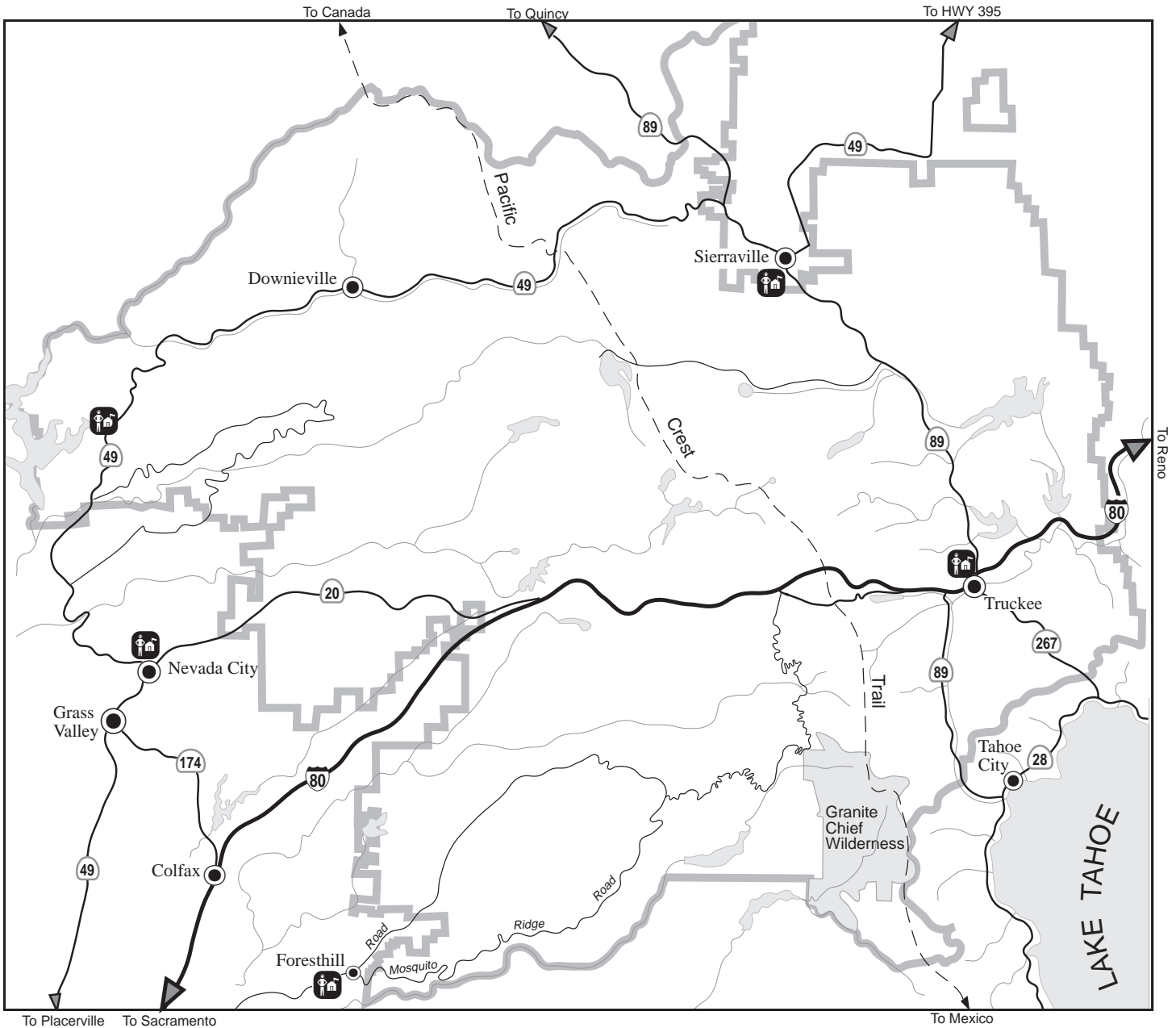


Winter Recreation Tahoe National Forest



- Sno-Parks
- Cross Country Skiing
- Snowplay
- Snowmobiling
- Downhill Skiing



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Tahoe National Forest
www.r5.pswfs.gov/tahoe

Welcome - Skiers, Snowmobilers, and Winter Sports Fans, To the Tahoe National Forest!

