



Apps for skiing

Mammut Safety *for the Backcountry Explorer*

Users can utilize the app's altimeter, clinometer and compass to evaluate the safety of where you're skiing. You can find links to avalanche bulletins around the world. It also can transmit GPS data to the mountain's rescue service or a designated phone.

Open Snow *for the Powder Chaser*

You can find real-time forecasts for resorts all over North America, Europe and Japan, as well as analysis from local forecasters. If you are trying to decide what mountain you want to tackle, OpenSnow lets you compare resorts on one screen, or you can

search by what resort has the most snow currently. You can use the App to set up alerts for the forecasts and reports of your favorite resort.

Skadi *for the Resort Roamer*

Skadi is like having a personal mountain guide in your ears at all times. It works like this: You start by inputting information such as your skiing ability, any desired way-points and whether you would like to explore new runs or avoid long lift lines. Then, Skadi will design a route for you and feed you turn-by-turn directions around the mountain through your headphones, much like your car's navigation would.

SkiLynx *for the Social Skier*

SkiLynx makes locating and communicating with all the members in your squad a non-issue. You can create a private group for you and all your friends where you can see in real-time what run or lift everybody is on, and then message each other within the app. It is also compatible with the Apple Watch for easy access while riding.

Ski Tracks *for the Limits Pusher*

SkiTracks is the perfect app for measuring and recording all the stats you'd want to know about your ski day (and some you'd never even thought of). With stats like max and average speed, distance traveled, vertical, altitude, number of runs, slope degrees and duration all in one place, SkiTracks makes it easy to quickly check how you're skiing and compare it to your friends.

In Summary

We love Ski Tracks. The Android link for Skadi doesn't work and we couldn't locate the app in Goggle Play. All apps are free except Ski Tracks (99¢) and SkiLynx (\$2.99.)

Does anyone else have experience with any of these apps? Any ski apps out there you might recommend? I also use Trace which is free. ■