A GUIDE TO LOCAL DAY HIKES

BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED

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The purpose of this booklet is to introduce a sampling of particularly attractive trails for day hikes within the Jackson Ranger District.

These trails have been picked to provide experience across the several different topographies.

The trails have good vehicle accessibility and range from beginner to advanced.

The Suggested companion guide is the overall *Bridger-Teton National Forest map*, available at local gear and book stores, or the visitor centers.

The Bridger-Teton National Forest website has descriptions of these as well as all of the trails across the Forest.


There are also several very good trail guides for the general area available at local book and gear stores in Jackson.
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CRITERIA FOR RATING TRAILS

BEGINNER TRAILS- CLEARED OFTEN, GOOD SIGHT DISTANCE, RELATIVELY FLAT, WELL SIGNED

INTERMEDIATE TRAILS- CLEARED FAIRLY OFTEN, TIGHTER CORRIDOR, STEEPER GRADES, OK SIGNING

ADVANCED TRAILS- EXPECT DOWNED TREES, BRUSHY, STEEP SECTIONS, ROCKY, VERY FEW SIGNS

CRITERIA FOR RATING TRAILHEADS

EXCELLENT- ROAD IS PAVED OR GRADED AND IN GOOD CONDITION, TRAILHEAD IS EASY TO FIND AND WELL SIGNED, TRAILHEAD HAS GOOD TURNAROUND FOR TRAILERS

FAIR- ROAD IS PASSABLE AND IS MANAGEABLE AT SLOW SPEEDS, TRAILHEAD IS NOTICEABLE AND HAS KIOSK, TRAILHEAD IS SMALL BUT CAN TURN AROUND

POOR- ROAD IS DIFFICULT AND BUMPY AND MAY BE DANGEROUS IN WET CONDITIONS, TRAILHEAD IS NOT SIGNED AND CAN BE HARD TO FIND, TRAILHEAD DOES NOT HAVE A TURNAROUND AND IS TIGHT

CRITERIA FOR RATING USE

HEAVY- EXPECT TO SEE LOTS OF PEOPLE (5+ GROUPS)

MODERATE- EXPECT TO ENCOUNTER 1 OR 2 GROUPS OF PEOPLE

LIGHT- EXPECT TO NOT SEE ANY OTHER USERS
Recommended Hikes on Teton Pass

- Teton Pass Trailhead
- Ski Lake Trail
- Phillips Trailhead
- Teton Pass trailhead
- Mt. Elly Overlook (Black Canyon Trail)
- History Trail
- Trail Cr Trailhead
- Big Rocks Loop

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Phillip's Pass Trail

**Difficulty:** Intermediate

**Trailhead:** Excellent

**Trail Use:** Heavy in 1st mile then Moderate

**Length:** 2.89 from jct with Ski Lake Trail to top of Phillips Pass

**Elevation:** 7862 ft at Phillips T.H, 8946 ft at Phillips Pass

**Open to:** Hikers, Equestrian

**Trail Highlights:**

The access trail begins at the signed junction on the Phillips road for the Ski Lake Trail, and climbs up, paralleling the road through open forest. It continues to climb steeply up an open hillside until cresting and leveling out. Here it winds through thick forest until coming out to a large open meadow where it crosses a bridge. Just past here you will reach the junction for the Phillips Pass Trail. From here, the trail heads to the right and goes through a mixture of pine forest, aspen stands and open hillsides with spectacular views. It continues along the side hill until dropping down into the Phillips drainage where it reaches a junction with the Phillips Canyon Trail. The trail then turns left and climbs steeply up through large open alpine meadows with gorgeous wildflowers in the summer months. Eventually the trail reaches the upper saddle known as Phillips Pass where the trail enters in Grand Teton National Park and continues on.

**Options:**

This trail can be used to connect to the Ski Lake Trail, the Arrow Trail, or the Phillips Canyon Trail. You can do a loop with the Arrow Trail or Phillips Canyon and Phillips Ridge Trails, but be aware that the Arrow Trail is bike and hike only, and the Phillips Pass Trail is horse and hike only.
**Important Information:**

This trail is located on USGS quad map for Rendezvous Peak, 7.5 minute.

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**General Information**

**Directions:**

From Jackson, follow Highway 22 out to Wilson and head up the pass. Continue up for a few miles until you see a sign for Phillips Canyon on your right. You can either park here or across the street in the larger parking lot. The trail begins at a signed junction just up the road.
Ski Lake Trail

**Difficulty:** Intermediate

**Trailhead:** Excellent

**Trail Use:** Heavy

**Length:** 3.37 miles from jct with Phillips Pass Trail #4001C

**Elevation:** 8211 ft at jct with Phillips Pass Trail, 8666 ft at Ski Lake

**Open to:** Hikers, Equestrian

**Trail Highlights:**

The trail starts just up the road from the kiosk and climbs fairly consistently through open meadow, pine forest, and aspen stands with beautiful views all around. The trail comes into a large meadow where you’ll cross a small bridge and come to the junction with the Phillips Pass Trail. Take a left here to head to Ski Lake. The trail then climbs through subalpine fir forest until it eventually comes out at the lake, a spectacular spot on a hot summer day. The trail does continue past the lake into the upper drainage but is not heavily maintained and can be hard to follow in places.

**Options:**

There are no junctions from this trail. It is an out and back.

**Important Information:**

This trail is designated for horse and hike only.

Always check the kiosk at the Trailhead for important information pertinent to the trail.

