



LOWER MOUNTAIN

May or may not be open depending on how much snow has fallen. Massive open-range riding, tons of fun, and typically much less travelled than the rest of the resort. Here's where you'll find untouched powder after a snow.

On this side you feel the verticality of the terrain a lot more. Beautiful views as well.

This side is just one big open playground. Some cliffs, so be careful.

Careful on West Ridge, because everything to the left is a steep drop-off and outside of the park, so nobody will find you if you accidentally fall down there.

Want to play all day? Ride Grizzly to the top, make a 180° turn right when you get off the lift, and repeat.

Another great run is Mokolunne West to Lodge Run. Just make sure to stay to the right on Mokolunne West as you round the curve (#), and keep your speed up so you can traverse the flat (\$) on Lodge Run.

THE BACK SIDE

This is where most people go to ride once they're off the beginner slopes. Watch for ice in the shadows in the morning, and slush in the sun in the afternoon. A great starting point is Grouse Connection or Shady Grove to Pipeline. Boarder's Bane can be hard to ride for newer snowboarders, especially when snow quality is meh.

FRONT SIDE

The view from the top of Porridge Bowl is spectacular. And Porridge Bowl to Groovy Gully to Mokolunne Express is a sweet ride.

Snowboarding? Forget about Tuck's Traverse, it's somehow uphill both ways.

VILLAGE RUNS

Ah, the great unknown (because we haven't ridden it very often). Lots of runs in here, open spaces, technical terrain, and beautiful vistas. But it dumps into the village, and it's a pain in the butt to get back to the day lodge (there's a shuttle bus that runs periodically).

VERY UNOFFICIAL BEAR VALLEY MAP

Bear Valley is a great little resort that's off the beaten path and away from the madness that is Tahoe. The slopes are largely filled with people just out to have fun, with very little in the way of posers and a-holes.

This is a completely unofficial, use-at-your-own-risk map of the Bear Valley ski resort, made for friends and family (and anyone else) by a passably good snowboarder who has been riding here for 20 years.

Relatively new to snowboarding or skiing? Try out Cub and Super Cub. Medium skill? Try out the Back Side and Mokolunne West. More advanced? Try out Spyglass, Lower Mountain, Porridge Bowl, and Home Run.

The latest version of this map is available at utilware.com/bearvalleyunofficial.html, and please let me know of any inaccuracies or recommendations.

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WARNING

Do not rely upon this map. Always follow resort instructions and the official trail map (bearvalley.com). This map is hand-drawn and contains inaccuracies (not on purpose). Certain trails may no longer exist, or may have been re-graded to be more difficult. New trails may exist. Terrain parks may appear or disappear. Black diamonds and double black diamonds are not visually distinguished on this map, so read your signs.

Runs marked with asterisks (*) are unofficial names I just made up.

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