

26 best ski resorts in Canada for families

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17. Sommet Saint-Sauveur

Previously called Mont Saint-Sauveur, this resort in Quebec's Laurentian mountains has the milder vertical drop (213 metres) associated with this older and less jagged mountain range. It claims the largest night skiing area in the world, offering discounted Saturday-evening lift tickets from late-January to mid-February. It's a smaller resort, with 40 trails (about one-quarter of them rated easy) and a terrain park serviced by eight lifts. Catering to families, there's a children's playground as well as lessons for the whole family (reservations recommended). Take off your skis and try the two mountain coasters. The Viking is open to kids three and older, when accompanied by an adult; for Le Dragon, you must be at least 42 inches tall. Dine at the casual T-Bar 70 restaurant at the base of the mountain, or head to the village of Saint-Sauveur for sweet or savoury crepes at Crêperie La Gourmandise, or have sandwiches at Gusto Café in Piedmont. If you're staying overnight, check out the log cabins at Morin Heights (around \$144 per night; campingmorinheights.com). There are also many other accommodations in the village of Saint-Sauveur.

350 Rue St. Denis, Saint Sauveur. 450-227-4671; sommets.com



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18. Mont Sainte-Anne

This is a destination for people who like the bustle and variety of a larger resort. There are eight restaurants right on the mountain, and your pick of motels, hotels and chalets at the base. The mountain has an impressive 625-metre vertical drop, with 71 trails (19 are lit for night skiing), plus a terrain park with three zones and a ski-snowboard cross course. And if your wee one is too small to ski, there's a daycare centre offering play and supervision for kids six months and up, for a full or half day (lunch extra). Preschoolers up to age six can participate in Star Camp, which combines a full or half day of care with ski lessons (call ahead for availability). Older kids age seven to 14 can take ski lessons through the Kidz' Clinic, with small groups of three to six per instructor, in skill-appropriate groups. Or take a two-hour lesson together as a family—you'll get priority in the lift line. Private lessons are available for all ages and skill levels. Prefer to cross-country ski? You're covered. For snowshoers, there's a trail network with three heated cabins to warm up in. For a little "R and R," choose from a number of ski and spa packages.

2000 Blvd. du Beau-pré, Beaupré. 1-888-827-4579; mont-sainte-anne.com



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19. Mont Tremblant

Here's another one of National Geographic's top 25 ski towns. It sits at 875 metres, with 96 trails, and lifts that move more than 27,000 people per hour. But it's also supremely family friendly. The Kidz Club Daycare welcomes one- to six-year-olds for half- or full days (with or without lunch; reservations recommended). The Mother Nature Camp for three- and four-year-olds is a fun, half-day learn-to-ski program; the remainder of the day is spent in daycare. If you don't need daycare, there are also group ski lessons for kids three to 12, and snowboard lessons for kids seven to 12. There are tons of accommodations and restaurant choices right at the resort. Off the slopes, you can enjoy skating, tubing and dogsledding.

1000 Chemin des Voyageurs, Mont-Tremblant. 866-356-2233 or 1-888-738-1777;
tremblant.ca