

Cross-Country Ski Trail Information

Stumps, rocks or other hazards may be present on all trails or areas. Some ski touring trails are not maintained or groomed. Caution is advised.

Trails are rated EASIEST, MORE DIFFICULT and MOST DIFFICULT. Take the trails that match your skill level. For the enjoyment of others, keep dogs off designated ski trails. Ski trails may not be patrolled.

Be alert to changing weather conditions and avalanche danger, stay on safe routes. For avalanche advisories, call:

Southwest Montana: 406-587-6981

Cooke City: 406-838-2341

West Yellowstone: 406-646-7912

Missoula Regional Avalanche Advisory (West Central Montana): 406-549-4488 or 800-281-1030 (in Montana)

Trail Name and Location	Miles of Trail	Information Available From	Remarks and Restrictions
Elkhorn Hot Springs Ski Trails - 37 miles northwest of Dillon	23.3 km MOST DIFFICULT; no grooming	Dillon Ranger District	Trail begins at plowed parking lot near Elkhorn Hot Springs Resort. Trail system consists of several loops with approximately 1,000 feet of climb. Trail map available.
Birch Creek - 21 miles northwest of Dillon	5.0 km MORE DIFFICULT; no grooming	Dillon Ranger District	Trail begins across Birch Creek bridge on the Birch Creek road about 1 mile west of the junction with the Willow Creek road. Trail map available.

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Cabinet Creek - 26 miles west of Wisdom	9.6 km MORE DIFFICULT; no grooming	Wisdom Ranger District	Trail begins at plowed parking area on Highway 43; follows Cabinet Creek to junction with Anderson Mountain Road; has some steep pitches. Can use either Anderson Mountain Road or Richardson Ridge Trail to make semi-loops. Trail map available.
Chief Joseph Cross-Country Trails - 28 miles west of Wisdom	8 km EASIEST, 14.5 km MORE DIFFICULT, 2.1 km MOST DIFFICULT; weekly grooming	Wisdom Ranger District	Trail system starts on north side of Highway 43 at Chief Joseph Pass. Plowed parking for 55-60 vehicles; toilet and maps available at trailhead. Trail system consists of several loops which provide a variety of lengths and skill levels. Groomed by Bitterroot Ski Club. No pets, please. Warming hut open 12/1 to 04/15.
Shoofly - 22 miles west of Wisdom	7.2 km MORE DIFFICULT; no grooming	Wisdom Ranger District	Parking at plowed lot on Highway 43. Trail starts on north side of highway; accesses Hogan Rental Cabin. Trail map available.
Richardson Creek - 26 miles west of Wisdom	6.1 km MORE DIFFICULT; no grooming	Wisdom Ranger District	Parking at plowed lot on Highway 43; trail starts from lot. Can use Cabinet Creek Trail or Anderson Mountain Road to make semi-loops. Trail map available.
Scotter Creek Trail - 26 miles west of Wisdom	4.8 km MORE DIFFICULT; no grooming	Wisdom Ranger District	Trail connects Chief Joseph Pass groomed trail system with Shoofly Trail and Hogan Rental Cabin. Trail map available.

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Anderrick Trail - 28 miles west of Wisdom	3.2 km EASIEST; no grooming	Wisdom Ranger District	Trail connects Anderson Mountain Road and Richardson Creek Trail to form a loop. Trail map available.
Anderson Mountain Road - 28 miles west of Wisdom	12.8 km MORE DIFFICULT; no grooming	Wisdom Ranger District	Trail begins on south side of Chief Joseph Pass. Can use Richardson Creek or Cabinet Creek Trails to make semi-loops. Trail map available.
Gibbons Pass Road - off Highway 43 at Chief Joseph Pass, 28 miles west of Wisdom	3.2 km EASIEST, 4.3 km MORE DIFFICULT; no grooming	Wisdom Ranger District	About 7.5 km of excellent skiing with moderate slope and open areas for telemarking. Open to snowmobiles. Accesses Hogan Rental Cabin. Trail map available.
May Creek Trail - 16 miles west of Wisdom	9.6 km MORE DIFFICULT; no grooming	Wisdom Ranger District	Trail begins from May Creek Campground; joins Cabinet Creek Trail at end. Can use Cabinet Creek and May Creek Ridge Trails to form loop. Accesses May Creek Rental Cabin. Trail map available.
May Creek Ridge Trail - 16 miles west of Wisdom	13.7 km MOST DIFFICULT; no grooming	Wisdom Ranger District	Trail begins from May Creek Campground; not marked as ski trail; does have standard trail blazes. Can use with Cabinet Creek Trail and May Creek Trail to form loop. Trail map available.
Wade Lake Ski Trails - 40 miles south of Ennis on Highway 287 to Wade Lake Access Road and 6 miles to Resort	35 km EASIEST; groomed	Madison Ranger District	Several routes of set track provide skiers with touring of Cliff and Wade Lakes and scenic vistas of the area; food and lodging are available at the resort. Trail map available.

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Lodgepole Ridge Ski Trails - Georgetown Lake	7.7 km MORE DIFFICULT, 1.1 km MOST DIFFICULT; no grooming	Pintler Ranger District	Parking available at Red Bridge Boat Launch. Trail map available at forest offices.
Cable Campground Ski Trails - Discovery Basin Ski Area	5.2 km MORE DIFFICULT; no grooming	Pintler Ranger District	Parking available at Discovery Basin Ski Area. Trail map available at the ski area and forest offices.
Discovery Basin Ski Trails - Discovery Basin Ski Area	5.2 km EASIEST, intermittent grooming. 3.1 km MORE DIFFICULT. 9.6 km MOST DIFFICULT, no grooming.	Pintler Ranger District	Parking available at Discovery Basin Ski Area. Trail map available at the ski area and forest offices.