This trail is located on the USGS quad map for Teton Pass.
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**Directions:**
This trail can be accessed from the Phillips Trailhead. To access from the Phillips Trailhead, head out to Wilson on WY 22 and head up the pass. A few miles up you will see a sign on your right for Phillips Canyon and a small dirt road. Park either here below the kiosk or across the highway in the larger parking area. The Ski Lake Trail starts just up the road past the kiosk on your left.
**History Trail**

**Difficulty:** Beginner  
**Trailhead:** Excellent  
**Trail Use:** Moderate  
**Length:** 3.42 miles from Trail Cr Trailhead to Teton Pass parking lot  
**Elevation:** 6518 ft at Trail Cr Trailhead, 8425 ft at Teton Pass parking lot  
**Open to:** Hikers, Equestrian

**Trail Highlights:**

From Trail Cr T.H, the trail follows an old road bed shortly until reaching an open meadow. It then heads into the forest and immediately crosses the creek on a log foot bridge. It parallels the creek for the next couple miles, winding through large pine and spruce trees. The trail goes through several sections of open meadow mixed with pine forest with nice views of the creek. It crosses the creek a few times on both large and smaller foot bridges and reaches a junction with the Crater Trail. Past this junction the trail continues to climb through the forest on a newly constructed reroute. It crosses a series of newly constructed turnpikes and follows the old historic wagon route. The trail gets into a higher open meadow area where it switchbacks several times and eventually meets up with another old road bed. From here it continues to climb across open slopes with beautiful flowers and great views until reaching the top parking lot.

**Options:**

From the History Trail, you can connect to the Crater Trail, the Phillips Pass Trail, Old Pass Road or the Black Canyon Trail at the top of Teton Pass.
**Important Information:**

NEW: **Teton Pass History Trail Walk Through**
There is an excellent brochure that goes along with this trail. Available online at the Bridger-Teton National Forest website.

Please keep your dogs under control and pick up the poo.

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**Directions:**

This trail can be accessed either from Trail Cr Trailhead or the Teton Pass parking lot. To get to Trail Cr T.H., from Jackson, head out Highway 22 to Wilson and head up Teton Pass a minute or so. Take your first left at Trail Cr Road across from the Heidelberg. Drive down this road until reaching a parking lot. Park here and take the trail leaving from the lower kiosk. This trail follows an old road bed and will take you across a bridge into an open meadow. After crossing the bridge, stay to the far right and you’ll find the History Trail. To access from the Teton Pass parking lot, head out to Wilson and go all the way up Teton Pass to the top. Park here and the trail takes off from the kiosk and heads across an open slope down into the drainage.
Big Rocks Trail

**Difficulty:** Intermediate

**Trailhead:** Excellent

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Length:** 1.47 miles from Sawmill Meadows Trailhead to jct with Black Canyon Trail #4004

**Elevation:** 6515 ft at Sawmill Meadows, 6765 ft at jct with Black Canyon Trail

**Open to:** Hikers, Equestrian

**Trail Highlights:**

The trail climbs through large old growth spruce and fir forest, winding its way up to several large boulders known as the “Big Rocks”. From here it continues up until reaching a junction with the downhill mountain bike trail called Lithium. Be aware of cross traffic as bikes can be travelling at high speeds. From here the trail levels out and crosses the side hill through the forest to a large open knob. The trail then winds around the knob and drops down to the junction with Black Canyon. Again be aware of downhill bike traffic coming from the Black Canyon Trail.

**Options:**

This trail can be used as a loop option with the Black Canyon Trail. The Lithium Trail is for mountain bike traffic only.

**Important Information**

This trail is located on USGS quad maps for Teton Pass, 7.5 minute.
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Directions:
From Jackson, follow Highway 22 out to Wilson and continue up towards Teton Pass. Across from the Heidelberg take a left on Old Pass Road and follow it all the way to the large Trailhead. Follow the trail leaving from the small kiosk on the left, not the old pass road itself. Take this down along the old road bed, cross the creek into Sawmill Meadows and the trail starts directly across the meadow at a signed junction.
Mt Elly Overlook Trail (Black Canyon)

**Difficulty:** Intermediate

**Trailhead:** Excellent

**Trail Use:** Heavy

**Length:** ~2 miles to Overlook, 6.3 miles from Teton Pass parking lot to Trail Cr Trailhead

**Elevation:** 8426 ft at Teton Pass parking lot, 6790 ft at jct with Big Rocks Trail, 6518 ft at Trail Cr T.H

**Open to:** Hikers, Equestrian, Mountain Bikes

**Trail Highlights:**

The trail leaves from the parking lot and follows the open ridgeline, offering spectacular views. It continues out the ridge for roughly 2 miles where it reaches the junction with the Lithium downhill mountain bike trail. From here the trail switches back several times down into the drainage. The trail then follows the creek down through large spruce and fir forest, until coming out in Sawmill Meadows where it heads over to the trailhead.

**Options:**

This trail can be done with a shuttle from the top of the pass and is a great downhill mountain bike ride or hike. You can also connect to the Big Rocks Trail, although this is horse and hike only.

**Important Information:**

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**Directions:**
From Jackson, follow Highway 22 out to Wilson and continue up Teton Pass. Follow the pass to the top and park in the large parking lot. The trail begins at the large kiosk.
Crystal Butte Trail

**Difficulty:** Advanced (steep grades)

**Trailhead:** Excellent

**Trail Use:** Heavy

**Length:** 1.13 miles from junction on Woods Canyon Tr to overlook

**Elevation:** 6644 ft at starting jct with Putt Putt, 7946 ft at overlook

**Open to:** Hikers, Equestrian

**Trail Highlights:**

This trail climbs steeply right from the start up an open hillside offering sweeping views of Jackson and the Tetons. It switchbacks several times until reaching the upper overlook. From here the trail gets even steeper as it climbs up onto Crystal Butte where it eventually ends at an overlook of Woods Canyon.

**Options**

There are no junctions off of this trail or loops. It is an out and back trail.

**Important Information:**

This trail was rerouted from its original location which was extremely eroded and gullied. The old trail went straight up the butte and is now closed and much work has gone into rehabilitation. Please use the new trail and stay off the old one so it can re-grow.

