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SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

Now we cannot pretend that we get alpine conditions in Scotland for snowsports all winter. But what we can say is that on a good day you might be surprised at the quality and variety of runs on offer for skiers and snowboarders. Secret Bothy is situated in the heartland of the Scottish skiing scene, being only an hour from the two largest ski resorts in Scotland: Aviemore and Glenshee.

The last few winters have been cold in the Cairngorms, and this has been of tremendous benefit to the ski industry with a lengthened season and increased profits allowing for some investment towards uplift. At Cairngorm Mountain (Aviemore) you can enjoy a thoroughly modern, comfortable, funicular journey to the top of the mountain. This short ride shelters you from the elements on the way up and provides access to a further 10 lifts and over 20 runs. The Ptarmigan restaurant provides excellent food for skiers and non-skiers alike and is the UK's highest restaurant.

At Glenshee you have access to an impressive 22 lifts and 36 runs – including the legendary Tiger and Glas Maol black runs. Lessons are available at both resorts but do check conditions before travelling. It is also worth knowing that cross-country skiing is available at Aviemore (around Loch Morlich) when conditions allow. The beautiful trails have a dedicated track cutter for Nordic skiing enthusiasts.