



Trail Descriptions

Designated trails are posted with colored diamond reassurance markers to ensure easy navigation.

BEAR CREEK TRAIL **8 km/3.7 miles**

This route consists of the Bear Creek Road from the parking area on TVX Mine property to the Bear Creek Trailhead near the wilderness boundary. The entire length is groomed after the road is closed to cars, trucks and ATVs in early winter. Snowmobile riders are asked to avoid the set ski tracks. This trail is relatively easy for beginners and those looking for a flat workout.

PINE CREEK TRAIL **2.6 km/1.9 miles**

This route climbs steeply from the junction with the Bear Creek Trail to the trail system surrounding Shultz Knob. Once it reaches the Shultz Knob Trail, the gradient lessens as it heads toward the Rollercoaster and Bear Fork Trails. This route has an icy patch just downhill from the Schultz Knob Trail caused by a perennial spring. This trail is useful for uphill travel as a short route to the rest of the system, but downhill runs should only be attempted by experts.

SHULTZ KNOB TRAIL **2 km/1.2 miles**

In conjunction with the Pine Creek and Rollercoaster Trails, this route provides an opportunity for a loop around Schultz Knob. It has a fairly gentle gradient and offers spectacular views of the Absaroka Mountains.

ROLLERCOASTER TRAIL **1.2 km/.75 miles**

This is a fairly steep trail that is a main snowmobile route through the area. It is a suitable trail for expert skiers. Watch for the moguls!

BEAR FORK TRAIL **1.3 km/.8 miles**

This route consists of the Bear Fork Road from the junction of the Bear Creek Trail to the junction of the Pine Creek Trail. The route is significantly steeper than the Bear Creek Trail and provides a nice downhill run for intermediate skiers.

LOBO TRAIL **1.2 km/.75 miles**

This route provides the easiest access from Bear Creek to the trails surrounding Schultz Knob. The trail climbs along an easy gradient through an old clear-cut.

LOBO CUTACROSS TRAIL **1.2 km/.75 miles**

This route provides access to the Lobo Trail and the Rollercoaster Trail.

UNMARKED TRAILS

There are numerous unmarked trails used by winter recreationists. The main unmarked trails are shown on the trail system map.



BEAR CREEK WINTER TRAILS **Gallatin National Forest** **Gardiner Ranger District** **(406) 848-7375**

WELCOME

The Bear Creek snowmobile and cross-country ski area utilizes a number of old logging roads which were constructed decades ago. Pockets of old growth timber are intermingled with regenerated stands and offer winter recreationists a wide spectrum of snow conditions and visual opportunities. Schultz Knob is the center point of the area and offers excellent views of the Bear Creek drainage and surrounding mountains.

Wildlife is abundant and includes moose, elk, deer, wolves and coyotes. A watchful traveler is likely to see elk or deer along the edge of an old clear-cut or seeking shelter in the confines of the forest. Winter is a difficult time for large mammals, and causing them to run will expend energy that is critical to their survival. Please enjoy these animals from a distance.

HAZARDS & ETIQUETTE

Winter travel in these mountains requires special care. Never go alone, and take extra food, fuel, and clothing. Make sure to inform someone of your destination and when you expect to return. Keep an eye on the weather and turn back if conditions deteriorate. It is important to keep yourself physically fit and utilize good equipment. Additionally, it is a good idea to take along a compass, topographic maps of the area, and emergency shelter, sunglasses, plus an extra ski tip.

The trails in this area are shared by skiers and snowmobiles. Operate snowmobiles at minimum speeds near skiers and snowshoers, and maintain those speeds until well out of their range. Skiers and snowshoers should understand that snowmobile riders generally cannot hear other approaching trail users. Use common courtesy and respect so that all trail users can enjoy their winter travels.



**Please remember that moose, elk and other large mammals
can be dangerous; please keep your distance.**



National Forest Wilderness

**CLOSED TO MOTOR VEHICLES
(INCLUDING SNOWMOBILES)
AND MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT**

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and protected under Public Law (16
U.S.C. 551, 16 U.S.C. 1131-1136)**

**VIOLATIONS
PUNISHABLE**



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of
Emergency
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advisories are available from the
Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center
(406) 587-6981

or online at www.mtavalanche.com.

Advisories are also available at the
Gardiner Ranger District Office.