

Home Backyard Riglet Park

Can't make it to the resort or just want to get your kids outside? With a little snow and a bit of creativity, anyone can get their kids snowboarding right in their own backyard! We are going to show you how to build a backyard Riglet Park, which is basically just a snowboarding playground for kids. The most important thing when getting your little ones on snow and standing sideways is that they are having fun!



Safety Tip
 Young children should ALWAYS be supervised while being pulled/riding. Stay under control. Use sturdy items.

Equipment

There are tons of ways to get creative and practice snowboarding. For this tutorial we are going to use a few specific products:



The **Riglet Snowboard** is a plastic 90cm snowboard with an edgeless construction that was designed as a learning tool for kids. The grippy pads on top of the Riglet Board help keep your little one on the board without bindings. One, they're comfortable with that and you can add bindings for the full experience. Riglet Boards come pre-mounted with a Riglet Reel.



The **Riglet Reel** allows you to pull them around on any low friction surface, inside or out. It's a length-adjustable handle that can be attached to any Burton snowboard sized 80cm-120cm.



First turns come smooth and easy with the **Burton Handlebar**. It's a grab bar that promotes good body position and gives beginners the stability and confidence to find the posture and the rhythm behind fluid turns as they learn to control their snowboard. Attaches to any youth snowboard 80-110cm.



Is it always a good idea for kids to **wear a helmet** when playing on their snowboard. Seen here is the Kids' Anon Define Helmet—an integrated helmet and goggle system.



All Burton kids' snowboard work when building a backyard Riglet Park. For more options on products for kids of all ages and abilities, check out the **REST OF THE YOUTH SNOWBOARD COLLECTION** for sizes that range from 80cm-130cm; then, just add a Riglet Reel and you're good to go.



Snow Shovel



Trash & Recycle Bins



Sticks & Logs



Short Wood Board or Plastic Bin Cover



Old Tires



Balls

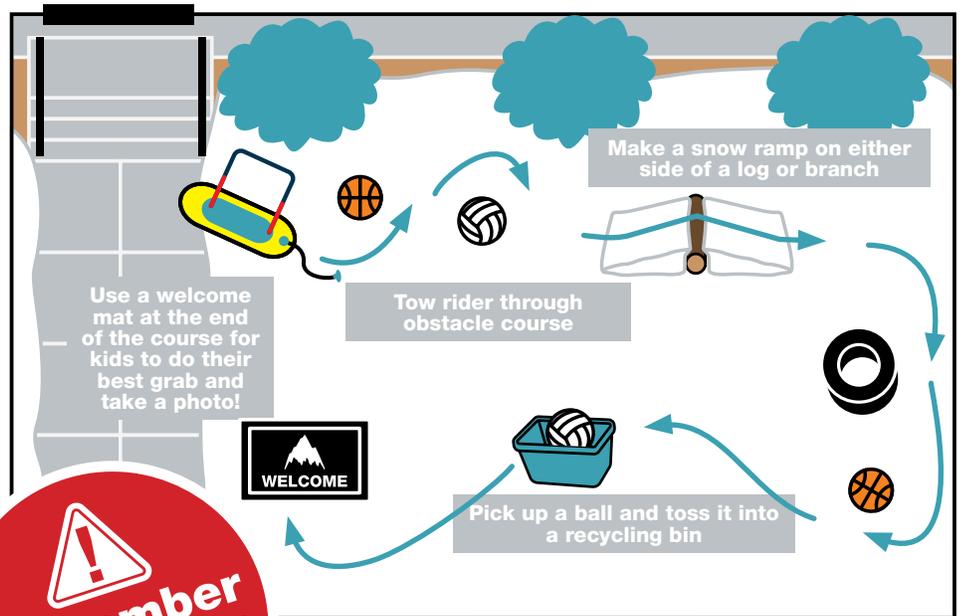
Other Materials

You can easily build a course full of fun features with a selection of everyday household and natural outdoor objects.

Part of being a snowboarder is being creative. In order to keep things fresh and exciting, look through your basement, garage, or even the woods to see what you can find that could be used as an obstacle or feature for kids to have even more fun!

