



Beginner FAQs

Are you a First-timer at Porters or a Beginner Skier? These are the most commonly asked questions:

What will it cost me?

Packages start at \$95, see rates for details.

What does a beginner's package consist of?

Full ski or snowboard hire, a 2 hour lesson and beginner's lift pass.

What about if I have skied once before?

For the same price you get a lesson on the intermediate slope, it's called a second time package.

What if I want to go further up?

You can upgrade your beginner's ticket after 12.30 pm to an all lift pass (adult \$10, child \$5)

What do I need to wear?

Gloves, Jacket, Ski Pants, hat, sun glasses and sometimes goggles.

What can I hire at Porters?

Skis/snowboards, boots, poles, jackets & pants

What can I buy at Porters?

Sun block, sun glasses, hats, goggles, cheap & expensive gloves, fleece jackets, badges and other accessories.

Is there a cafe?

Yes, there is a licenced cafe with a warm fireplace, hot and cold food plus a food caravan on busy days.

How do I get there?

Daily shuttle service from CHC with Snowwork Shuttles, or Atomic Shuttles - see 'Getting Here' for details.

What do I do when I get there?

Go to the ticket office, buy your beginner's package or lift pass, get your hire equipment, go to the beginner's area and wait for your lesson.

When is the lesson?

The first beginner's group lesson is at 10.00am. The afternoon group lessons start at 1.00pm. You can have a private lesson any time during the day. See under Ski School for details.

Do I have to book for the lesson?

No, just turn up at the ticket office at least half an hour before the lesson starts.

What do I do after the lesson?

Have a drink & a bite to eat, and practise for the rest of the afternoon.

Can I watch my children if I don't ski?

Yes, you can see from the veranda of the Cafe to the Beginner's Area and watch them from there, or with good walking boots you can watch in the area.

Is there a crèche for infants?

No, but we do have lessons for kids starting from 5 year olds.

When do the lifts open/close?

The lifts open at 9 am and close at 4 pm.

What if I want to drive up there?

The road is good most of the time, but you need to carry chains, just in case it snows and settles on the road. If you have a 4 wheel drive you should be ok 98% of the time. It's easy access but drive with care. There is no chain service at Porters so they need to be hired from Christchurch or Darfield.

How do I get there?

Follow State Highway 73 from Yaldhurst, either through Darfield or down the Old West Coast road to Sheffield and Springfield, over Porter's Pass and past Lake Lyndon, then you get to the turn off, with big signs on the side of the road, you can't miss it. From the main turn off it's another 9 km on shingle road. This is the main road to Arthur's Pass and the West Coast.

Is there a shuttle from the bottom of the mountain?

Porters offer a FREE shuttle service from the chain fitting area. Please book by email or phone if you require the shuttle mid week or outside holidays.

What if I want to stay on the mountain?

There is a 40 bed Lodge on the mountain. We advise to book in advance. See contact details under accommodation.

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