Trail crosses a gully near the top that holds snow for quite a while. Take extra caution when crossing this area as it can be slick.

This trail goes into the Gros Ventre Wilderness at the top and is not open to Mountain Bikers. Please respect this and do not bike on the trail as it was not designed for biking. This trail is subject to seasonal winter closures. It is closed from December 1st to April 30th.
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**Directions:**

**Nelson Dr. Access:** From Jackson, head towards the Elk Refuge on Broadway. Take a right onto Nelson Drive at the jct with the Elk Refuge Road. Head down Nelson Dr and take the first left. Follow this up and take your next left onto a small dirt road up to the Nelson Drive Trailhead. Take the trail up the new Woods Canyon Trail past the first junction (where the old trail used to be) and up until you see the new Crystal Butte Trail junction which is marked with a post.
Woods Canyon Trail

**Difficulty:** Beginner  
**Trailhead:** Excellent  
**Trail Use:** Heavy in 1st mile then Light  
**Length:** 2.67 miles from Nelson Drive T.H to top of Woods Canyon  

**Elevation:** 6368 ft at Nelson Dr T.H., 8300 ft at top  
**Open to:** Hikers, Equestrian

**Trail Highlights:**

From Nelson Drive Trailhead, the trail now splits about a hundred feet up with the new mountain biking trail taking off to the right and the new hiking trail heading to the left. The Woods Canyon hiking trail climbs up the hillside through sagebrush and aspen stands until reaching the Crystal Butte Trail junction.

From here the trail continues through open sagebrush with great views of town and the Cache Cr drainage. The trail then reaches a junction with the Putt Putt Trail, where it turns and heads into Woods Canyon.

The trail climbs through the tight canyon, skirting scree fields until finally topping out into a mixture of open meadows and thick forest. Here the trail basically ends, although it is possible to connect over to the top of the Crystal Butte Trail, or the trail that winds down to the National Elk Refuge road.

**Options:**

There are a few connection options from this trail that will lead you into the rest of the Greater Snow King Trail System. You can use it to access the Crystal Butte Trail or the upper Putt Putt Trail, which leads to several other connections. You can take the trail all the way to the top and then follow the small game and social trails back over to the top of Crystal Butte or drop down to the Elk Refuge.
**Important Information:**

This is a hike and horse only trail. Please be respectful and do not bring a mountain bike on this trail.

Please keep your dogs under control, pick up the poo, and use a leash during the winter months.

Always check the kiosk at the Trailhead for important information pertinent to the trail. This trail is located on the USGS quad map for Cache Cr.

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**Directions:**

**To access from Nelson Drive:** Head down Broadway through the town square, past the hospital, towards the Elk Refuge Road. Take a right on Nelson Drive and go down a minute or so and take your first left. Head up the hill and take your next left onto the small dirt road and you’ll see the trailhead directly ahead.

**To access from Cache Cr Road:** Head down Broadway, through the town square, to the hospital. Take a right at the stop sign onto Redmond Drive. Follow this down a few minutes, climb a little bit up the hill and take the left onto Cache Cr Drive. Follow this a few minutes, the road will turn to dirt and you’ll go up another small hill. On the left you’ll see a kiosk and small parking area. Follow the Woods Canyon Connector up the ridge to access the canyon.
Kelly’s Trail

**Difficulty:** Intermediate (steep grades)

**Trailhead:** Excellent (parking can be difficult)

**Trail Use:** Heavy

**Length:** .69 miles from Flat Cr Bridge to jct with Josie’s Ridge Trail

**Elevation:** 6157 ft at Trailhead, 6545 ft at jct with Josie’s Ridge Trail

**Open to:** Hikers

**Trail Highlights:**

Adopted in 2015, the trail begins at the junction just up the Josie’s Ridge from the Flat Cr bridge and kiosk. Take a left onto the Kelly’s Cutoff Trail and then a right onto Kelly’s Trail.

From here the trail climbs fairly steeply up the hill through heavy aspen and brush. It makes its way up the mountain through a mixture of open sagebrush and aspen hillsides with great views of town and the Tetons. It continues to climb until reaching a junction with the Josie’s Ridge Trail and the Sink or Swim Trail.

**Options:**

This trail can be looped with lower Josie’s Ridge Trail which is also designated as a hike only trail. You can also access the upper Josie’s Ridge Trail which goes to the top of Snow King, or the Sink or Swim Trail which heads across the face of Snow King and eventually into the Cache Cr drainage.

**Important Information:**

This is a hike only trail, please respect it.

This trail has a seasonal closure from December 1st to May 1st for wildlife protection.

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**Directions:**

Flat Cr Bridge Access- There are two ways to get to the Flat Cr bridge. Follow Highway 189 south and turn left onto Powderhorn Ln. Either follow this straight down and take a right onto Crabtree Ln and park at the pathway entrance, again parking is limited, or take a left on Maple Ln near the post office and then a right onto Elkhorn Dr and park at the entrance to the pathway. Follow the pathway until crossing the bridge and the Josie’s Ridge Trail begins at the kiosk.
Josie's Ridge

**Difficulty:** Advanced (steep grades)

**Trailhead:** Excellent (parking is difficult)

**Trail Use:** Heavy

**Length:** 2.27 miles from Flat Cr Bridge to top of Snow King

**Elevation:** 6157 ft at Trailhead, 7700 ft at top jct with Snow King Nature Trail

**Open to:** Hikers, Equestrian, Mountain bikes(only on upper section)

**Trail Highlights:**

The trail begins at the kiosk and starts climbing immediately. You will crest the first hill into the opening and continue to climb up the mountain, switchbacking through open sagebrush and flowers. Eventually you will reach another junction in the forest ahead. The trail continues to climb across the ridge, offering nice views of town and the Teton Range. The trail is very steep through these sections and can be hot during the summer. The trail eventually reaches the first saddle where there is a small user trail heading right down the ridge to a small lookout area. Continue to climb on the new reroute constructed last year until reaching the upper junction with the Snow King Nature Trail.