Winter is a great time to explore the Sierra Nevada. Many miles of roads and trails on the Forest offer excellent cross-country skiing and snowmobiling routes. Several commercial downhill ski resorts are operated with special-use permits on National Forest land. Snowplay, and sledding can be enjoyed near many of the major highways.

In this brochure you will find descriptions of cross-country ski and snowmobile routes, as well as some snowplay areas. The routes are rated as:

Easiest 

More Difficult 

Most Difficult 

and are listed by the closest major highway.



Cross-County Ski Trails



Snowplay areas



Snowmobile Trails

Sharing the Winter Experience

Many kinds of winter recreation are enjoyed each year on National Forest lands. Because the expectations and personalities of winter recreationists differ as do the recreation activities themselves, conflicts can occur. Respect the rights of others by using the following trail courtesies:

- Keep to the right to allow passing.
- Yield the right-of-way to traffic moving downhill.
- Operate snowmobiles at minimum speed near skiers or snowshoers.
- Watch for snow trail grooming machines

Please use courtesy and good trail manners to minimize conflicts. If an unsolvable problem does occur, please notify the closest Forest Service office.

Weather Can Change Rapidly

In all your winter recreation, remember to plan carefully and use safety precautions. Winter in the Sierra is harsh, and conditions can change rapidly. Without thorough preparation, a brisk winter weekend of fun can turn into tragedy. Take the extra time to plan carefully. Carry the extra weight for possible weather changes.

Nature Dictates Conditions

Unless otherwise indicated, the ski and snowmobile routes mentioned here are not groomed winter recreation trails. Most routes are not marked or signed. Use common sense and watch for potential danger signs in all

aspects of your outing, including the terrain, snow conditions, fitness of yourself and your group, and weather.

Please use caution when travelling groomed routes. Even if the route is currently groomed, or has been groomed in the past, it may not be free of hazards. Trees can fall across trails at any time, rocks can roll onto the trail, and water holes can develop during warm weather, causing large gaps in the snow. Remember that nature dictates trail conditions.

Before You Leave Home

- Check your equipment.
- Notify a friend or relative of your route and expected time of return.
- Plan your route carefully to avoid avalanche-prone areas. Avoid steep terrain on open slopes and in narrow canyons.
- Check weather and avalanche forecasts.

Obtain the necessary topographic and Forest Service recreation maps. Recreation maps are available at each Ranger Station or at the Tahoe National Forest Headquarters for a nominal fee. Topographic maps are available at Ranger Stations and many sporting goods stores.

Things You Might Need

- Pocket Knife
- Matches (in a waterproof container)
- Fire Starter, and Metal Cup (to melt snow)
- Map of the Area
- Extra Clothing (including rain gear)
- First Aid Kit
- High Energy Food
- 6' X 8' Plastic Tarp, and 100 feet of Nylon Cord
- Sunglasses, Sunblock, and Chapstick
- Compass
- Water

If Skiing:

- Binding Repair Kit and Extra Ski Tip

If snowmobiling:

- Repair Tools
- Extra Drive and Clutch Belts
- Spark Plugs
- Plenty of Fuel
- Skis or Snowshoes (in case of a breakdown)

What is Hypothermia?

Hypothermia is a rapid progressive physical and mental collapse due to chilling of the body's core. Caused by prolonged exposure to cold, hypothermia is greatly intensified by wetness, wind, exhaustion, and hunger.

Symptoms of Hypothermia

Watch for early signs in your companions! Victims are usually not aware of their hypothermia.

Body Temp. Symptoms

98.6°	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Normal• Uncontrolled Shivering and Unreasonable Behavior• Reduced muscle coordination; slurred speech; stiff, fumbling fingers; stumbling walk.• Reduced mental awareness; incoherent speech; apparent drowsiness; irrational or uncooperative behavior.
81.0°	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shivering may stop.• Stupor• Death-like coma• Death

To Treat Hypothermia

- Actively, but gently rewarm the victim.
- Get victim out of wind and rain.
- Move to a campfire or inside a dry sleeping bag, skin to skin with a healthy person.
- Give victim hot drinks (no caffeine or alcohol).

