

# Nova Guides

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## Why Choose Nova Guides?

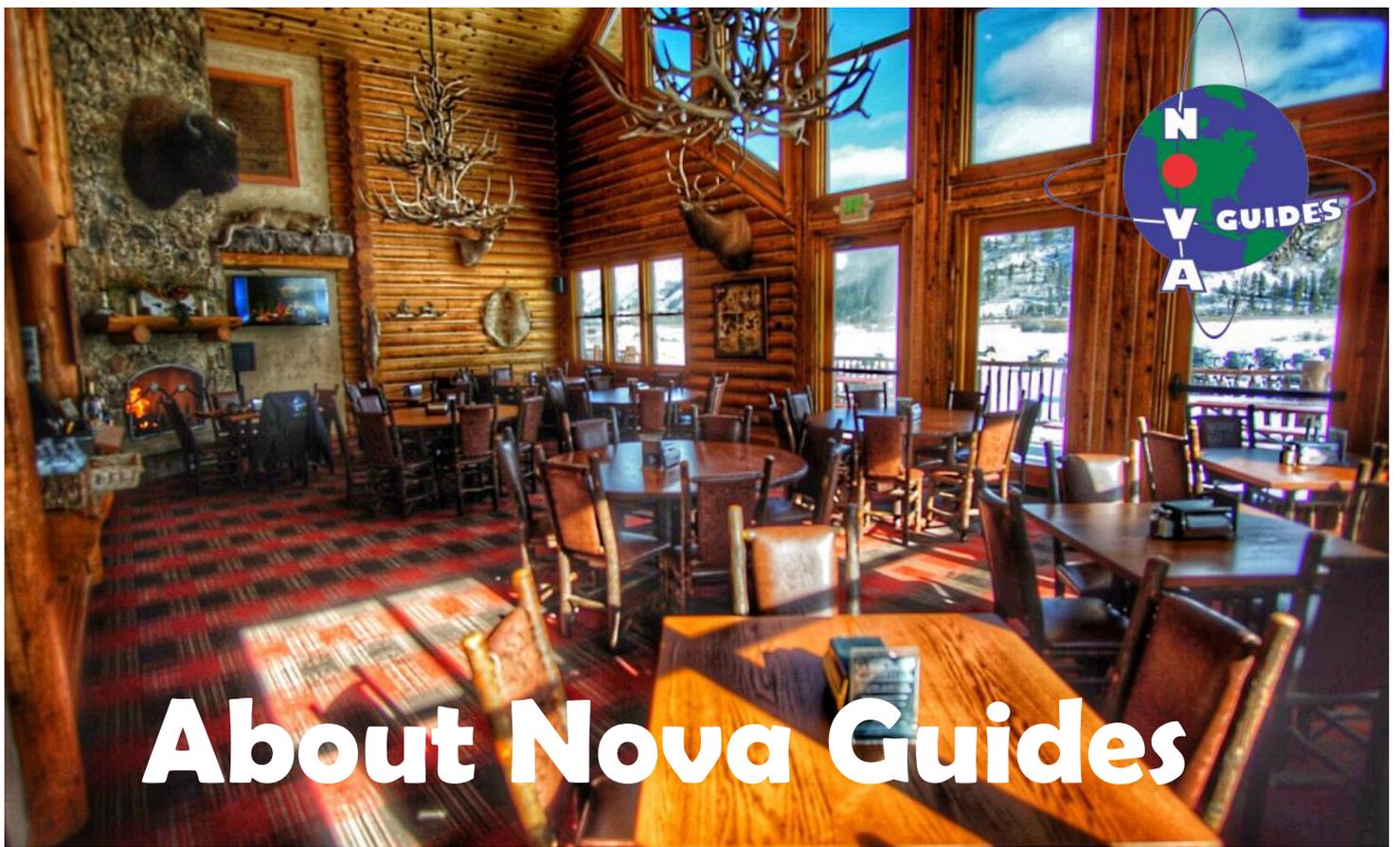
- We hold permits on the largest and highest elevation trail system in the state of Colorado. Reaching the Continental Divide at over 12,500 feet, with views of 4 mountain ranges. Our winter trail system spans across 55,000 acres with over 100 miles of groomed trails and a plethora of freeride meadows.
- We've got your gear covered! Snowsuits, snow boots, and helmets are included with all guided tours.
- Nova Guides is located at Historic Camp Hale. An added value to all our tours and rentals is the history of the 10th Mountain Division and connects us to the history of the Vail Valley and American ski industry.
- Transportation is complimentary with a guided tour when you are staying in the locations of Vail, Avon, Beaver Creek, & Edwards. Transportation to and from Summit County locations is complimentary with 6 or more guests.
- Nova Guides has a 6,000 square foot lodge with a restaurant and REAL bathrooms; it is a comfortable place to come and visit.
- Our guides are experienced and professionally trained. Each guide is certified in 1st Aid and CPR.
- We provide our guests with top of the line machinery. We operate with 2020 & 2021 Ski Doo Snowmobiles, including handlebar warmers for drivers and passengers.



