



Experience the natural wonder of winter in our canyons. Cottonwood Canyons Foundation, a Salt Lake City based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, in partnership with the Salt Lake Ranger District and the area Ski Resorts, offers many free winter education programs in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. Join us as we experience the winter environment through our Snowshoe with a Naturalist Program or join us on skis or a snowboard with our Tour With a Ranger program at Alta, Brighton, Snowbird or Solitude.

Led by experienced staff and our fantastic volunteers, these programs seek to connect participants with the outdoors through experiential learning. During our guided tours you will see and identify animal tracks, learn animal winter adaptations, tree identification, learn about our local watershed, geology and much more.

Snowshoe With a Naturalist

In the winter, the canyons change. Nestled under a deep blanket of snow, experience the Wasatch through a winter lens by walking on snowshoes with a trained Naturalist Guide through a variety of beginner and avalanche safe terrain. We invite you to join us, for more information or to sign up call the Public Lands Information Center at [801.466.6411](tel:801.466.6411) or email volunteer@cottonwoodcanyons.org

Tour With a Ranger

Skiing or Snowboarding at Brighton, Solitude, Snowbird or Alta? Take a tour with our dedicated Naturalists on easy to intermediate ski runs. Take a look at the abundant wildlife that make their homes within the ski areas, identify trees, explore the geology or learn about the canyon history. Weekends and Holidays all season long. Tours begin at 1:30 and last approximately 45 minutes. No registration required.

Alta 1:30 PM, Top of Sunnyside lift

Snowbird 1:30 PM, Mid-Gad Restaurant, outside near trail-map sign

Brighton 1:30 PM, Base of Snake Creek Chair

Solitude 1:30 PM, Top of Moonbeam Chair

School Programs

A powerful learning experience out of the classroom, these fieldtrips are designed for 4th and 5th grade students. We have tailored the content to reinforce what students are learning in the classroom. Students learn about winter wildlife adaptations, how to track animals in the snow, where their water comes from, and about Utah's public lands.

Snowshoes for the field trips are free of charge, generously provided by REI, who allows us free rental for field trips. We also offer a bus scholarship program, if any schools cannot participate due to transportation costs.

Please contact Cottonwood Canyons Foundation for information or scheduling at volunteer@cottonwoodcanyons.org

Check back with us for our summer stewardship and education opportunities in the Salt Lake Ranger District. Visit our website www.cottonwoodcanyons.org