

Media Pack Information Sheet 2011

Mt Hutt – Open June 11. Scheduled closing October 16.

On a clear day at Mt Hutt you can see the Pacific Ocean in one direction and into the heart of the Alps the other. That in itself's pretty awesome, but so is playing in the snow at over 2000m. The trail network suits all snow lovers, from total beginner (dedicated learning areas) through to keen-as intermediates (think long, super-wide groomed runs) and the world's best racers and riders. It comes with high speed chairlifts, progressive terrain parks (for skill levels from novice to insane), chutes and steeps, a halfpipe and a warm, comfortable base building when you need time out. Kids love the Skiiland Early Learning Centre and when they get too old for that there's progressive and fun Kea Club programmes for young skiers and boarders. Parents can sit back and relax on the sunny deck with a glass of great New Zealand wine, or hit the slopes safe in the knowledge it's all taken care of.

Stuff you need to know about Mt Hutt:

- 35 minute drive or coach transport from Methven Village
- One of the largest and highest ski areas in the South Island with the most complete terrain mix and comprehensive facilities
- Dedicated beginner area with enclosed Magic Carpet and novice quad chair
- Exceptional 10-year snow record – in total snowfall and snow quality
- One of the longest snow seasons in New Zealand
- Free day passes for children 6 years and under
- High country ski area
- Laidback atmosphere in the heart of the Southern Alps, a truly relaxing experience
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Mt Hutt – What's new

- Improved trail access from the bottom of the International Trail to the chairlift base
- Mt Hutt has added its first automated snowmaking line with the addition of 16 guns on the International trail, finishing at the bottom of the Towers Triple Chair. Now for the first time it will be able to make snow on all its main trails
- The hugely popular 'Dinner with the Stars' is back for the season with some new features – operating through July, August and September
- Stage 1 of development of the Mt Hutt access road sees the installation of four new road barriers at various places along the road
- Mt Hutt has worked with Metservice to install a new weather station directly linked to forecasters in Wellington for more accurate and reliable forecasting for the season

Mt Hutt – Key dates (may be subject to change please check website for confirmation)

- 11 June: Opening Day
- 30 June: Village Champs starts
- 3 July: HEAD Sunday Race Series starts
- 9 July: Burton Zero to Hero
- 23 July: First Park Life Mini Shred
- 24 July: HEAD Sunday Race Series final

- 5/6 August: Masters ski race championships
- 8 August: Snowboard Race Series starts
- 11 August: Village Champs series final
- 12 August: Tucker Trophy ski race
- 19/21 August: Southern Cross Cup ski races
- 26/28 August: Winter Games events
- 29 August: Snowboard Race Series final
- 7-10 September: ANC Ski racing
- 17-18 September: Canterbury Club Championships (TBC)
- 24 September: Park Life Minishred final
- 8-14 October: Spring Festival
- 15 October: Peak to Pub
- 16 October: Mountain Closes