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# About Nova Guides

Nova Guides has been Vail's premier year-round outdoor recreation company for over 36 years; serving Vail, Beaver Creek, Avon, Copper Mountain, Frisco, Keystone, Breckenridge, and Leadville. Locally owned and operated, Nova Guides and our professional staff are committed to providing our guests with outstanding customer service and memories to last a lifetime.

Operating under special permits in and around the White River National Forest, our access to remote and scenic areas is unsurpassed by any other outfitter. This expansive territory gives us tremendous versatility and the flexibility to customize any trip to meet our guests' abilities and personal preferences.

What sets us apart from other outfitters is our facilities at Camp Hale. Boasting a 6,000 square foot lodge and our own signature restaurant, McAllister's Grill, we are able to offer lunch along with our morning, mid-day, and full day snowmobile and snowcoach tours. We can also provide buffet or family style dinner options for larger groups.

We are nestled in the Pando Valley, surrounded by majestic mountain peaks and a rich cultural history which our guides love to teach on your tour. Please read more on the Pando Valley / Camp Hale, former training grounds of the 10th Mountain Division on the next page. We also offer rental cabins onsite, with extraordinary views and access to trails just steps out your front door.

Our qualified, year-round guides are ready to give you the experience of a lifetime. Whether you are riding a snowmobile for the first time, enjoying the spectacular views from our heated and enclosed snowcoach, or charging through powder fields on a high performance snowmobile tour. Our professional guides are sure to provide a safe and extraordinary experience that you'll never forget!

**Call us today and set up your Colorado adventures!**



# 10th Mountain Division History at Camp Hale



The Pando Valley was originally homesteaded in the 1890s and had been used for ranching until the army acquired it in 1942. The valley met all the requirements for the army's training camp: it was large enough to support 15,000 troops; it sat at a high elevation of about 9,200 feet, with easy access to 12,000-foot mountains; the Eagle River provided a reliable water source; and Highway 24 and the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad facilitated transportation to and from the camp. Built in the Pando Valley north of Leadville in 1942, Camp Hale served as the training grounds for the US Army's Tenth Mountain Division during World War II. Troops learned to ski, snowshoe, and climb at the camp; allowing them to perform important operations in northern Italy in early 1945. Many soldiers who trained at the camp later played a crucial role in developing the ski industry in America. Most Colorado ski areas including Aspen, Vail, and Loveland—trace their origins to the Tenth Mountain Division, as do many other ski areas across the country.

The army began construction of the camp in April 1942. Named Camp Hale, in honor of former Brigadier General Irving Hale, a Denver native, the camp occupied 1,456.8 acres of the Pando Valley floor. The army had to rechannel the meandering Eagle River and several tributaries through the valley to drain the site so that the camp could be built. Highway 24 was also rerouted around the camp. After the war, Camp Hale saw occasional military use but was officially deactivated in 1965 and transferred to the White River National Forest for rehabilitation and recreational use.

Today Camp Hale serves as the home base for Nova Guides! Come learn more exciting information about the 10th Mountain Division, Camp Hale, Colorado, Wildlife, and MORE!!!





# Top of the Rockies



Looking for a fast-paced snowmobile experience? The National Historic Site of Camp Hale offers access to the largest commercial trail system available inside the White River National Forest. This is an adventure seeker's dream! We have access to endless miles of maintained trails and open play areas, offering full day and half-day guided tours. You will experience spectacular 360 degree panoramic views of the four surrounding mountain ranges, Colorado's highest peaks and the Continental Divide. The morning half-day and the full-day trip include lunch at our signature restaurant, McAllister's Grill.

