

## Black Mountain's Woods Policy

Explore all of the areas with Black Mountain's boundary but make sure you:

- Check in with ski patrol
- Have the required advanced skills
- A couple of partners

## **BACKCOUNTRY**

Black Mountain is unique. We have a working relationship with neighboring landowners such as Mahoosuc Land Trust, as well as other landowners who allow multi use access to privately owned property. Know before you go. Be smart. Note: when we talk backcountry we mean off property/outside the skiing & riding boundary. We usually refer to inbounds woods as glades or trails that are clearly marked with resort signage.

- Most of the backcountry terrain feeds back to the resort. Some does not. Know your terrain and plan a ride back to Black Mountain Ski Resort if necessary.
- Watch for hazards. The woods are littered with rocks, stumps, fallen trees and other objects that can damage you and your equipment.
- Ski and ride in groups of three. If someone gets hurt, you'll need one person to fetch help and the other to stay with the injured. Radios and a cell phone should both be carried.
- We don't ever sweep the backcountry. Getting lost sucks. Getting lost at night really sucks.
- Wear a helmet. We won't make you, but the best (and smartest) already have them
  on.
- Respect your ability level. If you're wondering whether or not you should attempt something, the answer is "no".
- Check in with ski patrol. Remember these areas are unpatrolled, ungroomed and are considered backcountry. Ski and ride at you own risk. Any rescue may be delayed.