



Cross-Country Skiing Strawberry Canyon Area

Eldorado National Forest Placerville Ranger District



Area Description

Strawberry Canyon Nordic Trail System trailhead is located approximately 1/4 mile west of Strawberry along Highway 50 at 42-Mile Recreation Site. This system encompasses 11 miles of cross-country ski trails for beginner to intermediate cross-country skiers and snowshoers. The area limited public parking.



Trail Descriptions



Strawberry Ridge Loop (5 M/8 km)

Trail begins at 42-Mile Recreation Site and continues west (right) from the trailhead at an elevation of 5,600 feet. One-half mile further the trail passes over Strawberry Creek bridge, turns south (left) in a one way loop crossing over a ridge top (rated more difficult) at an elevation of 6,800 feet and returns to Strawberry Creek bridge, for a distance of 4 miles.



Station Creek Trail (1 ½ Miles/ 2 km)

Trail starts 1-1/2 miles from the 42 Mile River Access site approximately 1 mile above the Strawberry Creek bridge at the 5,900 foot elevation and continues for 1-1/2 miles west to where the trail ends at the 5,800 foot elevation. This trail presents a gentle slope for the novice skier with a panoramic view of Lover's Leap, Ralston Peak, and the South Fork of the American River Canyon.



Cody Creek Loop (4 ½ M/ 7 km)

Trail begins at Strawberry Creek bridge (elevation 5,800 feet) turning southwest (right) and climbs for 2-1/2 miles where it crosses over Cody Creek at an elevation of 6,600 feet. After passing over the creek, the trail (rated more difficult from here on) returns to Strawberry Creek bridge following a one way loop for 2 miles.

**All trail routes are marked blue diamond.
**All trail endings are signed "Trail End".

