



A Brief Timeline of Snowmass History

- Pre-1850s** The Utes use the valley as part of their summer range.
- 1853** First non-natives explore the Elk Mountains as part of the Gunnison Survey.
- 1870s** During the Hayden Survey, several prominent Snowmass peaks are named. Mt. Daly with its prominent granite stripe is named for then-president of the National Geographic Society, Augustus Daly. Distinctive triangular Capitol Peak is named to pay tribute to the Washington, D.C., building. The mountain after which Snowmass is named (which actually is located in the next drainage over) was renamed from the Ute's preference for "Cold Woman" (because the mountain often was enshrouded in clouds and believed to cause bad weather) to "Snow Mass" because of the abundant year-round snow between its two summits.
- 1890s** Ranchers and settlers first move into the valley.
- 1894** The Brush Creek Frontier School (later known as the Little Red School House, which still operates as an early childhood center) opens.
- 1900** The BJ Adams Victorian Farmhouse on Brush Creek Road is built by the Hoaglund as the original hub of this 160-acre sheep ranch and is considered one of the oldest homes remaining in Snowmass Village.
- 1910** The Hoaglund Ranch (now the Anderson Ranch Arts Center) is built as a cattle and sheep outfit in the Brush Creek Valley until the mid-1930s when their eldest daughter Hildur marries Bill Anderson. The Andersons continued to work the land until the mid-1960s.
- 1955** Pitkin County zones the Snowmass Village area as agriculture, forestry and residential and establishes a minimum lot size of two acres.
- 1958** Seventeen years after first visiting Aspen to compete in the National Alpine Championships, William Janss, a former ski racer and land developer, becomes interested in Snowmass and purchases the majority of the land at its base, including Hoaglund Ranch. The first organized skiing on Snowmass begins with Aspen Skiing Corporation offering snowcat powder tours on the Big Burn and Sam's Knob.



- 1960s** The Aspen Skiing Company begins offering guided snowcat skiing on the Big Burn.
- 1964** The US Forest Service grants approvals of the Snowmass-at-Aspen Ski Area.
- 1964** The Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness area is formed by the 1964 Congressional Wilderness Act at 174,000 acres.
- 1966** Ceramic artist Paul Soldner founds Anderson Ranch Arts Center in Snowmass Village.
- 1967** Then called Snowmass-at-Aspen, Snowmass opens December 16 as a joint venture of Aspen Skiing Corporation and the Janss Corporation. There are five chairlifts and 50 miles of trails, including Big Burn, Sam's Knob, Coney Glade and Campground. Lift tickets are a whopping \$6.50 and ski school costs \$8/day. The Silvertree Hotel opens as does the Snowmass Village Mall, which was designed as a cutting edge European-style village by architect Fritz Benedict, who was trained by Frank Lloyd Wright.
- 1972** The Snowmass Rodeo debuts in Snowmass.
- 1976** Krabloonik's dogsled operations open in Snowmass.
- 1977** The Town of Snowmass Village is officially incorporated as a Home Rule Town.
- 1978** Alpine Springs lift and High Alpine restaurants open at Snowmass.
- 1982** Snowmass celebrates its first official Mardi Gras celebration
- 1992** Snowmass Summer of Free Music Series is started by locals.
- 1993** The ski area begins running weekly snowcat dinner rides to the Burlingame Cabin. This historic cabin was built by the Erickson family who dragged all the logs to the site and used it as a summer ranch around 1900. Later it was used by Dr. Burlingame as a base for hunting and it was moved slightly to its current location in the 11980s.
- 1994** The Little Red Schoolhouse celebrates its 100-year anniversary.
- 1995** Two Creeks base area at Snowmass opens, offering a second gateway to the mountain. Located 10 minutes closer to Aspen than Snowmass Village



Mall, Two Creeks base area features a ticket office and ski/snowboard school desk, rental and retail shop, food service, 200-car parking and free bus service to Aspen and the Snowmass Village Mall. A high-speed quad whisks riders from Two Creeks to the popular Elk Camp area in 10 minutes.

- 1997/98** Snowmass celebrates 30 years of skiing. The Cirque lift opens, with an 800-foot vertical rise to an elevation of 12,510 feet above sea level, giving Snowmass the nation's highest until 2006 and longest lift-served vertical rise (4,406 feet). The Cirque area is home to elk, bighorn sheep and mountain goats. The lift is the first in the country to be operated solely by clean, renewable wind power.
- 1998** The nation's highest lift-served ski run (until 2006) at the time is renamed Rocky Mountain High, in tribute to the late John Denver. Located at Snowmass, the Cirque lift serves the run and is the first in the country to be operated solely by clean, renewable wind power.
- 1998** The Lynn Britt Cabin, named after a popular ski instructor who died of cancer, opens for dinner sleigh rides. The historic cabin was built by the Erickson family who dragged all the logs to the site and used it as a summer ranch around 1900 and later used by Dr. Burlingame as a base for hunting in the early 1900s.
- 2001** The National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic comes to Snowmass, bringing with it the largest disabled veterans winter clinic in the world.
- 2002** Aspen Skiing Company ownership announce a partnership with Intrawest to develop a new base village at Snowmass.
- 2002** Snowmass residents pass a 2.5% sales tax in November to fund a new marketing board to handle marketing and special events for Snowmass Village.
- 2004** Snowmass unveils the brand new James Engh-designed Snowmass Club golf course.
- 2004** Snowmass debuts several new events: The Chili Pepper & Brew Fest, the Snowmass Wellness Experience, Massive Music & Movies, and Oktoberfest. Aspen/Snowmass Ride for the Cure also debuts.
- 2005** The Snowmass Balloon Festival celebrates its 25th anniversary.



- 2006** Anderson Ranch Celebrates its 40th Anniversary.
- 2006** Snowmass opens the six-passenger chairlift to the top of Sam's Knob.
- 2006** Snowmagical Family Fun Fest celebrates 25th anniversary
- 2006** Snowmass Base Village breaks ground
- 2006** Krabloonik celebrates 30 years
- 2007** The Snowmass Mardi Gras festival celebrates its 25th anniversary. The Snowmass Rodeo celebrates 35 years. The town celebrates the 30th anniversary of its incorporation and the ski area celebrates 40 years.
- 2007** Snowmass opens its first gondola to Elk Camp
- 2007** Snowmass debuts award-winning Snowmass Recreation Center
- 2007** Intrawest sells Base Village commercial development to Related Westpac.
- 2007** Snowmass Village breaks ground on new town hall.
- 2007** On December 15, 2007 the Treehouse Kids Adventure Center holds its grand opening.
- 2008** Many events celebrate 5th anniversaries: St. Paddy's Day, The Snowmass Chili Pepper & Brew Fest, Massive Music, The Snowmass Wellness Experience, Oktoberfest.

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