

# The Clear Creek Group

JACKSON HOLE

## *Winter Activities*

There is no place in the world like Jackson Hole in the winter. It is a sublime season, the air so clear and fine it sparkles. Winter is a fresh page in Wyoming, inscribed with the calligraphy of ski trails and snowshoe tracks, and the endless, magical white of unbroken terrain. Out here in winter, you come alive. Below are a few our favorite winter activities, guides and contacts. Whatever you choose to do – even if it’s just sitting by the fire with a good book – our concierge service is here to make your visit an extraordinary one.

### **CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING**

*Guided*

#### **Hole Hiking Experience**

(307-690-4453)

Hole Hiking Experience offers guided cross-country skiing into some of the most pristine areas. Step into your skis and glide in to a winter wonderland! [www.holehike.com](http://www.holehike.com)

*On Your Own*

#### **The Pines**

(307-733-1005)

#### **Jackson Hole Golf and Tennis**

(307-733-3111)

There are many places to go cross-country skiing. For groomed courses, we recommend The Pines and Jackson Hole Golf and. However, we prefer the Moose-Wilson Road or Bradley Taggart Lake both within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park. [www.tetonpines.com](http://www.tetonpines.com) [www.jhgtc.com](http://www.jhgtc.com)

### **DINNER SLEIGH RIDE**

#### **Linn Canyon Ranch**

(208-787-5466; between Victor and Driggs, Idaho)

At the Historic Linn Canyon Lodge, dash thru the snow on an authentic Western sleigh drawn by powerful Percheron Draft horses. After hearing jingle bells and gliding through open meadows outlined by a starlit sky, join the Linn’s for delicious, steaming hot chocolate and an elegant dinner in the lodge. The Ranch provides live music and a cozy fireplace while you experience the special service and atmosphere that only the Linn Family can offer. 24 Hour Advance Reservations are required. Linn Canyon Ranch is located in beautiful Teton Valley and nestled in its own private canyon; the drive from Jackson to the ranch is approximately 45–60 minutes – well worth the drive. If snowy roads worry you, your Clear Creek Group concierge will arrange for a driver. [www.linncanyonranch.com](http://www.linncanyonranch.com)

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## **DOG SLEDDING**

There are loads of opportunities for dog sledding from Granite Hot Springs all the way up to Towgate Pass. Your concierge (307-732-3400) is familiar with all of 'em, give us a call and we will help you select the ride which best suites you and your schedules.

### **Granite Hot Springs**

(307-733-3300)

This is a privately maintained "good old western hot springs" that is great for soaking bones weary from your winter activities. In the winter, the hot springs are accessible by a memorable dog sledding experience or scenic snowmobile ride. Enjoy fantastic mountain views from the hot spring fed swimming pool, built in 1933 by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The water comes out of the ground at about 112°, and cold water is added so that the controlled pool temperature is about 105° in the winter. (*Directions:* Take Highway 89 south to Hoback Junction, veer east on Highway 189, follow the highway to the sign, about ten miles, and then turn north on a forest service road for another ten miles.)

[granitehotsprings.mountainmancountry.com](http://granitehotsprings.mountainmancountry.com)

### **Jackson Hole Iditarod Sled Dog Tours**

(307-733-7388)

Relive the old days of sliding over the snow in a sled pulled by a team of mushing dogs. Each trip with Jackson Hole Iditarod Sled Dog Tours is a scenic, warm ride in a modern sled. Musher-guides are always alert, willing and eager to point out wildlife: deer, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, and bald eagles. Glide to the Granite Hot Springs for a lunch and swim or one of the many other beautiful locations offered, you can even try running the team of dogs yourself! [www.jhsleddog.com](http://www.jhsleddog.com)

## **HELICOPTER SKIING**

For the expert skier, there is no thrill comparable to skiing untracked powder. The terrain is breath taking, and the runs are long and adventurous. Please contact your Clear Creek Group concierge if you are interested in heli-skiing. (307-732-3400)

## **ICE FISHING**

Bundle up, get outside, and try fishing in a totally new way: through the ice! Please call your Clear Creek Group concierge if you are interested in ice fishing. (307-732-3400)

## **ICE HOCKEY**

The Jackson Hole Moose Hockey team is a non-profit organization that competes in the Senior 'A' division of the U.S.A. Hockey Association. The competition level is full-check hockey with no holds barred action. The Moose play a 30-game home schedule on Friday and Saturday nights throughout the winter at the Snow King Center. Please call your Clear Creek Group concierge to arrange tickets (307-734-3000).

## **ICE-SKATING**

Of course we have ice-skating! Outdoor arenas include two in town and one in nearby Wilson; if you prefer indoors, try the arena at Snow King. Please contact your Clear Creek Group concierge and we can make arrangements (307-734-3000).

