

EXPLORER GONDOLA – A NEW CHAPTER IN BIG SKY’S LEGACY

Coming winter 2025-26, a new two-stage gondola will replace the existing Explorer chair, extending all the way to The Bowl, while connecting to the lower terminal of the Lone Peak Tram. The gondola will load at the main base near Huntley Lodge, and transform access to the Explorer and northern Swift Current terrain while providing massive improvements to comfort and speed.



A project two years in the making, the Explorer Gondola is set to transform mountain access for skiers and riders of all abilities.

This world class technology replaces the last original Big Sky lift from 1973 and will revolutionize mountain access, provide seamless connectivity from the main base to beginner terrain via the mid-station and allow guests to travel all the way to the summit of Lone Mountain through the new tram connection at the Gondola upper station.

“The Explorer Gondola represents more than just a new lift—it’s set to redefine the mountain experience at Big Sky by connecting guests to the mountain’s impressive beginner and advanced terrain”.

All 83 gondola cabins will be stored each evening within the 21,000-square-foot mid-station below-grade parking structure.

The **lowest price** for an adult 5-day lift ticket is the Freestyle Pass purchased directly from Big Sky Resort for **\$510**. Pricing for other age groups is also available. These costs will increase on May 8th.

Continue reading to learn how you can access Big Sky lifts at deeply discounted Ikon prices.

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