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# gear

*Five more reasons to look forward to snow days.*

▼ **take it all-terrain**

Atlas developed its Elektra line of women's specific snowshoes after a two-year study in biomechanics. New for 2009, the Elektra 10 series bridges the gap between an all-mountain snowshoe and a trail-only snowshoe, with the features you need for tromping the trail, as well Spring-Loaded Suspension that makes powder possible by pivoting the snowshoe into a forward motion as you walk. **\$200; atlasnowshoe.com**



▲ **the cadillac of coats**

After ripping it on the slopes all day, don this diva of an around-town coat from Orage to celebrate the nightlife. Insulated with 100% goose down and reaching all the way to the knees, the Kim coat is pure indulgence. Made of mini check 1000mm waterproof fabric with a full cinch hood, the Kim proves to be more than just a pretty face. **\$350; orage.com**

▲ **skate on**

Called the best cardio workout on skis, skate-skiing is the off-season workout for runners and cyclists. Nordic-ski powerhouse Madshus may have been founded in 1906, but they're cutting edge when it comes to skating, using the latest materials from the aviation and other high-tech industries. Their women's specific Metis Skate works well for those new to skiing, as well as experienced crossovers from tele or downhill, with 4mm of side cut for stability and a light and responsive Polycell core. **\$375; madshus.com**

▼ **sock it to 'em**

Point6's quest to create the perfect ski sock, one that keeps the foot warm without creating fit issues with your boot, panned the Ski Light Cushion sock. Made of fine-spun merino wool, this silky sock packs a light cushion on the shin and under foot for added comfort. A stitched-in achilles brace steps up the support, and a reinforced heel and toe boost durability. **\$19; point6.com**



▲ **rip and ride**

Burton's sweetest ride just got smarter. With this season's addition of Lightning Bolts, energy transfer lines that extend from the channel to the edge, the **Feelgood** practically reads your mind. The trusted Super Fly II Core offers an incredible strength-to-weight ration and a snappy feel that makes you want to go all day and all night. Freestyle foreplay never felt so good. **\$560; burtonboards.com**