**Options:**

From the first junction, you can access the Sink or Swim Trail which will bring you across the face of Snow King and provide access to the rest of the GSKA trail network. From the upper junction with the Snow King Nature Trail, you can also access the rest of the GSKA trail network.

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Wilson Canyon Trail

**Difficulty:** Intermediate  
**Trailhead:** Excellent  
**Trail Use:** Moderate  
**Length:** 6.09 miles from Trailhead to top of Snow King Mountain

**Elevation:** 6167 ft at Trailhead, 7676 ft at jct with Ferrin’s Trail, 7897 ft at jct with road near summit

**Open to:** Hikers, Equestrian, Mountain Bikes

**Trail Highlights:**

This trail takes off across an open meadow that was severely burned in 2012. The trail enters the canyon and climbs up through thick forest and rocky outcrops. The trail eventually pops out into an open meadow along the creek and flattens out as it follows the drainage up to the four way meadow. From here it continues on up to the saddle where it meets with the Ferrin’s Trail, turns left and heads over to the summit.

**Options:**

There are many trails branching off of this one. You can access the Leeks Canyon Trail, the West Game Cr Trail, the Ferrin’s Trail, or head up to the summit and access the front side of Snow King.
**Important Information:**

This trail is closed as part of the Winter Wildlife Closure from December 1st to May 1st. Please respect the closure.

This trail is located on USGS quad maps for Jackson and Cache Cr, 7.5 minute.

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**Directions:**

To reach the Wilson Canyon Trailhead from Jackson, head south on US 189 towards South Park and take a left at Lower Valley Energy. Follow this road up to a large parking area near the fenced-in power transformers. Park here and the trail begins at the fence line.
Beaver Ponds Loop (Game Creek Trail)

**Difficulty:** Beginner

**Trailhead:** Excellent

**Trail Use:** Heavy

**Length:** Loop is .92 miles, Game Cr Trail is 6.08 miles from Trailhead to jct with Cache Cr Trail #4045, 3 miles to jct with West Game Cr. Trail #4026

**Elevation:** 6155 ft at Trailhead, 7445 ft at Cache/Game saddle, 7140 ft at jct with Cache Cr Trail

**Open to:** Hikers, Equestrian, Mountain Bikes

**Trail Highlights:**

This trail begins by following an old road along the creek. It is mostly open with nice views of the open slopes above. The trail goes through a mixture of willows and sections of pine forest as it follows the old road up the drainage. Keep an eye out for the wide variety of songbirds in this area during the summer months.

The trail eventually turns into singletrack as it gently rolls along up the drainage. The trail grade is fairly mellow through this lower section, and the trail basically follows the creek. There are several beaver dams in these areas so keep your eyes out for beavers in the early morning and at dusk. Here you’ll reach the Beaver Ponds Loop Trail.

The loop follows the opposite side of the drainage, skirting around the beaver ponds until eventually crossing a bridge back over to the Game Cr Trail.

**Options:**

This trail is part of the popular Cache/Game loop. You can go up Cache Cr Trail and come out Game Cr, which requires either a shuttle or you can ride back to Jackson on the pathway. Or you can go up Game Cr and come out Cache. The climb up the Game Cr side is usually considered to be easier, especially with the new reroute completed in 2011.

Connect to West Game Cr Trail. The West Game Cr Trail will take you up to the 5 way meadow where you can connect to Wilson Canyon, Ferrins, Leeks, or to the top of Snow King.
**Important Information:**

This trail is multi-use. Please be respectful to other users. Follow the yielding guidelines. Please stay of the trail if it is wet, especially in the early season and fall time. It only takes one person to cause significant trail damage.

This trail is on the USGS quad map for Cache Cr.

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**General Information**

**Directions:**

From Jackson, head south on US 189/191 past Rafter J and past the Teton County Landfill. You’ll see a small cluster of cabins on the right, take your next immediate left where you’ll see a bunch of mailboxes. You want the road heading up the canyon, not the road paralleling the highway. If you cross a bridge over the Snake River you went too far. Take this road up a ways until the road turns sharply to the right heading up the hill. There is a small parking lot on your left. Park here, the trail begins at the kiosk.
Wally World Trail

**Difficulty:** Intermediate

**Trailhead:** Excellent

**Trail Use:** Light

**Length:** 1.62 miles from jct with Poison Cr Trail to 4 way jct

**Elevation:** 6650 ft at jct with Poison Cr Trail, 7041 ft at 4 way jct

**Open to:** Hikers, Equestrian, Mt Bikes, Dirt Bikes

**Trail Highlights:**

The Wally World Trail starts about ¼ mile up the Poison Cr Trail from the parking lot on Fall Cr Road. Take the first right at the signed junction. Here the trail climbs immediately up through aspen stands and lodgepole pine forest.

The trail eventually pops out onto the ridge where it climbs steeply to the top and reaches a bench which offers some of the most spectacular views of the entire valley.

The trail follows the ridge until reaching the 4 way junction with Poison Cr Trail, Squaw Cr Trail and the Tuscany Ridge Trail.

**Options:**

There are several loop options in the Munger Mountain trail network. From the 4 way junction you can head down any of the trails and loop back around to the parking lot.

**Important Information:**

This trail is has a seasonal closure to dirt bikes from September 9th to July 1st.

This trail is on the USGS quad map for Munger Mountain, although this map does not have the newly constructed reroutes.
Always check the information kiosk at the trailhead for important information regarding forest regulations.

