

# Cross-Country Skiing Stanislaus National Forest Calaveras Ranger District

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## Lake Alpine Area

### Alpine Sno-Park Area

The Lake Alpine Basin offers something for all levels of skiers. Restrooms are available. A State Sno-Park permit must be obtained to park in this area. Permits may be purchased at the Ranger District office in Hathaway Pines, most sport shops in Arnold or at Big Trees State Park.

For more Sno-Park information, phone (916) 324-1222.

### Up Highway 4

Eight miles of groomed snowmobile trail from Alpine Sno-Park to Mosquito Lakes is on snow-covered Highway 4. Grooming of this trail is funded with State Green Sticker and gas tax revenues. There are three distinct trips within this eight-mile trail:

- Three-quarters of a mile of moderate downhill skiing will bring you to Lake Alpine. This section is good for beginning skiers. Please do not ski on Lake Alpine—ice can be very unsafe.
- Three miles further, you will reach Cape Horn Vista—a slow, easy, uphill climb from Lake Alpine. Many skiers believe the ski trip to Cape Horn is well worth the uphill climb for the spectacular 300-degree view. Intermediate skiers should allow at least a ½ day for this trip.
- The last four miles of this trail is a gradual uphill climb to picturesque Mosquito Lakes. Allow a full day for the trip. Be cautious of snowmobiles on the groomed trail—stay far to the right.

### Lake Alpine Loop

The loop is one mile to Lake Alpine plus 3 ½ miles around the lake. The trailhead is marked on the south side of Highway 4, near the closure gate. This trail parallels the highway then turns south on Slick Rock 4x4 Road. Follow the road one mile south to the lake, then turn east and follow the trail around Lake Alpine. The trail is marked but difficult to follow. Advanced skiers will enjoy this loop. Consult the map on the reverse side of this guide.

## Pine Marten/Silver Valley Campgrounds

One mile to Lake Alpine, then ½ mile of flat, groomed snowmobile trail along the east end of the lake to the two campgrounds. The trails through these campgrounds are unmarked, but easy to follow. This is a good area for beginners.

### Big Meadow Nordic Ski Trails

One mile east of Liberty Vista and three miles west of Tamarack on Highway 4. Trails are not groomed. Snowmobiles are prohibited. This Nordic area offers beginning through advanced trails. Beginning trails wind through Big Meadow Campground, while the Intermediate and Advanced Trails follow the rim of the beautiful Stanislaus River Canyon. Consult map on reverse side of this guide.

### Bear Valley Cross-Country Area

This is a fee area operated under Special Use Permit with the US Forest Service. Bear Valley Cross-Country Ski Area offers an extensively groomed trail system with over 30 trails. Trailside huts, picnic tables and food service are also available. Nordic Ski rentals and instruction can be obtained at the Bear Valley Trailhead. Brochures and trail maps are available.

### Calaveras Big Trees State Park

This is also a fee area. This park offers some groomed cross-country trails when snow conditions are adequate. For more info, call the State Park at (209) 795-2334.

For more information on winter recreation in the Stanislaus National Forest, please contact:

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# CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING



**Big Meadow Picnic Area**  
Restroom  
Beginners on Campground loops  
Intermediate  
Advanced

**BIG MEADOW NORDIC SKI TRAILS**

Highway ④  
Road 7N02

**MOKELUMNE WILDERNESS**

**CARSON-ICEBERG WILDERNESS**

Hermit Valley  
Mosquito Lakes  
Stanislaus Meadow  
Cape Horn  
P Duck Lake  
Lake Alpine (See Map Below)  
Bear Valley Ski Area  
Bear Valley  
Bear Valley Cross Country Area  
Tamarack  
7N11  
Highway ④  
7N09  
7N01  
Spicer Road  
River  
Big Meadow (See Map Above)  
Cabbage Patch  
Liberty Vista  
Stanislaus Fork  
Poison Springs  
Black Springs  
North

**SNO-Park Gate**  
Restroom  
Intermediate Trail  
Slick Rock 4x4 Road  
Advanced Trail beyond here →

Highway ④  
Lake Alpine  
ICE UNSAFE

Advanced Trail is difficult to follow

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