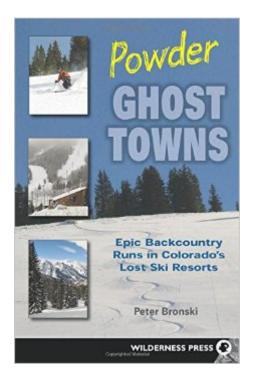
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Powder Ghost Towns: Epic Backcountry Runs In Colorado's Lost Ski Resorts





Synopsis

In its heyday, Colorado had more than 175 ski areas operating on the slopes of the Rocky Mountains, and while many of those resorts have shut down, their runs still shelter secret stashes of snow. Pristine slopes await backcountry powder hounds out to discover these chutes and steeps, bunny hills and bumps. Chronicling the history of more than 36 of these "lost resorts," Powder Ghost Towns provides the beta for how to ski and board these classic runs today, with comprehensive information on trailheads, where to skin up, and the best descents. Coverage ranges from southern Wyoming's Medicine Bow Mountains to the Colorado-New Mexico border, including famous old resorts like Hidden Valley in Rocky Mountain National Park.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I love reading about the history of these places. Some of them were still going when I was learning to ski. Good history, good local flavor. I haven't skiiied any of them as I'm mostly interested in the history - I may hike some in the Summer.

If you ski or snowboard this is a must read. The author does a great job of including not only a detailed description of the area but also history and pictures. Good book. Buy it. Read it. Shred it!

Informative book, good read. Lots of information about local ski hills that have since been shut down. Was able to track down some nice powder

This is a decent guidebook on backcountry skiing in the front range. Its a little inconsistent with the avalanche danger info. The author lists degree of avalanche danger on a couple of the tours, but not most. I understand the author cannot access risk for each person reading the book, but it would be nice to know what you're getting into. Compare this to Hanscomb's books on the wasatch and its definitely missing something.On the other hand, I like the SNOTEL references and history of each ski area. Routefinding is described well in the book.

Like I said this is a great book for someone looking to do back country skiing in our beautiful Colorado mountains! Very detailed with good maps and directions, it also describes what you will be getting into difficulty wise with the up trip and down trip both.

This is a super book--well-researched, dependable info, engaging stories, and helpful maps. A must-own for any Colorado skier or adventurer!

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