory has enabled a larger, flatter learning slope (8° pitch, 80m long), with improved safety zones and easier access to the main hill. The upgrade delivers a second purpose-built slope for kids' lessons, reducing congestion and creating a more confident and enjoyable learning environment for first-time skiers and riders.





ENHANCING ON-SLOPE SAFETY WITH SAFE ZONES

Coronet Peak is launching a new Safe Zones initiative, supported by the innovative Elevate Engage app, to enhance on-slope safety and responsible behaviour.

This digital platform empowers dedicated Trail Safety and Ski Patrol teams with advanced tools, enabling them to proactively manage guest behaviour on the mountain.

This platform allows our teams to:

- Educate guests about safe skiing and riding practices
- Recognise and reward positive actions
- Address and penalise unsafe behaviour when necessary

Each interaction is logged against individual guest profiles, which staff can access in real time while on the slopes. As the programme rolls out in 2026, Coronet Peak will initially focus on a select number of high-priority areas, officially designated as Safe Zones. These targeted locations are designed to encourage safer, more enjoyable experiences for everyone.

SNOWSPORTS PREMIUM HELI EXPERIENCE

NZSki has launched the peak of alpine adventure with its SnowSports Premium Heli Experience, combining elite private coaching and exclusive heli-skiing in partnership with Southern Lakes Heliski and Alpine Group.

On offer is VIP amenities, priority lift access, and world-class instruction. Guests start with a full-day, private coaching session at Coronet Peak or The Remarkables, designed to get prepared for heli-accessed off-piste terrain.

Then, they take to the skies for up to two days of private heli-skiing, accompanied by a coach and expert guides. Packages include up to three participants (larger groups by request). Ideal for intermediate to advanced skiers.

For bookings and details, contact vipconciierge@nzski.com or visit <https://shop.coronetpeak.co.nz/shop/product/407>



ABOUT US

Coronet Peak, located in Queenstown - New Zealand, was the country's first commercial ski area, providing good times since 1947.

The mountain is Queenstown's urban playground, only 20 minutes from downtown along a sealed road. Guests are treated to freshly groomed trails during First Tracks from 8am daily, right through to Night Skiing on select nights until 9pm.

Coronet Peak has 280ha of skiable terrain, 1649m elevation with 462m vertical drop. An extensive state-of-the-art snowmaking set up (the largest in the Southern Hemisphere) ensures peak conditions throughout the whole season.

Coronet Peak is committed to Kaitiakitanga, guardianship over the mountain. There is a strong programme of activity to restore and enhance the environment including work to eradicate wilding, non-native plants, revegetating trails, and pest control.

In addition to a jam-packed winter, summer operations include sightseeing, with the Peak Gondola and chairlift accessed mountain bike trails.



GOOD TIMES SINCE 1947



OVERVIEW

TRANSPORT

A dedicated bus service operates throughout the day from the centre of Queenstown. As well as this a night time service is available for Night Ski events.

TARGETED OPENING DATE	29 May
ANTICIPATED CLOSING DATE	4 October
PEAK ELEVATION	1649m
VERTICAL DROP	462m
SKIABLE AREA	280 hectares

SNOWMAKING

Coronet Peak has the most extensive snowmaking setup in the Southern Hemisphere with a total of 229 fixed guns, and three portable guns for reliable snow coverage top to bottom.

LIFTS

One high-speed six-seater chair, one high-speed six-seater and gondola cabins, one high-speed quad chair, one T-bar and four surface conveyor lifts.

AVERAGE SNOWFALL

1.99m per annum (excl. snowmaking).

ACCESS 16km sealed road, just 20 minutes from Queenstown.

TERRAIN approx. 14% beginner, 33% intermediate, 25% advanced, 27% expert.

NON SKIERS A sledding area and Gondola assisted access to the top of the mountain.

SNOWSPORTS Private and group coaching available as well as high performance camps and adaptive programmes.

KIDS PROGRAMMES Skiiland Childcare for 2-5 year olds. Group or private lessons for ages 5-16 years. Plus a new Groms 3-day Midweek Camp for 4-12 year olds.

FOOD & BEVERAGE Four distinct outlets. West Wing eatery serves hot buffet breakfast from 7.30am* before transitioning to Mountain Meals, Pizza and Noodle offerings. Plus the convenient Grab n Go, Ice Bar and Heidis.

RENTALS Full Head & Salomon recreational and performance rental gear available as well as on mountain workshop featuring the latest Montana tuning robot for equipment.



ROAD TO CARBON NEUTRAL

Coronet Peak belongs to family owned and operated business - NZSki. Our sister mountains are across the valley at The Remarkables and further north at Methven's Mt Hutt.

At NZSki our primary greenhouse gas emission sources are diesel fuel - used for grooming, transport and building heating - and electricity. Together our three mountains produce approximately 3000 Tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1 and 2 only) annually.

HOW WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

WASTE REDUCTION:

In 2024, we introduced Sorting Stations to our food/drink outlets, reducing waste to landfill by 42% through better recycling and reusable tableware. With continued use in 2025, we saved 207k units of single-use food trays from landfill.

SUPPORT FOR CONSERVATION:

Planting, revegetation and pest control targets remain in place at each mountain, and we now have some AI traps in use. In 2025 we began supporting Southern Lakes Sanctuary alongside our continuous support of the Kea Conservation Trust.

RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY:

We've partnered with Meridian Energy to use their Certified Renewable Energy product. This allows us to report our mountain market-based Scope 2 emissions as zero.*

CARBON CREDITS:

We've purchased carbon credits from Climate Action Company (formerly Carbonz). Since 2022 we have purchased 1336 tonnes of carbon credits to offset emissions.

*Using the market-based reporting methodology as per the GHG Protocol's Scope 2 Guidance.

[To find out more visit our Sustainable Slopes page.](#)



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