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What's New in Mammoth Lakes and at Mammoth Mountain for Winter 2026-2027

New dining options and event spaces, infrastructure and safety improvements at Mammoth Mountain and June Mountain, expanded flight service, new lodging options, anniversaries, events and more highlight what's new in Mammoth Lakes this winter season

Mammoth Lakes, Calif. — Mammoth Lakes is quickly preparing for another unreal winter season. [Known as one of California's best regions for fall color](#), the destination welcomes visitors for a wide range of activities, events and experiences this autumn before the winter season officially arrives with opening day at Mammoth Mountain scheduled for Nov. 13, 2026.

New at Mammoth Resorts:

Ahead of the 2026-2027 winter season, Mammoth Resorts has invested nearly \$13.5 million in capital improvement projects including:

- **Remote Avalanche Control Systems** – Mammoth and June are expanding avalanche safety with new Remote Avalanche Control Systems (RACS) across both resorts. Nearly a decade in the making, this \$5.7 million investment gives Ski Patrol more flexibility to mitigate hazards remotely in severe storms while keeping safety at the center of operations. The current project includes 16 new towers: 15 at Mammoth Mountain and one at June Mountain. The project incorporates multiple technologies selected based on the terrain and conditions where they will operate. Construction is currently underway, with installations expected to continue through October ahead of the upcoming winter season.
- **Kids Ski Free Week: Dec. 5-11, 2026** – One of the most popular family promotions at the mountain, Kids Ski Free Week returns Dec. 5-11. Designed to break down the barriers of entry to skiing and riding, kids 12 and under can receive a free lift ticket each day to use alongside other highly discounted products including lessons and rentals.
- **30 Years of Unbound** – Unbound Terrain Parks will be celebrating 30 years during the 2026-2027 winter season. Boasting 10 terrain parks, two halfpipes, more than 100 jibs and over 40 jumps covering more than 100 acres, Unbound has led the industry in creativity, innovation and quality for the last three decades. Keep an eye out for special merchandise, activations and buildouts throughout the winter season to celebrate this milestone.
- **The Westin Monache Resort & Apricity** – Significant improvements are being made at The Westin Monache Resort, with completion expected prior to the 2026-2027 winter ski season. Updates include a completely redesigned open-concept front entry and lobby area that flows into the hotel's new restaurant, Apricity. Opening this fall, Apricity will feature a menu that emphasizes seafood, shareable entrees and seasonal specials. From Tikka Chicken Skewers to signature sushi rolls, there will be something for

everyone. The beverage program offers a martini flight and tableside affogato service in addition to a wide range of classic cocktails and special beverages served only at Apricity.

- **Grooming** – Five new PistenBully snowcats will operate this winter at Mammoth Resorts, further improving one of the best and most modern snowcat fleets in North America. The new fleet will operate across Mammoth Mountain, June Mountain and Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center.

Lodging at Mammoth Mountain

- **1849 Lodging Additions** – This winter, Mammoth Mountain will take over management of more than 40 units at 1849. Named after the year of the California Gold Rush, this addition to the Mammoth Mountain hospitality portfolio sets itself apart. Features include close proximity to slopeside skiing out of Canyon Lodge, an outdoor pool, hot tub, large recreational room, laundry and EV charging stations. This complex has a special history as well. The McCoy family built it and Dave McCoy lived in the penthouse (No. 410) for nearly a decade. The newly available units range in size from two- to four-bedroom units and can now be booked at mammothmountain.com.

New at June Mountain:

- **Snowmaking Improvements** – Conditions at California's Family Mountain will be even more reliable this season as the resort has installed a new snowmaking system on the Canyon Ski Back Trail. The new system will ensure more consistent riding conditions for guests to return to the parking lot from The Chalet throughout the winter season. The Canyon Trail snowmaking system consists of approximately 8,000 feet of buried snowmaking pipe, and will allow the resort to take full advantage of their preexisting snowmaking infrastructure.

In Town: New Openings and Community Developments

- **Beast of the East & Lil Beast** – Newly opened in town, Beast of the East offers freshly made Asian foods with high-quality ingredients, leaning heavily on traditional Thai, Japanese, Chinese and Korean dishes. Lil Beast is an attached ready-made counter inspired by Japanese 7-Eleven markets, offering onigiri, spam musubi, chicken karaage and bento boxes made fresh daily, alongside egg salad, katsu and tuna sandwiches made with Japanese milk bread.
- **Mammoth Mercantile** – Nestled in the heart of Mammoth Lakes, Mammoth Mercantile is a new one-stop shop for elevated mountain living. Their modern general store offers artisanal and small-batch groceries, spirit-free sips and pantry staples. Shoppers will find a beautifully curated collection of home essentials, personal care items, children's treasures, a refill station and thoughtfully chosen work from local makers. Mammoth Mercantile is also now offering curated picnic baskets featuring charcuterie, provisions, something sweet, optional wine add-ons and more. Each month, the team also hand-selects a bottle of wine for their local wine club, available for purchase in store alongside cheese pairings and recipes.
- **Bird and the Biscuit** – Bird and the Biscuit is a southern-inspired, fast-casual restaurant that centers around made-from-scratch biscuits, baked fresh daily. Led by a team of

experienced local restaurateurs and chefs, the restaurant focuses on simple, high-quality comfort food, including biscuit sandwiches, trios of biscuits with housemade jams, biscuits and gravy, fried chicken and catfish, southern banana pudding, beignets and more.