Home Outdoor Riglet Park: Basic Setup

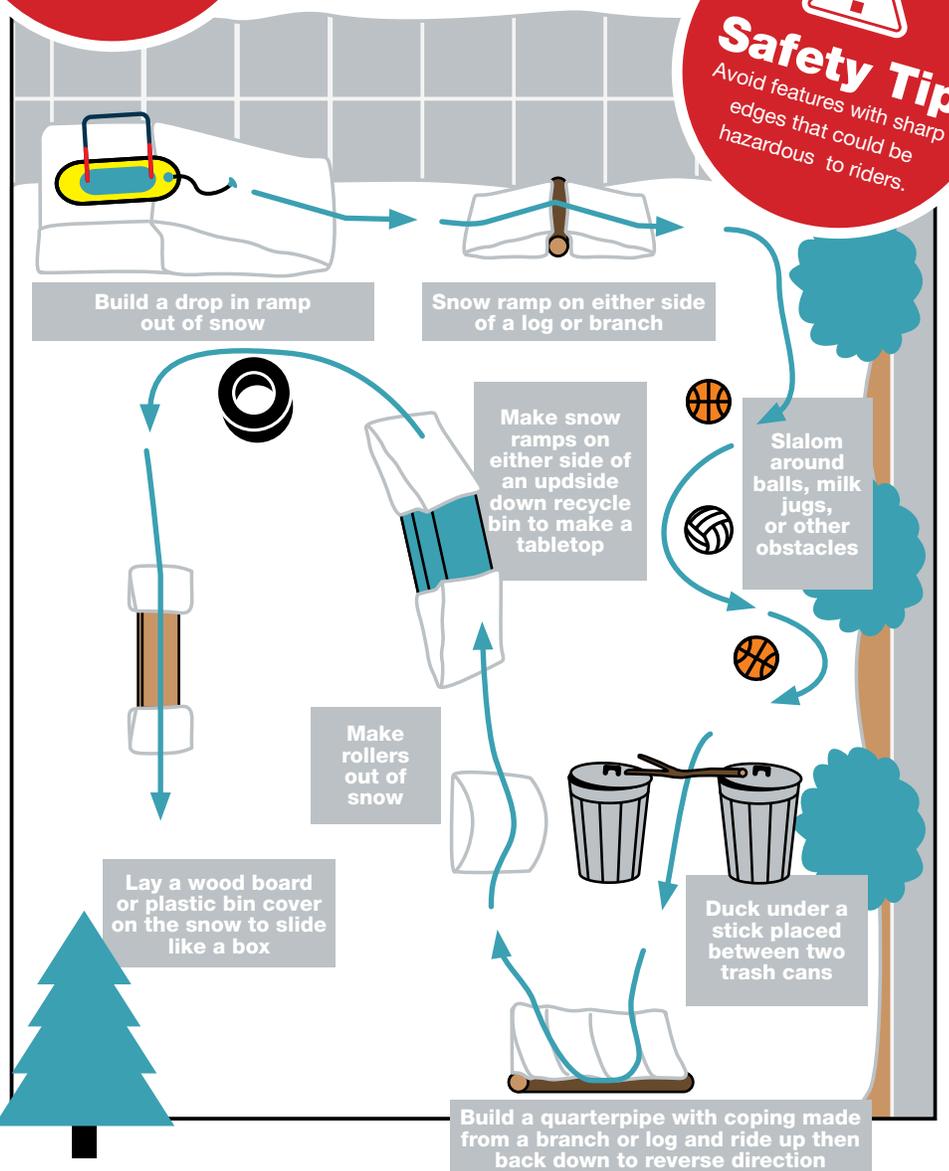
There is room for variety and creativity as you build your course, or better yet—let the kids build it! Here are some examples to help you create a simple course. First, grab anything you can place on the snow that can act as an obstacle—balls, milk jugs, recycle bins, etc. Shovel small ramps and features, if there is enough snow available. Then, grab the Riglet Reel and pull your child through the course.



Remember
it is ALWAYS a good idea to wear helmet!

Home Outdoor Riglet Park: Ultimate Setup

Take everything from the basic setup and get even more creative! Build a drop-in ramp, rollers, and other features from snow. For the teeter-totter, you could use a pool noodle or foam blocks as the base and an upside down snowboard to create the top. For an added challenge, have kids practice holding a grab through the whole course.