Avoid Avalanche Hazards

For the current avalanche forecast, call **(530) 587-2158** or on the internet, www.r5.pswfs.gov/tahoe/avalanche.html

This avalanche warning recording is updated as needed. Avoid traveling on steep open side slopes.



On the Trail

Keep warm and dry. Know your ability and stay within your limits. Don't venture too far from your group. Follow your map and take notice of prominent landmarks. Turn back before you get too tired. Avoid skiing or snowmobiling alone.

Help Protect Your National Forest!

The Tahoe National Forest is yours to enjoy, explore, and protect. To keep your Forest beautiful, please:

- Pack out all trash
- Keep dogs under control and out of ski tracks
- Use snowmobiles only when the snow is at least a foot deep
- To reduce tree damage, don't drive over exposed treetops
- Do not take snowmobiles into closed areas, such as the Granite Chief Wilderness

Please Respect Private Land

Many parcels of private land are located within the National Forest boundary, and are shown on the Forest map, available at any Ranger Station. Please respect the rights of private landowners.

P Parking Your Car

Since parking areas must be plowed, the number of spaces are limited. Plan to arrive early for best parking. Do not park on major highways or block any roadway or driveway. Tickets and tow-aways are the result of illegal parking. This is for your safety and the safety of others. Do not leave valuables in view.


Sno-Parks


Sno-Parks, administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, provide parking for recreational users of California's mountain areas in the winter. They were created to meet an increasing need for off-highway parking in undeveloped areas popular with cross-country skiers, snowmobilers, and others who enjoy snow-based activities.

Sno-Parks operate solely on revenues generated by the sale of parking permits. Sno-Park permits are available on both a daily and annual basis.


Both daily and annual passes are available. They can be purchased at any AAA office or these locations:


Nevada County

 Truckee Ranger Station - (530) 587-3558
10342 Hwy 89 N.
Truckee, CA


 Boreal Inn - (530) 426-3666 ext-3
I-80, Castle Peak Exit
Boreal Ridge Road
(3 miles east of Soda Springs)


 Donner Memorial State Park - (530) 582-7892
12593 Donner Pass Road
Truckee, CA


 True Value Mountain Hardware - (530) 587-4844
11320 Donner Pass Road
Truckee, CA


 Sierra Mountaineer - (530) 587-2025
Bridge & Jibboom Streets
Truckee, CA

Placer County


 Alpen Glow - (530) 583-6917
415 North Lake Blvd.
Tahoe City, CA


 Homewood Hardware - (530) 525-6367
5405 West Lake Blvd.
Homewood, CA

 Placer County Visitor Info Center -(800) 427-6463
13460 Lincoln Way
Auburn, CA

 Snowflower (NACO/Thousand Trails) - (530) 389-8241
Yuba Gap exit off of I-80
Emigrant Gap, CA

Sierra County

 Sierraville Service & Store - (530) 994-3387
Highway 89 at SR 49 Junction
Sierraville, CA

 Bassett's Station
Highway 49 and Gold Lake Highway - (530) 862-1297
Sierra City, CA

Annual Sno-Park Permits can also be obtained by mail from this address




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Sno-Park Permits

P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001.

For further Sno-Park information call **(916) 324-1222**.

Sno-Park parking is on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Sno-Park sites within the Tahoe National Forest are:

-  Yuba Pass
-  Yuba Gap
-  Donner Summit

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Parking in Sno-Park sites is restricted to holders of valid Sno-Park Permits. Permits should display on the lower right (passenger side) of the vehicle dash-board.

Snow Grooming

A variety of groomed snowmobile routes are maintained throughout the season. Grooming efforts are sponsored through California State Off-Highway Vehicle funding. The California/Nevada Snowmobile Association and the Forest Service work together to provide the grooming service. Groomed routes are maintained for snowmobile use. ATV's and all other wheeled vehicles are prohibited by law.



California Snowmobile Registration

In California, state law requires that all off-highway vehicles must be registered under the "Green Sticker" OHV registration program. The money collected through the Green Sticker program is distributed throughout the state to maintain and develop OHV trails and facilities. Fines for riding an unregistered vehicle can get expensive. By registering your OHV, you are helping to buy or maintain a place to ride!

California state law now requires OSVs brought in from out of state to have non-resident California OSV registration.