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## SLEIGH RIDE

### The National Elk Refuge

(307-733-0277; meet at The Visitor Center north of the Town Square on Cache Street)

Imagine taking a horse-drawn sleigh ride among an elk herd numbering in the thousands. Sleigh rides depart three or four times per hour, 10 am– 4 pm daily. Dress warmly and bring your camera to capture the magnificent elk up close 'n personal. [www.fws.gov/nationalelkrefuge](http://www.fws.gov/nationalelkrefuge)

### Private Sleigh Ride

For a private sleigh ride on the Elk Refuge, please contact your Clear Creek Group Concierge (307-732-3400). The Elk Refuge does not offer a dinner sleigh ride; please see “Dinner Sleigh Ride” in this same section.

## SKIING, SNOWBOARDING, TELEMAR SKIING

### Jackson Hole Mountain Resort

(307-733-2292)

Jackson Hole offers the best skiing in North America – *not that we're biased*. With over 2,500 skiable acres, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort has plenty of groomed runs, wide-open bowls, tree skiing, and endless acres of backcountry. Jackson Hole is known for its legendary aerial tram that carries skiers to the top of Rendezvous Mountain in just nine minutes. Jackson Hole has a world-class ski and snowboarding school with 450 instructors, 20 of which are *elite* instructors. Please see your Clear Creek Group concierge to arrange for an elite instructor (307-732-3400). [www.jacksonhole.com](http://www.jacksonhole.com)

### Kid's Ranch

(307-733-4005)

Located in the Cody House in Teton Village, the Kid's Ranch offers age-specific activities for children from 6 months to 17 years old. Experience Fort Wyoming and the Wild West Woods, an educational ski and snowboard program during the winter. [www.jacksonhole.com/info/ski.child.asp](http://www.jacksonhole.com/info/ski.child.asp)

*Wrangler Daycare*: 6 months to 2 years

*Pioneers Ski Lessons*: 3 to 4 years (beginners only)

*Rough Rider Ski Lessons*: 3 to 6 years

*Little Ripper Snowboard Lessons*: 5 to 6 years

*Explorer Ski & Snowboard Lessons*: 7 to 14 years

*The Fall Line Camp*: 13 to 18 years

*Roundup Camp*: Christmas, President's Week and Spring Break

*Kid's Night Out*: Available Most Weeks

### Ski School

(307-733-2292)

Jackson Hole Mountain Resort offers ski and snowboarding instruction for both adults and children – private and group lessons are available. [www.jacksonhole.com](http://www.jacksonhole.com)

### Telemark Camp

(307-739-2737)

This camp is for the *telemark* skier aspiring to big mountain skiing. Intermediate through expert *telemarkers* are equally challenged. The camp focuses on technique and tactics for steeper terrain, the variety of snow conditions found *off-piste*, exploring Jackson Hole's secret stashes and terrain for progressively challenging and improving skills. Personal backcountry proficiency will be explored and enhanced through beacon drills, terrain selection and a backcountry tour day. [www.jacksonhole.com/info/ski.ac.telemark.asp](http://www.jacksonhole.com/info/ski.ac.telemark.asp)

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## **Snow King Resort**

(800-552-KING [5464])

Downtown Jackson's Snow King Resort is "The Local's Ski Hill." It's located six blocks from the Town Square. It's much smaller than Jackson Hole Mountain Resort: there is one triple-chair and two-double chairs. Night skiing is offered Tuesday through Saturday from 4pm - 8pm. Day skiing: 10 am – 4 pm everyday. Snow King offers full and half day tickets as well as two and three-hour lift tickets. [www.snowking.com](http://www.snowking.com)

## **Grand Targhee**

(307-353-2300; located in Alta, Wyoming, about 1.5 hours from Jackson)

Another "best" in North America known for its powder! This ski resort is located on the "backside" of the Teton, and it's very family-friendly and usually not crowded. [www.grandtarghee.com](http://www.grandtarghee.com)

## *Telemark Skiing*

Telemark Skiing is often touted as "the world's oldest new sport." Many moons ago in Norway (1870 to be exact), telemark skiing was born. In recent years, the popularity of telemark skiing (often referred to as "tele-skiing") has grown tremendously. Like alpine downhill skiing, telemark skiing is a fun way to descent snowy terrain. The bindings are very different, however, and tele-skiers actually free the heels of their feet as they make graceful, rhythmic turns down the mountain. Many skiers prefer tele-skiing because it allows them to access backcountry terrain more efficiently. Also, if you've alpine-skied for years and years, it might be a fun, fresh challenge to learn this new style of skiing.

## **Jackson Hole Nordic Center**

(307-739-2629)

Interested in learning the art of the *tele-turn*? Jackson Hole Mountain Sports School offers lessons through their Nordic Ski School. The tele-turn takes time to master, but with the guidance of your instructor (and a dose of patience and humility), you'll learn how to make these elegant, old-world turns. Call the school to arrange for equipment rental (you'll need telemark skis and boots) as well as lessons (group and private). [www.jacksonhole.com/info/ski.nordic.asp](http://www.jacksonhole.com/info/ski.nordic.asp)

## **SNOWMOBILES**

There are wonderful opportunities for snowmobiling all over the Valley from a ride to Rock Springs south of town to riding through Yellowstone, north of town. Please contact your concierge for creating your personal adventure, guided or on your own (307-732-3400).