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**Directions:**
From Jackson, head out to Wilson on Highway 22 and take a left onto Fall Cr Road. Take this road for roughly 20 minutes until you climb up a steep hill just before Red Top Meadows. There is a small parking lot on the right hand side of the road and a small information kiosk. If you end up in Red Top you went too far. Park at the parking lot and the trail takes off across the road.
Poison Creek Trail

**Difficulty:** Beginner

**Trailhead:** Excellent

**Trail Use:** Light

**Length:** 2.03 miles from Fall Cr Trailhead to 4 way intersection

**Elevation:** 6559 ft at Fall Cr Trailhead, 6615 ft at jct with Cosmic Carols Trail, 7042 ft at 4 way jct

**Open to:** Hikers, Equestrian, Mt Bikers, Dirt Bikers

**Trail Highlights:**

The trail begins by crossing a small meadow and a small bridge, then climbs gently through the aspens until reaching its first junction with the Wally World trail. It then descends into the Poison Cr drainage, winding through a mixture of aspens and pine trees on a new reroute constructed in 2010. Once in the bottom of the drainage, the trail turns to the right and heads up, paralleling the small creek until reaching another junction with the Cosmic Carols trail. It continues to climb up the drainage at a fairly mellow grade. The trail then crosses the creek on a small turnpike and begins to climb a bit more steeply through pine and aspen forest. It reaches several nice viewpoints along the way. It finally tops out and continues at a flat grade through the forest until reaching the 4 way intersection.

**Options:**

Several loop possibilities exist at Munger. From Poison Cr Trail, you can take Wally World trail up to the 4 way and then come down Poison Cr. Or vice versa.
From the Poison Cr Trail you can take a left onto Cosmic Carols and connect up to the Tusky Ridge Trail which will take you up to the 4 way where you could either come down Poison or Wally’s. Or hang a left at the Tuscy Ridge junction and head down to Squaw Cr Trail which will also lead you back to the 4 way, or to the Big Munger loop.

Or take Poison Cr all the way up to the 4 way junction, and either descend Squaw Cr, or Tuscy Ridge, or Wally’s.

**Important Information:**

This trail is open to motorcycles from July 1\textsuperscript{st} to September 9\textsuperscript{th}. Be aware that they are there and keep an eye out on blind corners. It is open year round to hiking, mt biking, and horse riding.

This trail is located on USGS quad map for Munger Mountain.

Always check the posted information at the kiosks for maps, updated material on forest regulations and closures.

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Gros Ventre Geological Trail

Difficulty: Beginner

Trailhead: Excellent

Trail Use: Light

Length: .43 mile interpretive loop

Elevation: 7025 ft at parking lot

Open to: Hikers

Trail Highlights:

This trail is a small interpretive loop through the Gros Ventre landslide. It offers great views of the old landslide as well as Slide Lake. It loops around through large boulder fields and aspens and brings you right back to the parking lot.

There is a great interpretive sign detailing the history of the Gros Ventre slide at the parking area.

Here is a small excerpt from the interpretive signage:

“On June 23, 1925, one of the largest fast-moving landslides in generations occurred near the town of Kelly, Wyoming. In just three minutes, huge amounts of rock and debris cascaded down the north slope of Sheep Mountain, changing the area forever. Hurling down the slope at 50 mph, the mile-wide slide carried 50,000,000 cubic yards of debris. The mass rode 300 feet up the opposite slope, blocked the Gros Ventre River, and formed a five-mile long body of water known today as Lower Slide Lake.”

Options:

This is a small loop trail that does not connect into any other trails in the area.
**Important Information:**

This trail is located on USGS quad maps for Grizzly Lake and Blue Miner Lake, 7.5 minute.

Always check the posted information at the kiosks for maps, updated material on forest regulations and closures.

**At a Glance**

| Current Conditions: | Call Tim Farris, Trail Supervisor @ 307-739-5414 for current trail conditions. |

**General Information**

**Directions:**

From Jackson, head north on 89/191 towards Grand Teton National Park. At Gros Ventre Junction, take a right towards the town of Kelly. Follow the road through Kelly and take a right on the Gros Ventre Road. Follow the Gros Ventre Road until you see a parking area on your right with a large Gros Ventre Slide sign. If you reach Slide Lake you went too far.
Grizzly Lake Trail

**Difficulty:** Intermediate

**Trailhead:** Excellent

**Trail Use:** Heavy

**Length:** 2.1 miles to jct with Blue Miner Lake Trail, 4.03 miles from Trailhead to Grizzly Lake

**Elevation:** 7020 ft at Trailhead, 7340 ft at jct with Blue Miner Lake Trail #4095, 7221 ft at Grizzly Lake

**Open to:** Hikers, Equestrian

**Trail Highlights:**

The trail begins at the kiosk and continues up the sage brush hillside. The trail continues up the hill where it comes into a large open sagebrush meadow offering great views of the Red Hills and the Tetons. The trail continues through a mixture of large open hillsides and patches of pine and aspen forest, crossing several small creeks, some of which do not have bridges. Be prepared with river crossing shoes. The trail does a series of climbs and descents, following along the ranch property, until finally reaching a junction for Blue Miner Lake Trail. Take a left here to head up to Blue Miner Lake. Go straight to go down to Grizzly Lake.

**Options:**

There is only one junction on this trail and it exists about 4.5 miles up where you can go to either Grizzly Lake or Blue Miner Lake.

If you continue on the trail past the lake, it will eventually lead you into the forest and to Redman Cr. There is an old trail that follows the creek down to the Gros Ventre River, though it is very difficult to follow and is not recommended for stock.
**Important Information:**

This trail is located on USGS quad maps for Grizzly Lake and Blue Miner Lake, 7.5 minute.