For more information concerning Green Stickers, please contact your local California Department of Motor Vehicles.



Snow Play

The following areas are popular for snowplay. Parking is available but often crowded.





Highway 49

-  Bassett's Station at Intersection of the Gold Lake Road and Highway 49
-  Yuba Pass on Highway 49.

Highway 20

-  Various turnouts offer many areas.

Interstate 80

-  Blue Canyon exit
-  Loch Leven trailhead parking, at the Big Bend/Rainbow exit.
-  Soda Springs Ski Area. Open on weekends and holidays. The daily fee includes a tube. Parking at the Ski Area.
-  Boreal Ski Area. Open on weekends and holidays. The daily fee includes a disc for all day play per person. Parking is in front of the Boreal Ridge Lodge.



Backcountry Use

The Forest Service encourages a broad range of recreation activities. Based on what our users have told us over the last 20 years, it is important to keep the backcountry open.

Backcountry winter recreation is viewed in the same way as all-season activities (mountaineering, white water kayaking, and other high risk sports). Participants must match their skill level to the prevailing conditions. Going into the backcountry involves inherent risks. Risks can be minimized when individuals take personal responsibility to educate, prepare and equip themselves to deal effectively with backcountry conditions at any time.

Snow/Winter Camping

Although Forest Service campgrounds are not open with services during the winter, several areas can be used. Visitors must pack out their trash, provide their own toilet paper, and bring their own drinking water. No fees are charged. Please be sure to leave a clean camp.

Along Highway 49

Chapman Creek, Sierra, and Yuba Pass Campgrounds. Parking is limited at both Chapman and Sierra. Yuba Pass is quite popular as a day-use area and parking is available with a Sno-Park permit. Sardine, Salmon, Berger Creek and Snag Lake Campgrounds are also usable, but require skis or snowshoes for access.

Along Highway 89

Little Truckee Summit parking lot. Overnight camping is permitted between Nov. 16 and April 14 for 7 days or less. This is a popular parking area for cross-country skiers and snowmobilers.

Prosser Campground is available, but requires a 1.5 mile ski or hike to the campground.

For more information contact the closest Ranger Station or Forest Headquarters:

Tahoe National Forest Headquarters

631 Coyote Street
Nevada City, CA 95959-2250
(530) 265-4531
tdd (530) 478-6118

Downieville Ranger District

15924 Hwy 49
Camptonville, CA 95922-9707
(530) 288-3231
tdd (530) 288-3656

Foresthill Ranger District

22830 Foresthill Road
Foresthill, CA 95631
(530) 367-2224
tdd (530) 367-2226

Nevada City Ranger District

631 Coyote Street
Nevada City, CA 95959-2250
(530) 265-4531
tdd (530) 478-6118

Sierraville Ranger District

P.O. Box 95, Hwy 89
Sierraville, CA 96126
(530) 994-3401
tdd (530) 994-3521


Truckee Ranger District


10342 Hwy 89 N.
Truckee, CA 96161
(530) 587-3558
tdd (530) 587-6907


Avalanche warning recording
(530) 587-2158

Privately Operated Cross-Country Ski Facilities and Tours

For cross-country skiers who enjoy organized tours or groomed trails, the following parties operate within or adjacent to Tahoe National Forest lands.

 **Alpine Skills International, Norden (530) 426-9108**
Tours, telemark lessons, overnight accommodations


 **Eagle Mountain Resort, I-80 at Yuba Gap (530) 389-2254**
Groomed trails, rentals, and lessons


 **Royal Gorge, Soda Springs (530) 426-3871**
Groomed trails, rentals, and lessons


 **Lakeview Cross Country, Tahoe City (530) 583-9353**
Machine groomed track trails, cross country skating lanes, rentals, and lessons


Downhill Skiing


Five downhill ski complexes operate on Tahoe National Forest System land with Special Use Permits.


