

Trail Highlights



The Eagle Cliff Trails were developed by local skiing enthusiasts in the mid 1980's. This trail system became popular among other recreationists because of the opportunity to create your own adventure.

With twenty-one intertwining loop and dead-end trails, the system offers fun and challenge at every turn. Trails range from short, rugged and remote to longer, looping trails with a range of difficulty. The opportunity to combine trails and create a unique experience is only one of the highlights of this system.

The trail difficulties are rated for cross-country skiing, other users may find them less difficult. Today the trails are maintained by the USDA Forest Service and the Black Hills Nordic Ski Club.

General Information

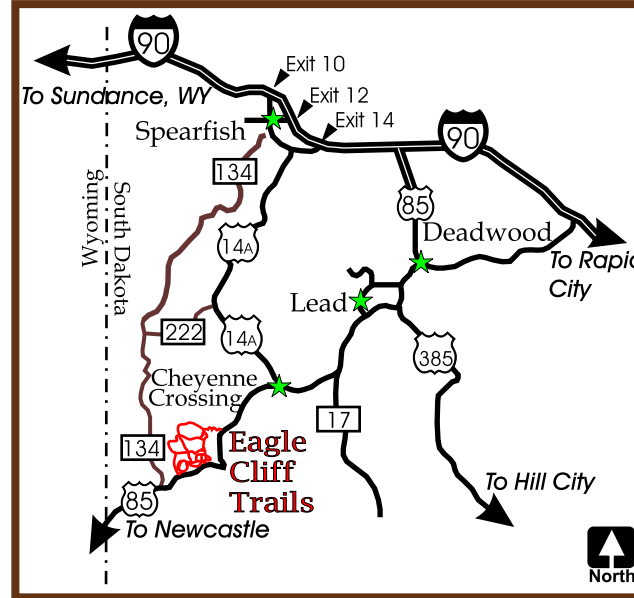
-  **Trail Ethics**
Please don't cut across switchbacks or pioneer new trails.
-  **Extreme Weather**
Clear sunny days can quickly turn into afternoon thunderstorms. Start trips early in the day and carry raingear.
-  **Stream and Spring Water**
Do not drink it! Each trail user should carry at least one quart of water.
-  **Fire Safety**
In accordance with the Black Hills Fire Protection District regulations and South Dakota state law, open fires are prohibited throughout the forest.
-  **Motors and Machines**
This trail is not maintained for the use of motorized vehicle traffic.



Expect and respect other users.

Enjoy the National Forest, but please TREAD LIGHTLY and DON'T LITTER.