## **SNOWSHOE WALKS**

### **AJ Derosa's Snowshoe Tours**

(307-732-2628)

Enjoy a snowshoe or cross country trek through the Teton Valley to an Indian-like tee-pee. Once you arrive at the tee-pee, you'll warm up by the fire along the banks of the Snake River, and eat a hot, well-deserved meal. [www.woodboattours.com](http://www.woodboattours.com)

### **The Hole Hiking Experience**

(307-690-4453)

The Hole Hiking Experience offers guided snowshoe walks through Grand Teton National Park. For a self-guided trip, we would suggest Granite Canyon or Bradley-Taggart Lake – both within Grand Teton National Park. [www.holehike.com](http://www.holehike.com)

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## TUBING

### **Snow King Tube Park**

(800-552-KING [5464])

Tubing is offered for all ages in the winter at Snow King, located in town. It's a blast! You sit in a tube, a towrope pulls you up, and then you sail down – hootin' and hollerin' the whole way! Open in the winter season only.

[www.jacksonholesnowtubing.com](http://www.jacksonholesnowtubing.com)

## WILDLIFE VIEWING

Winter wildlife viewing is magical. Take your pick from a snow coach, snowmobile, dog sled, sleigh, cross country skiing or snow shoeing there are many ways to see wildlife in Jackson Hole, Grand Teton National Park and Yellowstone. Here are three of our favorite winter guides, each offering a wonderful winter menu and very different experiences. You are welcome to speak with them directly or feel free to contact your Clear Creek Group concierge who will customize your winter wildlife adventure (307-732-3400).

### **Ana's Grand Excursions**

(307-690-6106)

Ana Rode specializes in small private tours that are educational, entertaining and memorable. Great for families that want to learn and have fun too. [www.anasgrandexcursions.com](http://www.anasgrandexcursions.com)

### **Hole Hiking Experience**

(307.690.4453)

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[www.holehike.com](http://www.holehike.com)

### **Triangle C Snowcoach Tours**

(800-661-9428; 3737 Highway 26, Dubois, Wyoming)

The journey begins with a breakfast at the Jackson Hole Playhouse followed by a drive north through Grand Teton National Park to the south entrance of Yellowstone. To experience Yellowstone in rustic elegance, the Snowcoach has leather seats, large viewing windows, low noise level and a unique comfortable ride, in an over-the-snow vehicle. Sit back and be chauffeured by an experienced, knowledgeable guide, and enjoy their stories and information that bring to life the park's history, geology and ecological interactions. [www.trianglec.com](http://www.trianglec.com)

## WINTER CAMPING

Imagine yourself here, warm and comfortable on your own winter camping adventure. Winter is a great time to explore the mountains because there are so few people out there. Gone are the crowds and bugs of the summer months. Winter offers the opportunity to observe nature in a peaceful blanket of snow.

With private, customized winter camping trips in Grand Teton National Park or the Jedediah Smith Wilderness, you can learn how to build a *quinzee*, *quigloo*, or snow cave, as well as how to stay warm and comfortable living in the outdoors. The camps have to access good powder skiing or rolling touring terrain. Winter camping trips can also be combined with a *yurt* trip to offer you both experiences. Please contact your Clear Creek Group concierge to customize an overnight or day trip for you. (307-732-3400)

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## YOGA RETREATS

### **Connect Retreats**

(307-690-4453)

With a mission to inspire and connect people to their spirits, their bodies and to nature. “When we lose touch with nature, with the wilderness, with our spirit, we have lost touch with ourselves.” These retreats and classes allow the time, space and support needed to foster and nurture your inner spirit. Once you learn the tools, your spirit will flow like a river, and you will travel with the current. A combination of leadership skills, experience and talent make up Connect Retreats. Learn how to connect and grow and with this new found energy, you can lead a more blissful and centered life. [www.connectretreats.com](http://www.connectretreats.com)

### **Custom Yoga Retreats and Teachers**

Winter is a wonderful time to combine health, fitness and well being in Jackson Hole. Contact your Clear Creek Group concierge and we will customize a winter yoga retreat with personal chef and trainers for you on the slopes, trails on your private home (307-732-3400).

## YURTS

### **Rendezvous Backcountry Tours**

(307-353-2900)

You’ll discover winter solace, untracked powder, and the adventure of a lifetime when you embark on a backcountry *yurt* trip. You’ll ascend and descend slopes all day, and then spend the evening in a cozy yurt as you relax over a hearty meal. Established in 1986, Rendezvous Backcountry Tours offers day tours and overnight trips for alpine and *telemark* skiing, cross-country skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing in the Grand Tetons. [www.skithetons.com](http://www.skithetons.com)