Safety Tip
Avoid features with sharp edges that could be hazardous to riders.

Terrain Park Communication

Before starting your course, it is important to teach kids these hand signals

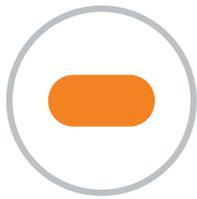


OPEN
Good To Go!



CLOSED
Do Not Go!

Safety Concepts



Park Smart

The orange oval designates freestyle terrain. Familiarize yourself and your kids with the SMART system for riding freestyle features.

Start Small

Work your way up. Build your skills.

Make a Plan

Every feature. Every time.

Always Look

Before you drop.

Respect

The features and other users.

Take it Easy

Know your limits. Land on your feet.



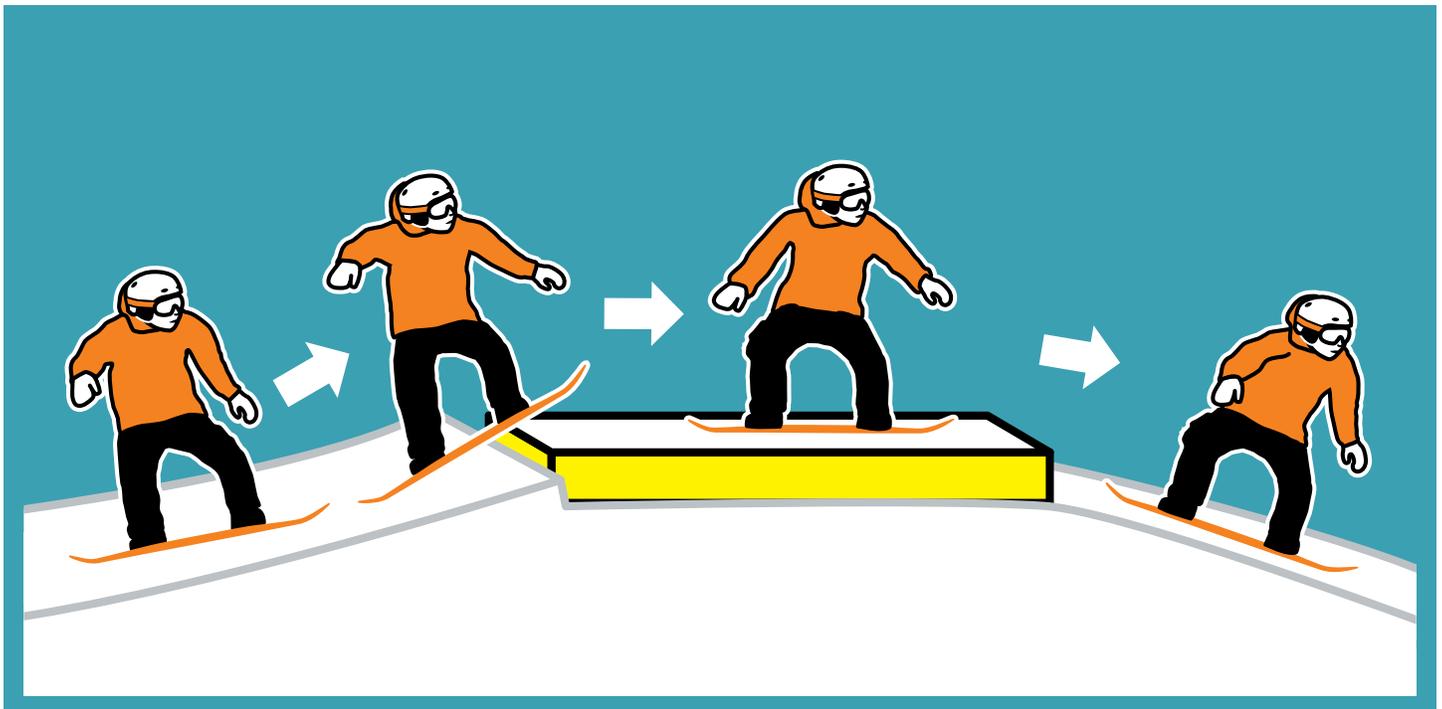
PARK SMART

The Compression Zone

When building your backyard Riglet features, understand the Compression Zone. The Compression Zone is the "gap" in the transition between the board and the snow. A small gap creates a gentler compression zone and that is what we want for Riglet features.



