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The Pinedale Cross Country Ski Trail Program is made possible by the cooperative efforts of:



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Sublette County maintains 15.8 miles (25.3 km) of groomed Nordic ski trails along Sky-line Drive northeast of Pinedale. The trail system is operated by the Sublette County Recreation Board under permit from the Bridger-Teton National Forest and is free to the public. With adequate snow coverage, trails are groomed every weekend through-out the winter and also during the week as conditions warrant. Grooming reports are posted on PinedaleOnline.com.

Groomed trails are accessed at four parking areas beginning 7.4 miles from Pinedale on Skyline Drive:

Half Moon Overlook

Two trails begin across the road at the Nordic Equipment Building on the southern end and low elevation point of the trail system at 8000 feet.

- **Old Road Trail** gradually gains several hundred feet to cross Skyline Drive and continue on to Lower Surveyor Park. (1.9 mi.) Alternate routes are Looney Lane (0.7 mi.) and Aspen (0.6 mi.).

- ◆ **Half Moon Tie-In** climbs a steep hill to cross Skyline Drive at Kelly Park trailhead. (0.7 mi.)

Kelly Park Trailhead

- **Kelly Park Loop** features a popular trail complex of rolling terrain for intermediate skiers. (2.8 mi.)
- ◆ **Kelly Tie-In** connects Kelly Park Loop to Old Road Trail and the upper trail system with a challenging uphill section. (0.5 mi.)

Upper Winter Parking Area

County snow plowing ends here on Skyline Drive at 8500 feet. Skiers can enter the Upper Surveyor Park groomed trails or begin backcountry ski touring to Elkhart Park and beyond.

White Pine

Groomed trails for skiers of all levels are available from White Pine Ski Resort parking area 10 miles from Pinedale. Parking is also provided at the adjacent Nordic Warming Hut which is open to the public.

- **Lower Surveyor Park Trail** circles the Surveyor Creek willow bottom south of the parking area and also connects with the lower trail system. (1.5 mi.)
- ◆ **Power Line** leaves and rejoins Lower Surveyor on the east side of the park. (0.6 mi.)

Trails north and west of the parking area in Upper Surveyor Park have beginner, intermediate and advanced terrain maintained as a Nordic training area for competitive skiers. All recreational skiers are welcome but please no dogs, walkers, snowshoers or snow bikes on:

- **Tree Loop** (1.7 mi.)
- **Hummer** (2.4 mi.)
- **Moose Ridge** (0.4 mi.)
- ◆ **Flat Line** (1.0 mi.)
- ◆ **Heart Attack** (1.0 mi.)

Backcountry Ski Touring: Several ungroomed trails for ski touring or snowshoeing lead into the backcountry from the Nordic parking areas. Backcountry trails are mostly marked with blue diamonds but receive relatively light use and are not maintained. Come prepared with adequate winter gear and navigation skills.

- **Sweeney Creek Trail** begins at Half Moon Overlook. A signed cut-off trail at one mile turns north and connects to the groomed trails in Kelly Park.
- ◆ **Fortification Mountain Trail** begins at Kelly Park trailhead. After leaving the groomed trail, it becomes an advanced backcountry route climbing a thousand feet to the White Pine ski area boundary on the backside of Fortification Mountain.
- ◆ **Surveyor Trail** begins at the White Pine ski lift, follows a groomed run for less than a mile and then climbs steeply to the northeast to connect with the Pine Creek Trail leading to Elkhart Park.

Skiers with Dogs: Dogs are welcome on backcountry trails and on the groomed trail system south of White Pine from Lower Surveyor Park down to Kelly Park and Half Moon Overlook. Please do not bring dogs onto the groomed trails of the Nordic training area in Upper Surveyor Park. The White Pine and Kelly Park area is moose winter range. While they are mostly habituated to people, moose here are often intolerant of dogs. Keep your dog under control and please remove your pet's waste from groomed trails.

Snowmobilers: All motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, are prohibited on all groomed ski trails within Pinedale Ranger District. Motorized vehicles pose a safety hazard for skiers and damage the trails.