## Top of the Rockies Tours:

**Morning Tour with Lunch: 8:00 am—2:00 pm**  
**\$280 / Driver    \$65 / Passenger**

**Afternoon Tour : 12:30 pm—5:30 pm**  
**\$265 / Driver    \$50 / Passenger**

**Full Day Tour with Lunch: 8:00 am—4:30 pm**  
**\$395 / Driver    \$55 / Passenger**

Guided tours include helmets. Snow boots available if needed.

Must be 14 years or older to drive when accompanied by an adult. Children 9 years & older can ride as a passenger.

**A \$10 Forest Service Fee is charged per person on all tours, in addition to the cost of the tour.**





# Tigiwon Tours



Join us on our popular two hour guided snowmobile tours just outside of Minturn, at our Tigiwon location. Enjoy a Rocky Mountain backcountry adventure into the White River National Forest. These trips are great for the whole family. Guests will experience a scenic snowmobile tour starting at an elevation of 8,000 feet and climbing to 10,500 feet; soak in views of Vail's Back Bowls, Notch Mountain, the Continental Divide, and three surrounding mountain ranges. Tours include a hot beverage and a cookie inside our warming hut halfway through the trip. Tigiwon trips are perfect for families and children 8 & under are only \$25. Passengers must be at least 2 years of age, and guests 14 years and older can drive.

## Tigiwon Tour Times:

Morning Tour: 8:30 am—12:30 pm

Midday Tour: 11:00 am—3:00 pm

*(Available December 21st—January 10th)*

Afternoon Tour: 1:30 pm—5:30 pm

\*Late February additional tour:

Sunset Tour: 3:00 pm—7:00 pm

## Pricing for ALL Tigiwon Tours

**\$175 / Driver    \$60 / Passenger**

**\$25 / 8 year old's and younger**

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# Snow Coach



Enjoy Colorado's backcountry from our 13 passenger, heated and enclosed, four-track snowcoach. This is the perfect way to experience the back country in luxury. This adventure takes you throughout the White River National Forest beginning at historic Camp Hale. We will leave the valley floor and climb to an elevation of 12,000, feet where you will experience breath taking views. You won't want to forget your camera. Our morning and mid-day tours include lunch at our Lodge.

## Scenic Snow Coach Tours:

**A \$10 Forest Service Fee is charged per person on all tours, in addition to the cost of the tour.**

**Morning Tour with Lunch: 8:00 am—12:30 pm**

**\$150 / Adult \$125 / Child (7-12 years) \$65 / Child (6 & younger)**

**Midday Tour with Lunch : 11:00 am—3:30 pm**

**\$150 / Adult \$125 / Child (7-12 years) \$65 / Child (6 & younger)**

**Afternoon Tour: 1:30 pm—5:30 pm**

**\$140 / Adult \$120 / Child (7-12 years) \$60 / Child (6 & younger)**





# High Performance



Take your snowmobiling adventure to the next level on a Nova Guides' High Performance Tour. Whether you live in the mountains or have dreamed of being here, we invite you to climb upon a 2021 Ski Doo 600cc & NEW this year 850cc Summits. Head out with the Valley's most experienced guides and learn how to "truly" snowmobile. As you traverse the slopes and drift over the powder fields you'll be playing in the bowls like a pro. High Performance Tours are out of our Camp Hale location with 55,000 acres of terrain, reaching 12,500 feet in elevation. \*There

## High Performance Tour Times:

**Morning Tour w/ Lunch: 8:00 am—2:00 pm**  
**\$400 / Driver 600cc \$475 / Driver 850cc**

**Afternoon Tour : 12:30 pm—5:30 pm**  
**\$375 / Driver 600cc \$450 / Driver 850cc**

**Full Day Tour w/ Lunch: 8:00 am—4:30pm**  
**\$500 / Driver 600cc \$575 / Driver 850cc**

**A \$10 Forest Service Fee is charged per person on all tours, in addition to the cost of the tour.**

Guided tours include helmets, snowsuits, & snow boots

Must be 16 years or older to drive a high performance snowmobile.



# Unguided Rentals



At our Camp Hale location you can choose to rent your own snowmobile. We'll provide you proper safety and operating instructions and a map of the area so you can enjoy the freedom of the Colorado backcountry. Our Ski Doo trail sleds are comfortably suitable for one or two people and you can explore endless miles of pristine trails. Explore the back country at your own pace and ability on our High Performance Ski Doo 600cc or 850cc Summits.

