

## **SNOWMASS POINTS OF INTEREST**

***The Ball Park:*** Due to the huge flat on the trail that is as big as a ball park.

***Belly Grabber Pitch:*** Jim Snobble was quoted in Time magazine as saying, in reference to a pitch at the end of an easy catwalk, that it was a real belly grabber. The name seemed to stick.

***Burlingame Flats:*** Named after Dr. Burlingame who owned the old Ericson homestead. Location of the Race arena facilities.

***Dead Horse Park:*** Named for the old dead horse skeleton that was found in the park.

***Divide Parking Lot (Sheep Camp):*** Due to the fact that the road drops over the Divide at this point. Used to be an old sheepcamp.

***Easter Island:*** Named by Tom Marshall due to the many dead spars in the area that have the appearance of an island, which made it look like the statues of Easter Island.

***Four Point Cap:*** Named for the big four-point buck that was seen in the vicinity.

## **SNOWMASS TRAIL & AREA NAMES**

***Assay Hill:*** Assay is an old mining term, but another reason being the same as Fanny Hill.

***Alpine Springs:*** Named for the many springs found at the top of this area.

***The Big Burn:*** Named due to fire that burned across the area in the 1880's.

***Burlingame:*** Named after Dr. Burlingame, who owned a piece of the property that the lift is on. The original homestead was settled by August Ericson.

***Campground:*** Named after the Forest service campground at the base of this area.

***The Cirque:*** Named during the touring days due to its physical features. A cirque is a deep, steep-walled basin shaped like a half bowl, on a mountain.

***Couloir Area:*** Couloir is a mountaineering term used to describe a steep, rock-sided chute, usually choked with ice or hard snow. Named for the many couloirs to the east of the area.

***Elk Camp:*** An old elk calving ground, where elk spent the spring. Was a popular hunting area in the fall when elk herds were moving back down to lower country, and certain local hunters set up camp in the area each year.

**Fanny Hill:** Penny Oneigan gave it the name due to the fact that the beginner hill has a lot of fannies that sit down on it in the winter.

**Funnel:** Hal Hartman Sr. named this area because of the funneling effect of the trail system.

**Hanging Valley:** Named by Hal Hartman, Sr. during the touring days describing its physical features. A hanging valley is a tributary valley that joins a main valley where the latter has been deepened, usually by glacial erosion, resulting in a steep drop from the floor of the tributary valley to the floor of the main valley.

**Sam's Knob:** Named after Sam Stapleton, a local rancher who still lives in the valley on Owl Creek Road.

**Wood Run:** Named after the housing development. Previously known as the swamp lift due to the lower terminal location.

## **SNOWMASS SKI TRAIL NAMES**

**Adams Avenue:** Changed from Village Bound in 1983 after local resident Harlan Adams made a sizeable donation to the Aspen Foundation.

**Art's Ulcer:** Named after Art Kuen who was building the lift and Art Bowles who took over the lift line clearing. Jim Snobble tells it was an especially bad place to work.

**Banzai Ridge:** Jim Snobble tells that many yelled Banzai when they skied it. There was also a tree on the trail that reminded Jim of a Bonsai tree, this was misunderstood and corrupted to Banzai Tree, hence Banzai ridge to tour skiers.

**Bear Bottom:** A bear was sighted in the area of the trail.

**Bear Claw:** Due to the many bear-claw marks on the trees along this trail.

**Blue Grouse:** Named after the birds that were seen in the area.

**Bottoms Up:** Named because of its being a side hill that upended so many skiers.

**Bull Run:** Named after the bull elk in the area.

**Cabin Trail:** Named after the Burlingame Cabin there.

**Campground:** Named because of the Forest Service campground at the bottom of this area. The long flat in the trail is named Tee Pee Flats from the tour days when the timber was stacked in piles that looked like an Indian Village. The pitch after the flat is called Forest Fire Pitch, as they had a fire get away into the trees when the trail was being cleared in the early days.

**Camp Three:** Named for the trail crew led by Roger Baker who set up a camp there in deep snow and miserable weather, when they were clearing the Couloirs lift line.

**Coffee Pot:** Another of the early touring trails. Named after an old camp in the vicinity that had a coffeepot hanging on a tree.

**Coney Glade:** Named because of the many rock Coney's (ground hogs) that live there.

**Coyote Hollow:** Named because of coyotes observed in the area.

**Dallas Freeway:** During the early snowcat tours, a Tucker snowcat packed a trail down the Big Burn, so they could see how it would ski as a packed area. The Dallas Ski Club came for a deep powder tour, but when they discovered the packed trail, that was all they wanted to ski, therefore the name Dallas Freeway.

