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Hesperus Ski Area Opens Wednesday, Feb. 14! *13 inches of Snow & another Foot in the Forecast this Week!*

Durango, Colo. -- Hesperus Ski Area received 13 inches of snow over the past 24 hours with up to another foot in the [forecast](#) Wednesday night into Thursday this week.

With this latest storm, resort officials announced Hesperus Ski Area is opening for the season on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 4pm. The Hesperus day lodge and snack bar, rental shop, ski & ride school, and tubing hill will also be open.

“Everyone at Hesperus is excited to kick off the ski season on Wednesday,” announced Ben Beresford, mountain manager at Hesperus Ski Area. “We’ve been hard at work, making enhancements to our facilities in order to improve the guest experience, and we’re excited to showcase all of our efforts now.”

New this year, a new yurt provides indoor space for the Learn to Ski and Snowboard Center, as well as guests. The Hesperus Rental Shop was expanded and reconfigured for a more customer-friendly experience, and the rental equipment was upgraded. Hesperus now offers ski bike rentals and ski and snowboard demos. Hesperus’ Day Lodge was renovated with an improved software system, multiple lanes for purchasing passes and lift tickets, and a revamped cafe.

Hesperus’ operating hours are Wednesday through Friday open 4pm to 9pm, Saturday 9am to 9pm, Sunday 9am to 9pm, and Monday, Feb. 19 9am to 4pm. Check the website for further details on the ski area’s operating schedule after the holiday weekend.

Lift tickets are \$39 for full-day adults; or \$29 for adults night skiing from 4pm to 9pm. Kids seven years old and under, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students, and those who are 70 plus ski free every day. Hesperus is part of Colorado Ski Country USA and participates in its [Gems program](#), and [5th and 6th grade passport](#) program that provides access to Ski Country’s member resorts. Check [Ski-Hesperus.com](#) for more information on lift tickets.

Hesperus features 26 trails, and a double chairlift on 160 acres, and is the largest night skiing operation in the Four Corners region. For more information on the Hesperus Ski Area, visit [Ski-Hesperus.com](#)

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About Hesperus Ski Area

The Hesperus Ski Area is located 11 miles west of Durango on Highway 160. Hesperus has 26 trails, 1 chairlift, and 160 acres. Hesperus features a lodge, rental shop, ski & ride school, and tubing hill, and is the largest night skiing operation in the Four Corners Region. Opened in 1962, the summit is 8,888 ft., base is 8,180 ft. with a 700 foot vertical. Average snowfall is 150 inches annually. Trail rankings are 30% beginner, 20% intermediate, and 50% advanced. More than 80% of Hesperus is lighted for night skiing. Operations are scheduled for December through March, conditions permitting. www.Ski-Hesperus.com