

WATER

High-flying fun at Jackson Hole

Combining world-class skiing with spectacular scenery and abundant wildlife is a wonderful winter trifecta, writes Helen Hayes.

Nature is truly in your face at Jackson Hole. It is in the icy wind paired with stupendous views when you've ridden the 'Big Red' tram up to the top of Rendezvous Peak and you're looking over the edge of the bowl before you drop in for an epic run. It is the jaw-dropping sight of seeing moose, elk or bison as you explore around Jackson or Teton Village. And it is in your face, up your nose, and etched into your memory bank when you experience the belching and steaming geothermal features of Yellowstone, the oldest national park in the world. Jackson Hole is magnificently wild.

CARVE IT UP

For skiers and snowboarders, Jackson Hole is a rite of passage; a siren call to those who want to tackle its challenging advanced terrain, with the ultimate being Corbet's Couloir. For the most experienced daredevil skiers and boarders only, most of us will only see it from the tram. With two mountains - Rendezvous and Après Vous - intermediate and beginners are also well catered for, with everything from gentle greens to a vast array of swooping blues and everything in between. It is a veritable playground, with 1,011 hectares, 131 named trails,