 **Alpine Meadows, three miles west of Highway 89-south of Truckee (530) 583-4232**
2 triple chairs 25% ● Least Difficult
7 double chairs 40% ■ More Difficult
1 poma lift 35% ◆ Most Difficult
1 quad chair
1 high speed 6 passenger chair

 **Boreal Ski Area - Interstate 80 (530) 426-3666**
2 triple chairs 11 runs ● Least Difficult
5 double chairs 13 runs ■ More Difficult
2 quad chair 17 runs ◆ Most Difficult

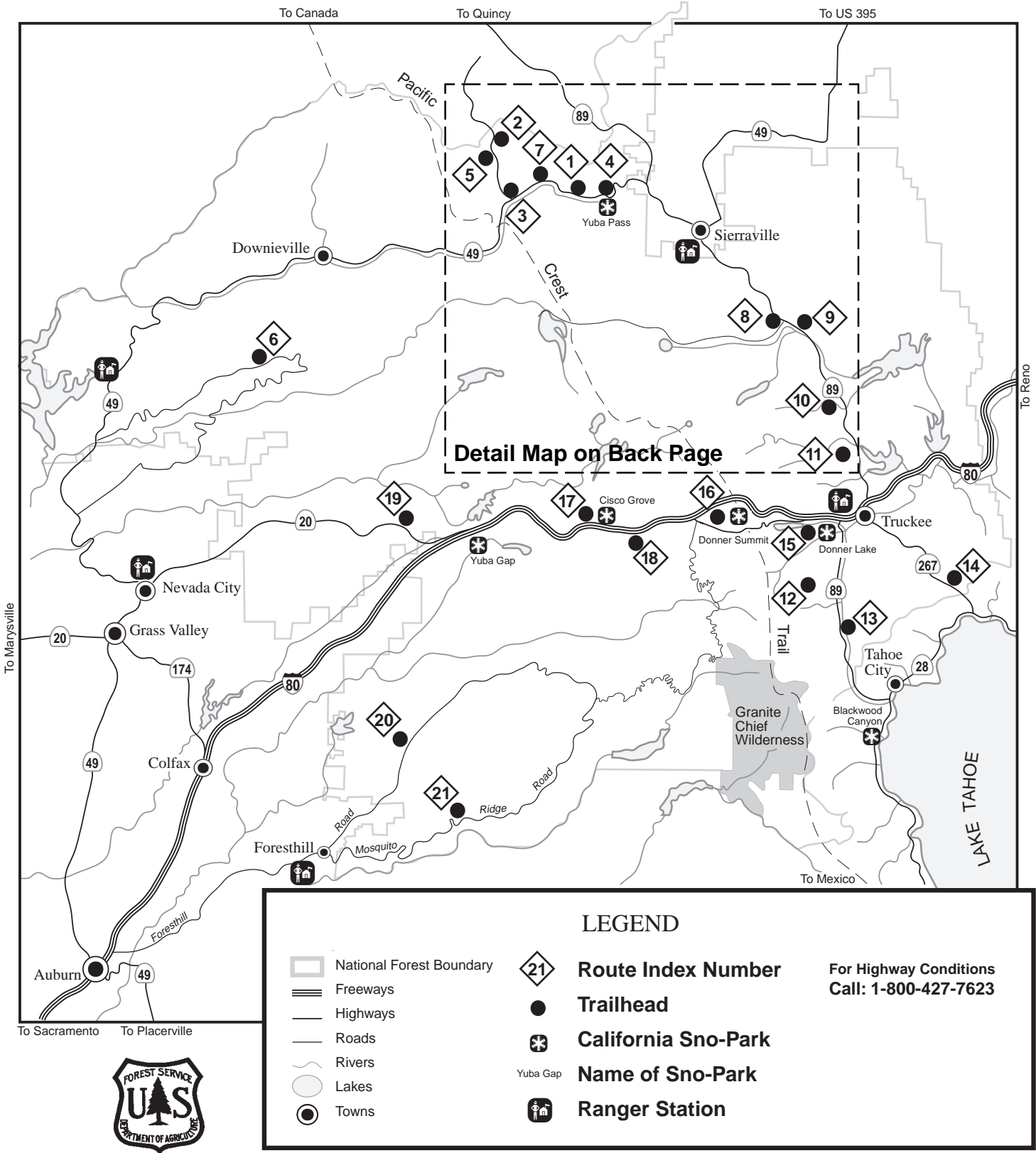
 **Soda Springs Ski Area - Interstate 80 (530) 426-3666**
1 double chair 3 runs ● Least Difficult
1 triple chair 5 runs ■ More Difficult
7 runs ◆ Most Difficult