Hitting a Feature – ATML



Approach

Make your setup turns early so you can glide straight once you get closer to the feature.

Takeoff

Takeoff on a flat board, by bending your knees and riding onto the feature.

Maneuver

Stay low, keep your board flat and look to the end of the feature.

Landing

Ride off the end, landing with your board straight and absorbing the landing.

TIP:

Ride through the park first. Get a feel for the speed, angle of the features, and the rhythm. Check the landing and now you've got a plan. Hit it.

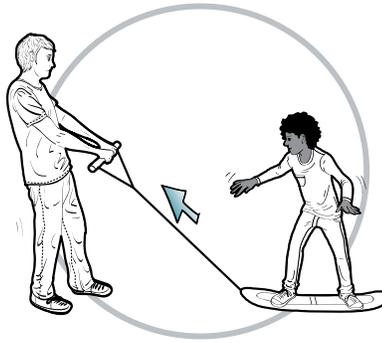
Basic Skills



Snowboard Stance

The snowboard stance is the foundation of everything else in snowboarding. Developing a proper stance early on will help with muscle memory and will teach you the best possible starting position to aid in the learning of other snowboard movements.

A proper snowboard stance should begin with feet shoulder-width apart. The ankles, knees and waist should be slightly bent, creating an athletic stance. A good way for a new rider to find their proper snowboard stance is to jump and then freeze. When you land, you should be in an athletic position and your correct snowboard stance.

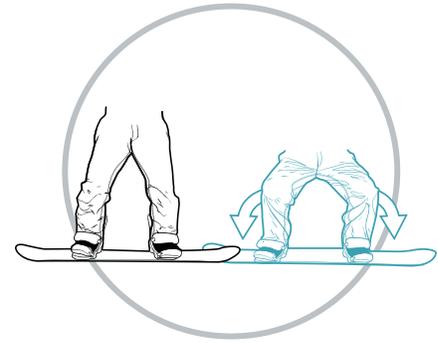


Pulling and Riding

The pulling movement is used to move the Riglet Board. The emphasis is on pulling slowly and under control without "jerking" the rider, using the cues: Ready-Set-Pull.

Step onto the board in your snowboard stance and look where you are being pulled. Use "Ready, Set, Pull" cues before to make sure the rider and puller are on the same page before "dropping in."

1. **READY** The Puller says "Ready."
2. **SET** The Rider says "Set."
3. **PULL!** Followed by the Rider giving a thumbs up while saying "Pull."



Flexion and Extension

The flexion & extension movement teaches students how to position their bodies into different levels. Flexion is "getting low" and extension is "getting tall". This range isolates the movements of the joints in the legs to change the distance between the feet and the center of gravity (usually the pelvic region).

Digital Learning



Watch **Burton Riglet Park Flachauwinkl**



Watch **Burton Riglet Snowboarding (Mint)**

Take it to the Hill



Whether you're shredding on grass, snow, or carpet, tag **#BurtonRiglet** in your social media posts to show us your family's progression. For more kid-specific snowboarding, at-home games, and beyond, follow along with **@Burton**. Now, go have as much fun as possible!



Stay tuned and follow along to find more tips and tricks to make snowboarding fun for the whole family.

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Jeff Boliba has been snowboarding for over 35 years. For 20 of those years, he's worked at Burton leading innovative global programs making snowboarding accessible and building participation. He's an accomplished multi-sport coach, a certified snowboard instructor and children's specialist. He helped develop the freestyle terrain symbol (Orange Oval), Park Smart terrain park safety program and is the lead for the Stash Park, Learn To Ride and Riglet snowboarding programs. To date he has hosted many different types of Riglet Park environments around the world in locations such as beaches, resorts, schools, shops, malls, stadiums and backyards. Prior to Burton he was the Snowboard Operations and Marketing Manager at Park City Mountain Resort, UT.