

Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows Backcountry Tours

By utilizing the extensive lift system of Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows we can quickly access incredible terrain and get more skiing and riding in. In this program we ski in three distinct zones: Tram Ridge, Nat Geo Bowl and Munchkins. For the first time, this terrain can now be ridden with a guide, opening up lift-accessed riding for skiers and snowboarders regardless of backcountry experience.

Each group is private with their own guide. This means you know your group's pace and skier or rider ability, and you create your day.

Difficulty:

Introductory to intermediate skiing level required.

Price:

\$645 | \$100 for each additional person.

Location:

Prior to departure each group will meet for a quick meeting at the Alpenglow office. Field sessions will take place in the backcountry near Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows. Depending on snow conditions, our unique partnership with Squaw Valley allows us to have private access to the Tram Ridge, Nat Geo Bowl, and Munchkins.

What to Expect:

Depending on fitness level, technical ability and daily conditions skiers and riders can expect to get multiple laps of fresh tracks outside of the ski area boundary. Terrain varies from wide open bowls and widely spaced trees to steep, technical lines that will challenge even the most seasoned skier.

Each morning starts off with a safety meeting with your guide and a gear check to make sure everyone has what they need for the day. Depending on the zone, we'll ride the lifts at Squaw or Alpine before heading out of bounds. Lift access to these zones cuts out a significant portion of approach time, and can be used throughout the day to reduce the ratio of hiking to riding traditionally associated with backcountry skiing.

What to bring:

- Touring skis or snowboard with skins, boots, poles (can be rented)
- Avalanche transceiver, probe and shovel (can be rented)
- Backpack, 20-35 liters (can be rented)
- Food, water, sunscreen, lip balm



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- Clothing
 - Under layers:
 - lightweight merino wool or synthetic long john top and bottom
 - lightweight merino wool or synthetic t-shirt
 - lightweight merino wool or synthetic briefs/ underwear
 - wool/ synthetic socks
 - Outer layers/ insulation:
 - Soft shell “guide pants”, or hard shell goretex pants, conditions dependent
 - Soft shell jacket
 - Hooded puffy jacket (down or synthetic)
 - Hard shell jacket (waterproof/ breathable)
 - warm beanie
 - lightweight gloves with good dexterity
 - warm, waterproof gloves or mittens
 - Misc:
 - sunglasses
 - goggles
 - camera

Avalanche transceiver, probe an shovel are available from Alpenglow for \$25.

*All programs directed by Logan Talbott
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