- **Wind Drift Studios X Arc'teryx** – Wind Drift Studios was born from a dream to provide a physical space for people to gather and grow as individuals and a collective. Conceptualized by long-time Mammoth Lakes locals Chris Benchetler and Kimmy Fasani, the 3,000-square-foot space was opened to the public earlier this year. The space was thoughtfully reimaged from an old commercial building into a dynamic, state-of-the-art venue featuring an event space, gallery and retail area, with the flexibility to transform into a photography studio. Arc'teryx is partnering with Wind Drift Studios to carve out a space for the mountain community to connect, create and inspire. Wind Drift's event series is a celebration of the magic of the Eastern Sierra and will feature a speaker series, film nights, art exhibitions, community workshops, music events and more. Their full events calendar can be found on the [Arc'teryx website](#).
- **Dave and Roma McCoy Arts and Cultural Center** – Construction is progressing on schedule for the approximately 7,482-square-foot, 259-seat custom-built performing arts center, scheduled to open in spring/summer 2027. The facility will accommodate live theatre, musical performances, film screenings, lectures, conferences and a wide range of community events. Resident arts organizations will include Chamber Music Unbound, Sierra Classic Theatre, Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre and the Eastern Sierra Community Chorus, along with performances from Mammoth High School students.
- **Certified Unreal** – Certified Unreal introduces a new way to experience Mammoth Lakes and the surrounding Eastern Sierra region, one of the most geologically active landscapes in North America. Rooted in science and developed alongside geologists with local expertise, the campaign reveals how volcanic, glacial and hydrothermal forces have shaped the region over millions of years and continue to shape the landscape today. At the center of Certified Unreal is an interactive 3D map featuring 17 geological landmarks throughout the region. Each site has its own case file that uncovers its origin story, age and formation, defining features and rarity, along with practical information about access, amenities, seasonality and responsible visitation. Together, the 17 sites tell the larger story of how Mammoth Lakes became the landscape visitors experience today.

Events

Key events coming to Mammoth Lakes during the 2026-2027 season include:

- **Night of Lights: Dec. 12, 2026** – Mammoth Mountain's holiday spectacle returns again this year to Canyon Lodge. Night of Lights is a free fireworks spectacular that lights up the Sierra sky. Enjoy outdoor family activities including fire pits, live music, snowmobile rides and more.
- **June Mountain Opening Day: Dec. 19, 2026** – Join all of the fun as June Mountain, Mammoth's sister resort just 20 minutes north, opens for the 2026-2027 winter season. Kids Ski & Ride Free at June Mountain. Get the free June Mountain Kids Season Pass, replacing day tickets for ages 12 and under, giving children unlimited access to June Mountain all season long.

- **Elevation Mammoth: March 17-21, 2027** – The 25th Annual Mammoth Gay Ski Week returns to Mammoth Lakes this season. The event features a variety of events and parties throughout the week, special pricing on lessons, rental equipment and activities at Mammoth Mountain, as well as discounted lodging and dining for all guests.
- **Arc'teryx Academy: Feb. 19-21, 2027** – Delivering three days of mountain education and community events, the Arc'teryx Backcountry Academy returns to Mammoth Lakes in 2027. Focused on building both introductory skills as well as technical proficiency, while also fostering leadership abilities and a deeper appreciation for the backcountry, Arc'teryx Academy provides a space to connect education in the mountains with the outdoor community. More details to follow at arcteryxacademy.com.
- **Toyota U.S. Alpine Championships Presented by Stifel: March 31-April 7, 2027** – The pinnacle of alpine skiing competition in the United States returns to Mammoth Mountain for the first time since 2005. From March 31 to April 7, the nation's top skiers will gather to compete at one of the world's most iconic resorts.

Flying to Mammoth Lakes

- **Expanded Flight Service** – Winter vacations in Mammoth Lakes are now more accessible than ever with year-round flight service being offered by [United](#) from San Francisco (SFO), plus expanded service offered through Denver (DEN), landing at the [Eastern Sierra Regional Airport](#) in Bishop, 45 minutes from Mammoth Lakes. Direct flights are also available through [Advanced Air](#) from both Carlsbad (CLD) and Hawthorne-LA (HHR) to [Mammoth Yosemite Airport](#) (MMH).
- **Greater Connectivity and Ground Transportation** – Travelers from far and wide can connect with hundreds of cities worldwide throughout the winter season and will not need to worry about a vehicle when they arrive. [ESTA Airport Flyer Service](#) is now available from both the Bishop (BIH) and Mammoth Yosemite (MMH) airports to the Town of Mammoth Lakes for only \$10 per seat. These routes are scheduled around flight arrival and departure times allowing travelers a convenient way to get to Mammoth Lakes.

Check visitmammoth.com and mammothmountain.com for more information and to get started booking a Mammoth Lakes vacation.

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