



ARDENT WORKSHOP

SKI PASS BREAK-EVEN CHECKER

# Free Ski Pass Break-Even Checker

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Did your season pass pay for itself - free from Ardent Workshop.

One pass, one answer

# Your free ski pass break-even checker

By spring the question is usually the same: did the pass pay for itself, and when? The answer is one comparison - what your pass days would have cost at the ticket window, against what you paid for the pass. That number is rarely on hand, because the window rate lives on a resort site and the days live in your memory. This free checker keeps the running total for one rider.

## How to use it

- 1 Open **Ski-Pass-Break-Even-Checker.xlsx** in Excel, Google Sheets or LibreOffice. It opens on a worked example so you can see the method before you change anything.
- 2 Type your name, your pass and what you paid for it at the top.
- 3 Log each day you rode, up to 40: the date, the resort, **Pass** or **Ticket** from the dropdown, and that day's walk-up window rate - the posted price a person would have paid at the window, plus the peak-day surcharge if it was a peak day.
- 4 Read the answer block: the verdict, the break-even date, and how many more pass days you need if you have not reached it yet.

## What counts as a pass day

A day at a mountain your pass covers is a **Pass** day, and it is credited at that day's window rate. A day you bought a ticket - at a mountain the pass does not cover, or on a blackout day - is a **Ticket** day. It stays in the log, but it does not count toward paying off the pass. The **break-even date** is the first day the running total reaches the price you paid. **Days still needed** divides what is left by your average value per pass day so far. A day counts only once its date is filled in (until then its Status reads **Add a date**). The verdict reads **Paid off** once the running total reaches your pass price, **Paying off** before that, **Not started** until you log a dated pass day, and **Enter your pass price** until the price you paid is filled in.

In the example as it ships, Maya's 17 pass days on the Summit Circuit Pass are credited \$2,946 at window rates against a \$899 pass - it paid for itself on Dec 28, 2025. 1 ticket day at Bluebird Notch is logged but not counted.

# Want the whole season in one file?

This checker answers one question for one rider. A real winter has more questions than that - who else is on a pass, what a day cost once the drive and lodging are in, and which pass to buy next - and the full workbook keeps all of it in a plain file you own, with no account and no subscription.

## THE FULL SKI & SNOWBOARD SEASON-PASS VALUE & DAYS LOG

The full Ski & Snowboard Season-Pass Value & Days Log adds every rider in the family, the full cost of each day (fuel, lodging, rentals, lessons), a side-by-side price-out of next winter's passes at the days you actually rode, a resort coverage grid, gear tracking and season-over-season totals. [See the full workbook >](#)

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