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**General Information**

**Directions:**

From Jackson, head north on 89/191 towards Grand Teton National Park. At Gros Ventre Junction, take a right towards the town of Kelly. Follow the road through Kelly and take a right on the Gros Ventre Road. Follow the road past Slide Lake and continue until you reach Red Hills Campground. There is an information kiosk/trailhead on the right just before the campground and plenty of parking.
Recommended Hiking Trails in the Snake River Range
Cabin Creek Trail

**Difficulty:** Intermediate  
**Trailhead:** Fair  
**Trail Use:** Light  
**Length:** 5.26 miles from Cabin Cr. T.H. to Dog Cr. Junction

**Elevation:** 5950 feet at T.H. to 6650 feet at jct with Dog Cr. Trail

**Open to:** Hikers, Equestrian, Mountain Bikes

**Trail Highlights:**

This trail begins with several uphill sections following Cabin Cr. on its north side. The trail crosses steep open side slopes offering views to the winding creek below. The trail passes through several meadows including a large open meadow recently formed by beavers damming up Cabin Cr. Several beaver lodges are viewable from the trail and beavers can be seen early morning and around dusk. The trail continues to climb through a mixture of lodgepole forest stands and open sagebrush and wildflower meadows to a saddle which offers fantastic views of the Snake River drainage and surrounding mountains. The junction for users to connect to the Dog Cr. trail lies about 3 miles up and is clearly signed. The trail to Dog Cr. heads to the right while the trail to the left heads towards Wolf Mountain and is not a maintained trail. Continue towards Dog Cr. to reach an even higher open ridge with spectacular views. See Cabin Dog Loop Option below.

**Options:**
Loop to Dog Cr. Trail #4069. From the mountain pass, travel another 3 miles downhill into the Dog Cr. drainage through open meadows and aspen stands. Hang a right at the trail junction, and cross Dog Cr. which has no bridge and can be difficult to cross in the early spring. Continue down Dog Cr. approximately 3 miles to the Trailhead. This option requires a shuttle from the Dog Cr. Trailhead, located 3 miles north of Cabin Cr. Trailhead, at the end of a two-track road just south of the Fall Cr. Road junction.
**Important Information:**
Cabin Cr. trail is located within the Palisades Wilderness Study Area and is not open to motorized vehicles.

Trail is located on USGS Quad Map for Munger Mountain, 7.5 minute.

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**General Information**

**Directions:**
From Jackson, follow Hwy. 89 South approximately 12 miles. Bear right at Hoback junction and continue along the Snake River. Once past the road junction for Fall Cr. Road on the right, visitors will see a Caribou-Targhee National Forest sign. A small dirt road is immediately after this on the right which leads to the Dog Cr.Trailhead. Continue down the highway a few minutes to the next turnoff on the right. Follow this rough dirt road about ½ mile to the trailhead at the end. The trail begins on the right next to the information kiosk. If visitors come to the East table Trailhead along the highway they have gone too far.

**General Notes:**
Cabin Creek Road is not maintained and is significantly eroded and not recommended for low clearance vehicles.
Wolf Cr Trail

**Difficulty:** Advanced

**Trailhead:** Excellent

**Trail Use:** Light

**Length:** Wolf Cr. T.H. to lower jct with Dry Fork Wolf Cr. Trail – 1.1 miles, Wolf Cr T.H to upper jct with Dry Fork Wolf Cr- 7.03, Wolf Cr. T.H. to Red Pass – 6.1 miles

**Elevation:** 5780ft at the Wolf Cr. Trailhead, 6100 ft at jct with Dry Fork of Wolf Cr. Trail, 7470ft at jct with Red Pass Trail, 8700 ft at Red Pass

**Open to:** Hikers, Equestrian, Mountain Bikes

**Trail Highlights:**

This a rocky trail that closely follows Wolf Cr. and offers open views of the surrounding canyon. The trail alternates between stands of Douglas fir and large Cottonwoods and open areas with shrubs, cliffs and talus. The first creek crossing is one mile up and can be treacherous in early spring. Flooding the past few years have wiped out most of the crossable logs so be prepared with river shoes for the multiple crossings along the trail. At mile 1.1 the Dry Fork of Wolf Cr. Trail takes off to the left and immediately crosses the creek. This trail offers a long loop opportunity with Wolf Cr. Trail and is fairly open with large views of surrounding cliffs. During the early summer, this trail is lined with tall stinging nettles so pants and long sleeve shirts are recommended. The trail crosses the creek again at mile 1.8 and stays on the left side along Wolf Cr. until crossing again at mile 4.2, and again around mile 5, and again just after that. None of these crossings have bridges. The trail then goes through a recent mudslide that poured through dense Douglas fir forest. Look for cut logs to help find your way through. The trail reaches a junction with the Red Pass Trail just after that, which takes off to the right, while Wolf Cr. Trail continues to the left.

**Options:**

Loop to Dry Fork Wolf Cr. Trail #4061. Two options are available for this loop. Either take the first junction at mile 1.1 and head up the Dry Fork Trail and come down the
Wolf Cr. Trail, or go up Wolf Cr. Trail and take a left at the junction with the Red Pass Trail and come out on the Dry Fork Trail. Either way it is a steep climb making the connection between the two. Connect to Dog Cr. Trail # 4069. From the Red Pass junction take a left and walk along the ridge till it drops you down into the Dog Cr. drainage. Take a right at the next junction to head down the Dog Cr. Trail. This option would require a shuttle from the Dog Cr. T.H. which is approximately 10 miles north of the Wolf Cr. T.H.

**Important Information:**

This trail is located on USGS quad maps for Ferry Peak, Pine Creek, Observation Peak, and Munger Mountain, 7.5 minute.

Always check the posted information at the kiosk for maps, updated material on forest regulations and closures.

Crossing Wolf Cr. can be extremely dangerous and is not recommended in early spring. River shoes and a walking stick for crossings is recommended. This trail can be difficult to follow once in the headwaters area. Be sure to have good topographic maps and a compass and know your route well before going.

