

Squaw Valley's winter season has no end date

It's official – Squaw Valley intends to be open all summer for skiing.

The ski resort will be open July 1-4 and Saturdays thereafter as long as conditions allow.

The resort registered 714 inches of snow this winter, equaling nearly 60 feet. And more moisture is on the way this weekend. Squaw Valley currently has a base depth of 20 feet.

The plan is to offer skiing and riding in the Shirley zone in the summer. This will be the fourth time Squaw Valley has been open for skiing on July 4. Going beyond that date is a first.

January broke the resort's record for most snow in one month, with 282 inches, followed by the snowiest February with another 196 inches.

Guests planning to ski and ride will access High Camp via the tram and make their way on foot between High Camp and where the snow remains. Through the strategic movement of snow using grooming machines, Squaw Valley mountain operations team members will transport snow from areas with ample snow to areas with lower amounts of snow, effectively maximizing the snowpack long into summer. The Shirley zone also benefits from a northwest aspect, limiting sun exposure and snow loss due to melting.

Operations at Squaw Valley will continue seven days a week through May, on weekends in June and July 1-4. Beyond the 4th of July, the Shirley Lake Express chair will be open on Saturdays for 2017-18 Tahoe super passholders, with discounted daily lift tickets also available.