

## **Select Trail Descriptions**

All trail junctions are marked with blue, wood trail signs; blue diamonds mark the route.

XC141, Swauk Meadows Trail, is designed as a loop route, beginning at Pipe Creek Sno-Park (3,500 ft.) and cresting the Swauk/Tronsen divide at 4,200 ft. This four mile loop begins by following Swauk Creek upstream to Swauk Meadows. At two miles, the route crosses road 9716 and heads uphill to the junction with XC15, Haney Meadow Trail. From this junction, the route heads downhill and northwest, intersecting road 9716 again and proceeding to Blewett Pass Sno-Park. From Blewett Pass the trail follows an old road grade paralleling US 97 back to Pipe Creek Sno-Park in 1.5 miles.

**XC141.2,** takes off from XC 141, Swauk Meadows Trail. Heading south on a road bed, this trail passes several open meadows to its terminus at 1.5 miles.

XC140 - Pipe Creek Trail, heads west from Pipe Creek Sno-Park, descends to Swauk Creek, then climbs steeply up a road bed paralleling Pipe Creek. The route reaches the Swauk/Pipe Creek divide, 4,500 ft. in 1.5 miles. Continuing south through interspersed meadows, for another .5 miles, the route terminates at the junction with XC 120, Dunning Ranch Trail. The upper section of the route can offer turning opportunities in good snow conditions.

**XC140.1** - Diamond View Loop, begins off XC140 Pipe Creek Trail on the Swauk/Pipe Creek divide. Heading north, this route can be skied in either direction. Contouring a promontory butte in 1.25 miles, this route offers fine views of Swauk Creek and Diamond Head. XC 120, Dunning Ranch Trail, can be accessed from three points, the 9711 road, 9716 road and XC 140, Pipe Creek Trail. This 1.25 mile trail contours below Swauk Ridge, and could serve as a connection piece from Blewett Pass to Pipe Creek Sno-Park.

**XC15** - Haney Meadow Trail is a difficult 3 mile trail with avalanche potential. XC15 takes off from XC141, Swauk Meadows Trail, at the Swauk/ Tronsen divide (4,200 ft.) At Haney Meadow, two options exist, retracing the trail or skiing the 9712 & 9716 roads 7 miles back to Blewett Pass.

## WINTER RECREATION SAFETY

Before you strap on your snowshoes or step into your binding did you?

- $\checkmark$  Check the avalanche danger
- ✓ Assess local snow pack
- ✓ Check the local weather forecast
- ✓ Pack your 10 essentials
  - o Extra Food
  - Extra Clothing
  - o Map
  - Compass
  - o Knife
  - Matches
  - Fine Ster
  - Fire Starter
  - o First Aid Kit
  - o Sun Glasses
  - o Flashlight
- ✓ Let someone know your itinerary
- ✓ Check area maps to be sure you are within your skill level

We strongly encourage all backcountry enthusiasts to attend an avalanche awareness training course before recreating in the winter backcountry.

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## Swauk Creek Area

NON-MOTORIZED WINTER RECREATION



Including trails near Swauk Campground, Pipe Creek, Tronsen Ridge & Iron Creek.

Sno-Park Permits are required to park in Swauk Campground, Blewett Pass & Pipe Creek Sno-Parks