**At a Glance**

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| Usage:              | Light-Medium                                                                    |
| Restrictions:       | Wolf Cr. Trail is located within the Palisades Wilderness Study Area and is not open to motorized vehicles. Snowmobiling is currently allowed. |

**General Information**

**Directions:**

From Jackson, follow Hwy 89 South approximately 12 miles. Bear right at Hoback Junction on Hwy 26/87 towards Alpine and continue along the Snake River. Drive 16 miles past this junction to a small gravel access road on the right, just past the Station Creek sign. If you see Wolf Cr. campground you’ve gone too far. Park here, the trail begins at the kiosk right at the end of the primitive road.
Palmer Creek Trail

**Difficulty:** Advanced

**Trailhead:** Fair

**Trail Use:** Light

**Length:** 14 miles from Trailhead to jct with Phosphate Cr

**Elevation:** 6016ft at Trailhead, 9487 ft at jct with Phosphate Cr

**Open to:** Hikers, Equestrian, Mt bikes

**Trail Highlights:**

This trail begins by climbing steeply through the forest up to an open hillside with nice views of the river below. The trail heads along the side of the hillside for a bit before climbing up through pine and aspen forest. The trail reaches an upper more open meadow with small aspen patches. It winds its way through these meadows, climbing slightly. The trail then enters the forest again and has a series of switchbacks. It then reaches a small pond in an open meadow, continuing to climb through meadows and aspen stands. It finally reaches an upper ridge with spectacular views into the Willow Cr drainage. The trail turns and heads directly along the ridge top, offering amazing views in every direction. The trail continues along Grayback Ridge for many miles, and is fairly easy to follow. There is a small user trail that loops back to the Palmer Cr Trail but this is not a maintained trail and it can be hard to find. The trail eventually reaches a junction with the Phosphate Cr Trail. This junction could be hard to find as there hasn’t been any trail maintenance in this area in quite some time.

**Options:**

You can do a loop from off the ridge back to the Trailhead but the trail can be very hard to find and is unmarked.
You can connect with the Phosphate Cr Trail which can connect you down to the Willow Cr Trail #40480, or you can continue to Pickle Pass and come out Little Greys River.
**Important Information:**

The back portions of this trail have not received any trail maintenance and not much is known about its condition. Have a good map and compass and know your route well. There is not very much available water once on the ridge. Plan accordingly.

This trail is on the USGS quad map for Camp Davis and Bailey Lake.

Always check the posted information at the kiosks for maps, updated material on forest regulations and closures.

**At a Glance**

| Current Conditions: | Call Tim Farris, Trail Supervisor @ 307-739-5414 for current trail conditions. |

**General Information**

**Directions:**

From Jackson, head south on US 189/191 to Hoback Junction. Take a right towards Alpine, but then take a quick left on Hoback Junction South Road before going over the bridge. This will take you down and across the river on a small one lane bridge. Continue on this road past the houses and you will see a small dirt parking area on your right, just before dropping down a small hill. Park here and the trail begins at the small sign across the road.
Wyoming National Recreation Trail

**Difficulty:** Advanced

**Trailhead:** Excellent

**Trail Use:** Heavy (during hunting season Sept-Nov)

**Length:** 16.6 miles from Bryan Flats Guard Station to Pickle Pass, ~3 miles to jct with Grayback Parallel Trail #4143, ~2 miles to jct with Lick Cr Trail #4146, ~4 miles to jct with Adams Cr Trail #4139, ~5 miles to jct with Mumford Cr Trail #4144, ~8 miles to jct with Hunter Cr trail #4140

**Elevation:** 6283 ft at Trailhead, 6350 ft at jct with Grayback Parallel, 7223 ft at jct with Lick Cr, 6518 ft at jct with Adams Cr, 6654 ft at jct with Mumford Cr, 6900 ft at jct with Hunter Cr, 8860 ft at Pickle Pass

**Open to:** Hikers, Equestrian, Mt Bikes

**Trail Highlights:**

This trail immediately climbs out of the parking lot and then takes a hard left and follows the fence line through aspen forest. It then begins to climb through a mixture of aspen and pine forest, going past a small pond, and eventually cresting out on a ridge. On the ridge you will see a sign for Lick Cr and Willow Cr, and there are several trails heading in every direction. The trail to the far right heads down the ridge towards Broken Arrow Ranch and the highway. The next trail to the right heads down into the Willow Cr drainage and is the start of the Grayback Parallel Trail which goes all the way to Pickle Pass. The trail straight ahead is the Lick Cr Trail which takes you down into the Willow Cr drainage further up. The trail to the far left follows the ridge out and then basically stops. The best way into Willow Cr is to go down the Lick Cr Trail, which contours down the ridge to the creek where there are several creek crossings in a row. Carry creek shoes and be careful in the spring as water levels can be very high. From here the trail basically follows the creek for many miles. There are several signed junctions along the way and plenty of great camping. The trail stays out in the open offering beautiful views of the surrounding peaks. It eventually climbs up to Pickle Pass, yet there has not been much trail maintenance in these upper areas in quite some time. Expect to find multiple user trails as well as old sheep trails. Have a good map and know your route.
**Options:**

There are a wide variety of options for loops or connections from the main Willow Cr Trail. The Willow Cr Trail is part of the Wyoming National Recreation Trail which stretches for 71 miles through the Wyoming Range. A total of 15.5 miles are on the Jackson Ranger District while there are 33 miles on the Greys River District and 22 miles on the Big Piney District. From the Willow Cr Trail you can access the Lick Cr Trail, Adams Cr, Mumford Cr, Phosphate Cr, Grayback Parallel, Hunter Cr, or connect over to Cliff Cr Falls area. Check out the maps for the multiple loop options.

**Important Information:**

The upper portions of this trail are in high alpine meadows and the actual trail can be hard to find. Have a good map and know your route well. This trail is on the USGS quad map for Camp Davis, Bailey Lake and Pickle Pass. Always check the posted information at the kiosks for maps, updated material on forest regulations and closures.

