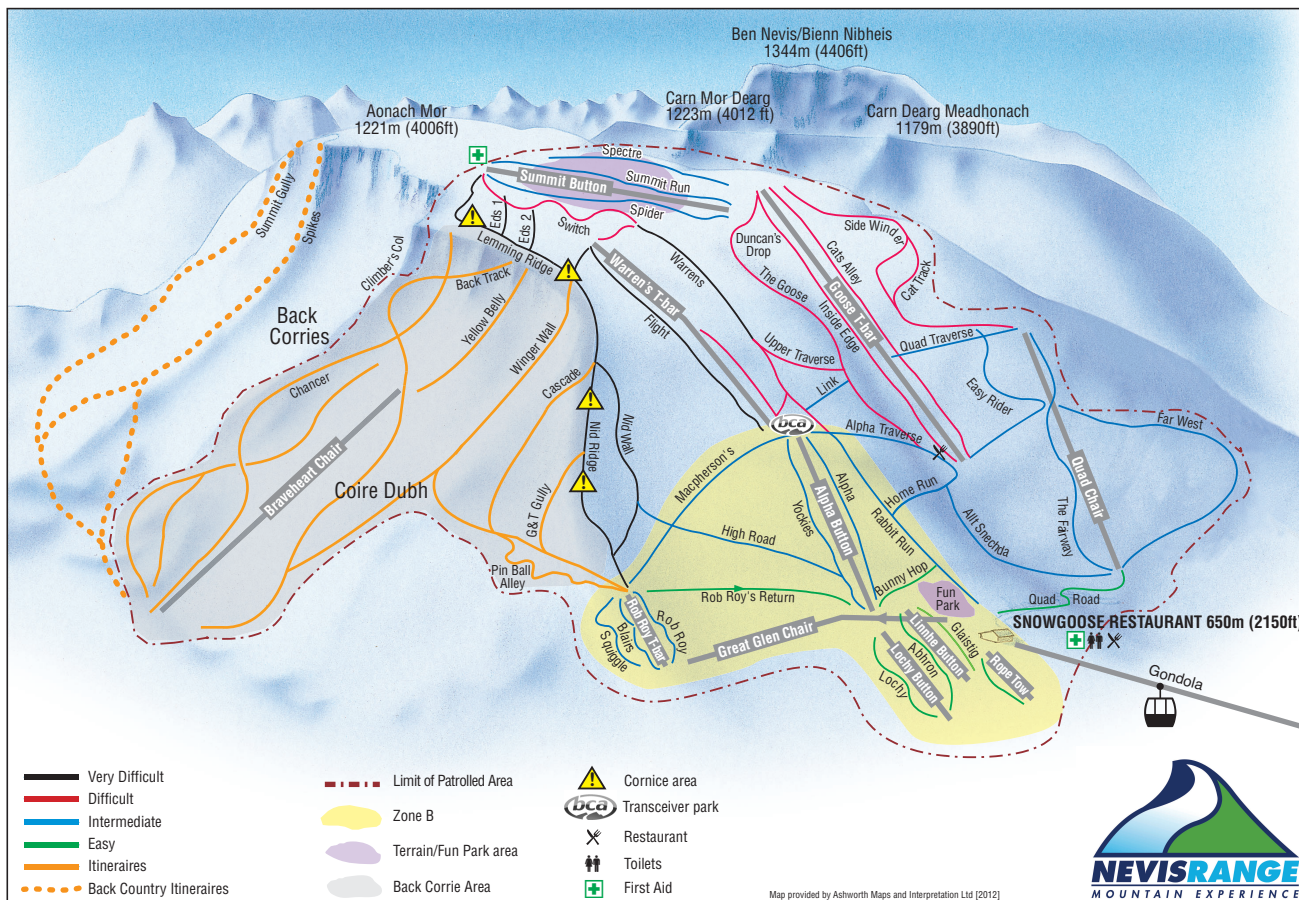




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A warm welcome to Nevis Range. We hope you enjoy your time here on the slopes, please take note of the following information for your maximum enjoyment and safety.

