

Copper Mountain 2025



By Trip Leader Allison Wood

Twelve of us recently journeyed to Copper Mountain, Colorado in late January and spent the week exploring this Summit County institution. We were fortunate to experience blue skies every day, low winds, and moderate temperatures. Our group stayed at the Cambria Hotel, a property that was a 5-minute walk to the main chairlifts and adjacent to the central village. Our lodging also had two nice hot tubs, a popular spot after a good day of skiing. I especially liked how the tubs were right by the door, saving us a cold walk in the wind.



Most of us are pictured here at the hot tub one afternoon.

On the first day, my roommate Lisa F. and I took the complimentary mountain tour. In 2.5 hours, we got the chance to see most of the mountain, including going to the back bowl area. Unlike many other resorts, one only needs intermediate ability to access the area. I guess we convinced everyone it was fun because most of the group ended up doing the tour at some point. (see below)



About half of us had a five-day lift ticket, while the others had four days, allowing them the opportunity to explore on their day off. A couple folks took a bus to Frisco, the nearest town, with a couple making it as far as Breckenridge, which was hosting its snow sculpture festival at the time.

I was fortunate to have won four tickets to the resort's mountain coaster in a raffle the day we arrived at Copper. The grandfather-father-son combo of Emil, Chad and Lucian joined me (in separate cars) on this ride, which took us up through the trees and down a winding, fast path that was more intense than I imagined. It was a nice way to end my day of skiing and their day exploring the area.



Unlike many of our other trips, we did not have an official welcome party or midweek party, but with our small group size, we were able to get together for dinner once and hang out at the hot tub. This was a great group of people and I was happy to have taken this trip with them.



I don't have many complaints about this trip, but I wish we had received a few inches of snow. Later in the week, the snow in the afternoons got a bit tracked out on the more popular slopes. The other issue was the elevation; the base elevation is around 9,700 feet, which is one of the highest in Colorado. It affects everyone in some way, whether it is disrupted sleep, headaches, nosebleeds, or just feeling winded.

Overall, Copper Mountain is a great resort, catering to all ability levels, and also gives less advanced skiers/riders the opportunity to explore some areas usually reserved for advanced skiers only. The base village has plenty of amenities and restaurants, but the town of Frisco is a short bus ride away if you're looking for some more variety.