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**General Information**

**Directions:**

From Jackson take 189/191 south to Hoback Junction and take a left towards Pinedale. Follow this for several miles until you see Camp Cr Inn on your left. Just past here you will see a large fake moose on your right and a dirt road. Take a right here and follow the dirt road, crossing over the creek and heading towards the Bryan Flats Guard Station. Before reaching the guard station, you’ll see a parking lot on the right with hitching posts. Park here and the trail takes off up the fence line.
CLASSIC JACKSON HOLE HIKES

There are many amazing hikes in Jackson Hole, here are a few of our favorites off the tram and in Grand Teton National Park. For more information, call the Activity Center. 307.739.2654. Please see the summer trail map below for more trail info.

FROM THE AERIAL TRAM

The Aerial Tram offers a unique hiking experience unlike an other in the Jackson Hole area. Ascending 4,139' in just 12 minutes, the tram leaves hikers at 10,450' among the high peaks of the Southern Tetons. From here you are free to access a vast trail network connecting Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, Bridger-Teton National Forest, and Grand Teton National Park - all while avoiding the 4,000+ foot climb to the top.
ROCK SPRINGS LOOP
This loop trail descends about 1,000 vertical feet past Cody Bowl into a lush mountain meadow abundant in wildflowers. Moose, deer, marmots and pikas may show their faces to those traveling this trail as it passes through small snow fields, talus slopes, meadows and woodland. Hike this loop to experience the different environments that exist in the mountain region.

Distance/Time: Approx. 4.3 miles roundtrip/2-4 hours
Difficulty Rating: Strenuous. Trail is a combination of a mountain service road and single-track.

ROCK SPRINGS OVERLOOK
This trail follows the Cody Bowl/Rock Springs Loop Trail. The overlook is a bit closer than Cody Bowl and is a common destination for those hikers looking for a shorter hike that leaves the summit of the mountain. The overlook affords views of the valley and the alpine meadow of Rock Springs. Great picnic spot!
Distance/Time: Approx 2.0 miles; allow 1.5-2 hours  
Difficulty Rating: moderate

**GREEN RIVER OVERLOOK**
This hike is a side hike off the Rock Springs Loop Trail. It can be added to part of the loop, or used as a hike all its own. This trail takes you to a rock ledge where you can view the valley below. This is a favorite spot for marmots so be on the lookout. Be sure to follow the Rock Springs Loop signs until you meet the Green River overlook junction.

Distance/Time: Approx 3.5 miles; allow 2-3 hours  
Difficulty Rating: moderate

**TOP OF THE WORLD**
Experience spectacular views of the Teton Range and Jackson Hole as you hike along the Rendezvous Mountain ridgeline at 10,450 feet. Beautiful alpine wildflowers blanket the landscapes with bright colors as you wander through this sub-alpine environment.

Distance/Time: Approx. 0.3 miles roundtrip/45 min.  
Difficulty Rating: Easy/Moderate

**CORBET'S TRAIL**
This trail takes you down to the entrance to Corbet’s Couloir. The couloir is a narrow passageway through the rock that challenges skiers and snowboarders alike during the winter. This is a short hike, but more steep than Top of the World. Beautiful wildflowers bloom along this trail during peak months. It offers great views of the valley.

Distance/Time: Approximately 0.5 miles; allow 30 minutes  
Difficulty Rating: moderate

**HIKE TO A COLD ONE**
Take a late afternoon hike and reward yourself with a refreshing drink on The Deck. Trek down the Summit Trail from the top of the tram until you reach the gondola summit. The Deck offers a high-altitude outdoor patio with a bar and outdoor grill menu. Open from 4:30-6:30pm every night, June 21st – September 7, 2015. Gondola subject to closure due to weather or special events. Please ask before you depart or check weekly calendar.

Distance/Time: Approx. 3 miles/1-2 hours  
Difficulty Rating: Moderate

**RIDE UP, WALK DOWN**
This trail stretches from the summit to the base, or vice versa, across both Rendezvous and Apres-Vous Mountains. Follow the Summit Trail for great valley views and the opportunity to spot moose or deer. For those that hike up, get rewarded with a free tram ride to the base.

Distance/Time: Approx. 7.4 miles; 3-4 hours downhill / 3-6 hours uphill.  
Difficulty Rating: Strenuous due to loose rock on trail, distance and consistent downhill/uphill grade. Trail is a combination of a mountain service road (top) and single-track (lower section).

**CODY BOWL**
This hike descends about 800 vertical feet into a boulder filled bowl at the bottom of the predominant Cody Peak. This is the first peak you see directly to the south of the tram. Cody bowl is often the last place snow persists in the summer. This hike gives you the opportunity to see even more wildflowers
and the possible pika. This hike is recommended for those hikers looking for a longer hike, but not an overly strenuous hike.

Distance/Time: Approx: 3.0 miles; allow 2-2.5 hours
Difficulty Rating: moderate

**SUMMIT TRAIL / SUMMER MOUNTAIN ROAD**

This trail travels from the summit of Rendezvous Mountain to the base of the ski area, or vice versa. The hike offers great views of the valley and the opportunity to spot some of the larger mammals on the mountain = moose, deer, bear. This hike is recommended only for people who are prepared for a consistent downhill/uphill journey. Most of the hike is exposed to the sun and can be hot on a clear day. It is a combination of our Summer Maintenance Road and Singletrack towards the valley floor. Please be prepared with plenty of water, sunscreen and proper footwear as you’ll travel 4,139’ in vertical!

Distance/Time: Approx 7.4 miles one way; allow 3-4 hours downhill / 3-5 hours uphill
Difficulty Rating: strenuous due to loose rock on trail; distance and consistent downhill/uphill grade.