\*High Performance Rentals will require a \$1,000 authorization hold per snowmobile

\*\*Insurance is available for \$50 per snowmobile and grants a \$1,500 deductible

## 1 Hour Rental:

- Single Rider: \$120
- Double Rider: \$150
- High Performance 600: \$150
- High Performance 850: \$275

## 4 Hour Rental

- Single Rider: \$240
- Double Rider: \$300
- High Performance 600: \$300
- High Performance 850: \$400

## 2 Hour Rental:

- Single Rider: \$160
- Double Rider: \$195
- High Performance 600: \$195
- High Performance 850: \$300

## 8 Hour Rental:

- Single Rider: \$375
- Double Rider: \$450
- High Performance 600: \$475
- High Performance 850: \$550



# Additional Information



**Private Tours:** We can make any tour a private tour for \$300.00 additional for Top of the Rockies tours and \$200.00 additional for Tigiwon Tours. Private transportation is available for an additional \$300.00 door to door. A dedicated van transfer and guides for your private group will make for a quality group excursion.

**Snowmobile Insurance For Guided Tours -** For negligent damage to the snowmobile, insurance costs \$20.00 per snowmobile and comes with a \$750.00 deductible. Any damages exceeding \$750.00 are covered by Nova Guides. Not necessary for passengers. Insurance must be purchased prior to the tour start.

Damages done to unguided rentals or uninsured guided snowmobiles will be charged the full repair amount to the authorized credit card on file the day of the incident. Insurance is not offered for unguided rentals. There is a \$1,000 credit card authorization for High Performance Rentals.

## Youth Lap

Children love driving our Polaris XC 120 around our lap track. This is perfect for children 4 to 10 years of age, max weight is 80lbs. Reservations are not required. You can drive out to our Camp Hale location, which is 30 minutes from Vail, Beaver Creek and Avon. 15 minutes (minimum).





# McAllister's Grill

Restaurant open to the public

Enjoy lunch in the heart of the Rocky Mountains at 9,200' in elevation. Only 15 miles from Vail and Beaver Creek down scenic highway 24. Pass the ghost town of Gilman and catch a glimpse of Red Cliff's "Green Bridge" as you cruise to the Pando Valley. Lunch seating is available inside or outside with views of Resolution Peak and Machine Gun Ridge.

Located in the heart of Camp Hale, former training grounds for the 10th Mountain Division, we are surrounded by majestic mountain peaks and a rich cultural history. Boasting a 6,000 square foot lodge and our own signature restaurant, McAllister's Grill is open to the public daily and provides lunch to many of our touring guests. Enjoy Camp Hale Buffalo Burgers, Pando Chicken Sandwiches, Salads, Local Micro Brewery Beer, Wine, 10th Mountain Spirits and much more!

McAllister's Grill also caters to large groups, corporate events, private dinners and weddings. Call and ask to speak with the sales staff to customize your event!

## *Camp Hale Weddings*

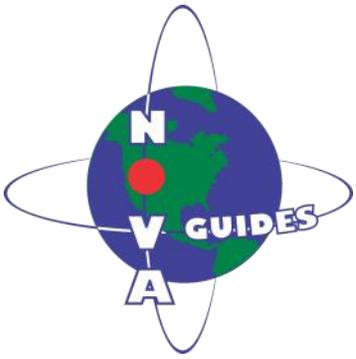
Vail's newest wedding venue at historic Camp Hale.  
Weddings from June through October at 9,200'.  
Ceremony island on our private lake.



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# What to Wear & Bring



## FOR ALL SNOWMOBILING:

A helmet will be provided for you.

Snowmobiling is an active outdoor sport, it is important to be dressed accordingly. Dress in warm ski gear and wear under layers the way you would for skiing. Don't forget to bring your hat, gloves or mittens,

neck gaiter or scarf, goggles or sunglasses. Please dress in warm layers as the weather can change quickly and dramatically.

**\*Due to COVID19 we will no longer offer snowsuits or snow boots to customers. Please be prepared and bring your own winter clothing.**



## SNOW COACH TOURS:

We recommend that you bring a warm jacket, warm hat, gloves, sunglasses, and boots as you will have the chance to get out and take photographs.