Whilst on the slopes please follow the **F.I.S. Code of Conduct** at all times:

- 1 Respect others:** behave in such a way that you do not endanger others.
- 2 Ski / snowboard in control:** taking account of conditions, ability and terrain.
- 3 Choose a safe route:** take account of all mountain users around you.
- 4 Overtaking:** give the overtaken skier room to manoeuvre.
- 5 Look both ways:** when starting, entering a run or setting off after stopping, do so safely and look both ways.
- 6 Stopping on the piste:** avoid stopping in narrow places or where visibility is restricted. Always move to the side of the piste when you stop.
- 7 Climbing and descending on foot:** always keep to the side of the piste.
- 8 Obey all signs and markers:** they are posted for your safety, failure to do so may result in withdrawal of your ticket.
- 9 At accidents:** you are duty bound to assist.
- 10 Witness:** should you witness an accident it is your duty to assist with information.

BACK CORRIE AREA

WHAT IS IT? The Back Corries at Nevis Range includes the off-piste **Coire Dubh** - which is within the ski area, as well as the back country **Summit Corrie** and **Coire an Lochan** - which are outwith the ski area.

Coire Dubh

- Coire Dubh, within the ski area, is designated as an off-piste bowl, accessible from the main ski area, with named itineraries. [From 2012/13 winter.]
- Entrances from the Nid Ridge are steep and often corniced. Cornices above and snow conditions within Coire Dubh vary significantly, sometimes rapidly ie hourly, and also differ from other parts of the mountain. Localised and widespread unstable snow deposits are common, and avalanches are possible. Walking may be required to return to the main ski area.
- Individual skiers and boarders are responsible for their own decisions and actions entering Coire Dubh. At all times safe access is your personal responsibility and at your own risk.
- The Braveheart chair is located within the Coire Dubh off-piste bowl and solely provides access within Corrie Dubh and to the extensive Back Corries area. Consequently, it is suitable for equipped and experienced back country and off-piste users only.
- Like internationally recognised itineraries, the Coire Dubh itineraries are overseen by Ski Patrol, though in a more limited way than the front of the mountain.

IS IT FOR ME? Those venturing off-piste or back country should consider the following:

- Skiing and boarding ability** - at least competent black run skiers or boarders.
 - Mountain awareness** - appropriately experienced and equipped to look after themselves in a challenging and remote winter mountain environment. This includes aspects of route finding, route choice, hazard identification and avoidance.
 - Avalanche awareness** - Nevis Range recommends that all skiers and boarders accessing the Nevis Range Back Corries or venturing into any back country terrain understand the benefits of, and are able to use, a transceiver, probe and shovel.
- Clinics, Workshops and Guiding sessions are held throughout the winter; details on the website.

DESIGNATIONS OF THE ITINERAIRES?

The Coire Dubh itineraries will commonly be designated as 'Limited Patrol' cover, but may also at times be designated 'Open' or 'Closed'. This will be reported in the daily Snow Report and on the onsite screens.

- Limited Patrol** - The Coire Dubh itineraries are accessible for appropriately experienced and equipped skiers and boarders venturing off-piste. Limited Patrol activities include assessing conditions and posting notifications of hazards. Ski Patrol will assist anyone in difficulty or who has become injured however, being off-piste, this is likely to be complicated and time consuming. Ski Patrol will not normally sweep itineraries at the end of the day.
- Open** - The Coire Dubh itineraries are considered favourably accessible for advanced users, although still designated as off-piste. Patrol cover will be like the rest of the main ski area.
- Closed** - The Coire Dubh itineraries are considered unacceptably dangerous for any users. They are therefore out of bounds if being accessed by ticket holders. Tickets will be removed from any skier or snowboarder accessing the area when it is closed.

MORE INFORMATION AND ADVICE?

Nevis Range recommends that skiers and boarders seek up-to-date information before venturing off-piste or back country. Nevis Range provides Snow Reports on a daily basis. The sportsScotland Avalanche Information Service (SAIS) provides daily Avalanche Reports. Nevis Range Ski Patrol are available to provide local information within the resort.

ANYTHING ELSE TO KNOW?

There is a long traverse leading out of the Back Corries to the main ski area, which may involve hiking out.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

The main entry points can be reached via Switch from the top of the Summit Button or Lemming Ridge (depending on conditions). Alternatively, some Back Corrie runs can be reached via Warren's T-bar.

Summit Corrie and Coire an Lochan

- The Summit Coire and Coire an Lochan are designated as Back Country and are accessed after walking across the plateau. These back country itineraries are not assessed by Ski Patrol although information is normally available from Ski Patrol.

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