**Dawdler:** Named due to its easy terrain.

**The Edge:** Chosen as being descriptive of the sharp drop off of cliffs to the East of this trail in High Alpine.

**Fast Draw:** Named because it is a fast, narrow direct route off the Knob (also fits Western theme).

**Free Fall:** Named for its steepness and its Couloirs theme.

**Funnel:** Named for its funneling effect.

**Garret Gulch:** Named by Don Rayburn, the first guide on snowcat tours, after the fabulous Garret in Aspen. It was originally called Max's Draw.

**Glissade:** A mountain climbing term meaning to slide down a snowy slope, chosen by trail crew and area management.

**Granite:** Named after all the rock that had to be dozed to make the trail.

**Green Cabin:** Named after the old touring cabin that sat beside the old touring trail.

**Grey Wolf:** Named after the Grey Wolf. Ties in with the wildlife theme and not hard to visualize outlined against the skyline above the ridge.

**Gunners View:** Named because of the view from the avalanche platform, and because it was a popular ridge to hike for elk and deer hunters.

**Hal's Hollow:** Named after Hal Hartman Sr.

**Hanging Valley Wall & Hanging Valley Glades:** Named during the touring days describing their physical characteristics.

**K.T. Gully:** Named K.T. Gully due to the Dick Wall's famous skiing descent by kick-turning his way down.

**Log Deck:** Named after the many decks of logs that were in the trail area.

**Lodgepole:** Named after the species of tree that is prevalent on the trail.

**Lunchline:** Named because it takes people into Sam's Knob lift line and back up to Sam's Knob Restaurant.

**Lunkerville:** Jim Snobble says, "As I recall this one, we used to go through here while bushwhacking and there was so much water and it was a rather natural hollow. So we talked often of building and stocking ponds that I described as being our own private Lunkerville for the future. I still hope to see it done some day.

**Max Park:** Named after an old timer.

**Mick's Gully:** Named after Mick Strong, one of the original guides on the snowcat tours. Mick was also a long time Ski Patrolman on Aspen Mountain.

**Monkshood:** Named after a wildflower, of the same name, it was a necessary trail for skiers to return from the bottom of the Big Burn lift to the Village.

**Moonshine & Velvet Falls:** Names of two whitewater rapids that were chosen from a trail-naming contest.

**Naked Lady:** One of the early touring trails. Hal Hartman Sr. was in charge of the trail crew and had Sheriff Herwick's son working for him. One day Herwick (Jr.) brought a Playboy magazine with him, taping the centerfold to a tree, shocking Hal a bit, hence the name Naked Lady.

**Pipeline:** Because of the way it leads into Max Park.

**Powderhorn:** Selected by Darcy Brown, former ASC President, from a list of trail names.

**Promenade:** Named because of the promenading effect of the skiers under the lift.

**Reidar's:** In memory of Snowmass Ski Patrolman, Reidar Lundh.

**Roberto's:** Named in memory of Snowmass Ski Patrolman, Roberto Gasperal.

**Rock Island:** Named due to the prominent rock formation located near the entrance that resembles an island.

**Sandy Park:** Named after Sandy Sabbatini and Dick Parker who had a hunting camp in the area for many years.

**Scooper:** Name selected by the ASC marketing department to denote an easy trail.

**Sheer Bliss:** Named for the Bliss chipper that was used to clear the lift line, and "Sheer" fits the Couloirs theme, therefore, Sheer Bliss.

**Showcase:** Skiers are in a showcase situation when skiing under the lift.

**Slider:** Another name chosen by the marketing department to denote an easy trail.

**Slot:** The Slot was a natural rockslide clearing down the face of the Knob. It was named in the touring days.

**Sneaky's:** Named after former Area Manager Jim Snobble.

**Sunnyside:** Because of its easterly exposure, the sun shines much of the day.

**Timberline:** Named for the treeline, where the trail starts.

**Trestle:** Taken from an old railroad term, because of the bridge built for ski and construction in the fall of 1974 to span the narrow, lower sharp defile of Garret Gulch.

**Turkey Trot:** Named after the turkeys sighted in the area.

**Ute Chute:** Named for its chute like effect and the former Indian inhabitants here.

**West Face:** Named for the west-face of Garret Gulch, and fits the couloirs theme.

**Whispering Jesse:** Named in honor of Jesse Caparella, a Snowmass Lift Director who has been involved in much of the construction of lifts at Snowmass and NEVER WHISPERS!

**Wildcat Trail:** Named for the fact that it faces the Wildcat area.

**Zugspitze:** Named after the mountain in Europe when Aspen became sister cities with Garmisch in the 1960's and trail names were exchanged between the two cities.