Location Map



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EAGLE CLIFF TRAILS

Trail Number 68

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EAGLE CLIFF TRAILS

Easy

Moderate

Difficult

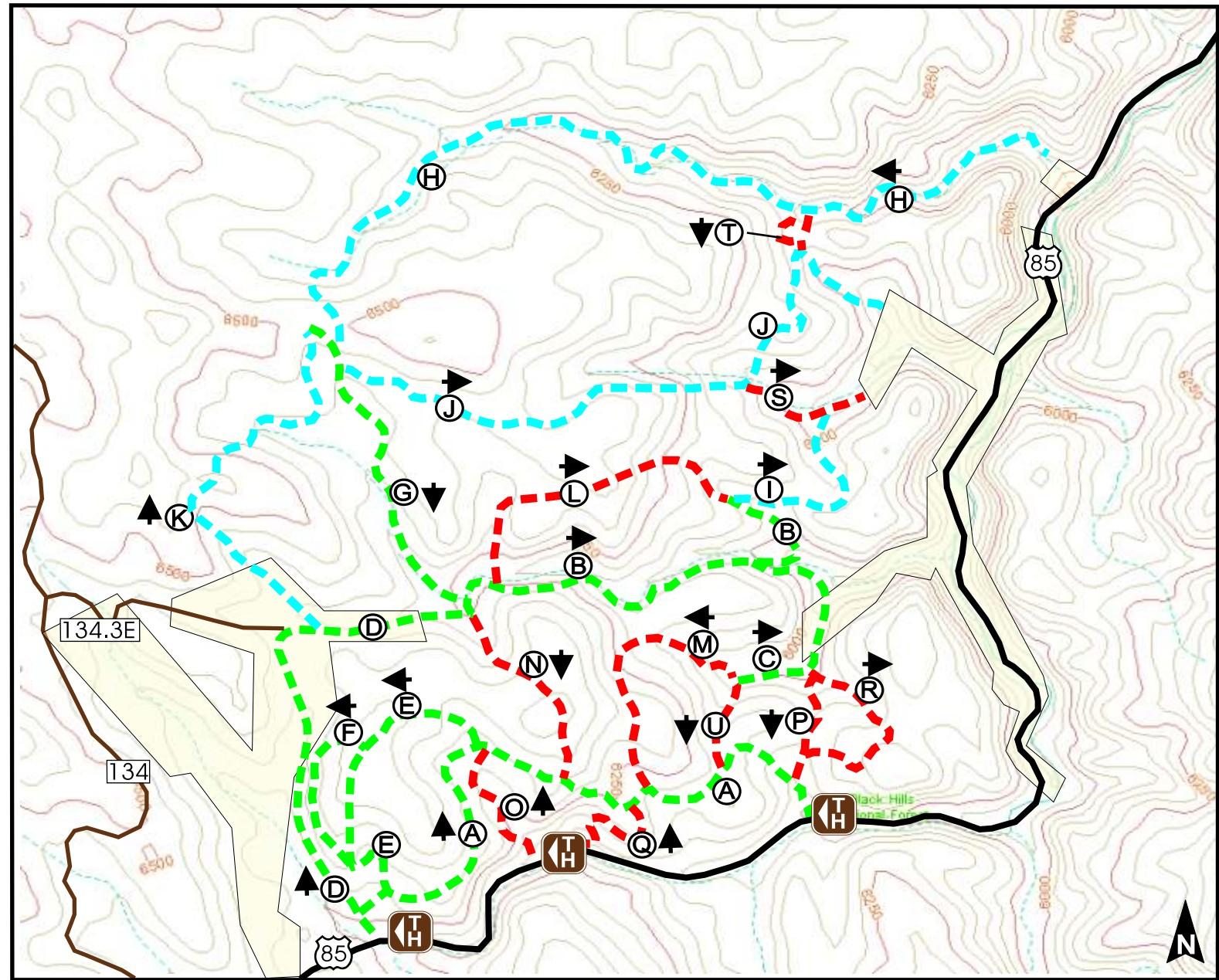
Elevation: 5,760 to 6,520 feet

Length: 27.1 miles total

Difficulty: Easy to Difficult

Location: From Spearfish, take Hwy 14A south through Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway to Hwy 85 at Cheyenne Crossing. Take Hwy 85 southwest for 7.4, 8.4 and 9.4 miles to the trailheads.

Trail	Length	Elevation Points			Elevation Profile
		Start	Peak	End	
Bratwurst (A)	2.9 miles	6,264	6,386	5,990	
Eagle Cliff (B)	1.6 miles	6,241	6,263	6,074	
Intake Meadows (C)	0.7 mile	5,997	6,013	6,013	
Sunny Meadow (D)	2.0 miles	6,232	6,392	6,245	
The Loop (E)	1.2 miles	6,336	6,471	6,301	
The Loop Spur (F)	0.8 mile	6,469	6,469	6,365	
Toni's (G)	1.2 miles	6,467	6,467	6,239	
Dead Ox (H)	3.7 miles	5,767	6,485	6,450	
Raddick Run (I)	0.7 mile	6,074	6,096	5,935	
Roller Coaster (J)	3.1 miles	6,482	6,482	5,889	
What the Hell (K)	1.7 miles	6,357	6,552	6,482	
Cliff Top (L)	1.4 miles	6,239	6,414	6,077	
Deep Snow (M)	1.0 mile	6,025	6,338	6,205	
Hidden Basin (N)	0.8 mile	6,245	6,461	6,365	
Holey Rock (O)	0.9 mile	6,136	6,333	6,333	
Hollow (P)	0.5 mile	5,981	6,106	6,049	
Lily Park (Q)	0.5 mile	6,049	6,241	6,241	
Lost Run (R)	0.9 mile	5,968	6,205	6,094	
Raddick Gulch (S)	0.9 mile	5,931	6,060	6,060	
Rolling Ox (T)	0.2 mile	6,030	6,083	6,058	
Wipeout (U)	0.4 mile	6,026	6,194	6,194	



MAP LEGEND

- Trail
- Creek
- Lake
- U.S. Highway
- County Road
- USFS System Road
- Trailhead
- Non-Forest Service Land

Note: Elevation profiles for the trails are set to follow the direction indicated by the arrow on each trail.