 **Donner Ski Ranch at Norden (530) 426-3635**
5 double chairs 25% ● Least Difficult
1 triple chair 50% ■ More Difficult
25% ◆ Most Difficult

 **Sugar Bowl at Norden (530) 426-3651**
4 double chairs 17% ● Least Difficult
1 gondola 43% ■ More Difficult
1 access chair 40% ◆ Most Difficult
4 quad chairs
2 surface lifts

 **Squaw Valley, two miles off Highway 89-South (530) 583-6985**
30 lifts 25% ● Least Difficult
1 gondola 45% ■ More Difficult
1 quad 30% ◆ Most Difficult
3 pony tows
1 aerial cable car
4 hi speed detachable quads
10 double chairs
9 triple chairs
4000 acres skiable terrain

Tahoe National Forest Winter Trailheads




































































































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	National Forest Boundary		Route Index Number
	Freeways		Trailhead
	Highways		California Sno-Park
	Roads	Yuba Gap	Name of Sno-Park
	Rivers		Ranger Station
	Lakes		
	Towns		

**For Highway Conditions
Call: 1-800-427-7623**



Trailhead Index

Cross-Country Skiing Snowmobile Routes

Difficulty Level			Area	
Easiest	More	Most		
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			  	Gold Lake Road
			  	Upper Sardine Lake
			  	Yuba Pass Area
			  	Packer Lake Trail
			  	Henness Pass Road
			 	Chapman Creek
			Highway 89 North	
			 	Little Truckee Summit
			 	Wheeler Loop
			 	Sagehen Summit
			 	Prosser OHV Trailhead
			Highway 89 South	
			  	Cabin Cr. Trail
			 	Pole Cr. Trail System
			Highway 267	
			  	Martis Lookout Trail
			Interstate 80	
			 	Donner Memorial State Park
			 	Peter Grub Hut - Castle Pk. - Donner Summit
			  	Rattlesnake
			  	Big Bend
			Highway 20	
			 	Steephollow
			Foresthill	
			  	Foresthill Divide
			  	Mosquito Ridge Road

Cross-Country Skiing and Snowmobile Route Descriptions

Along Highway 49



Lunch Creek - Nordic Ski Trail

Level  More Difficult

Mileage 9 miles

Description (see map on back page) There are several options available from the Lunch Creek trailhead on Highway 49. One is to ski north less than 100 yards to a fork in the trail (go left) follow the Lunch Cr. route west then north crossing Bear Trap Meadows where it joins with a snowmobile route. Take the snowmobile trail east (right) 1.5 miles to where Lunch Cr. Trail goes to the left leaving the snowmobile trail. This ski trail goes east then south and back west where it rejoins the snowmobile trail. At this point you have 2 choices:

- 1) Turn north (right) onto the snowmobile trail, After 1.5 miles there is a ski trail to the left which goes down hill 2 miles back to the Lunch Cr. trailhead. You can also stay on the snowmobile trail another 1/4 mile where 3 Knobs Ski Trail heads west (to the left). 3 Knobs trail ends at Lunch Cr. Trail Go left 2 miles to the Lunch Cr. Trailhead. This is an 11 miles ski trip.
- 2) Turn south (left) onto the snowmobile trail go 1 mile to Yuba Pass trailhead. ***THIS IS NOT A LOOP*** If possible, leave a car at both Yuba Pass and Lunch Cr. Trailheads making an 8 mile ski trip.

Trailhead Access to the trail is at Yuba Pass and at Lunch Creek road, located approximately 1 mile west of Yuba Pass. Limited parking is available at Lunch Creek. *Yuba Pass is a Sno-Park parking area and permits are required.* Permits can be obtained at:
Sierraville Service and Store: 0.25 mile south of Hwy. 89 & 49 Junction, Sierraville, CA, (530) 994-3387



Elevation 6,700 feet at Yuba Pass

Use Light to moderate use by skiers. Moderate use by snowmobilers in immediate vicinity of Yuba Pass.

Topographic Maps: Haypress Valley, Clio, Calpine, and Sattley



Gold Lake Road

Level  Easiest to  More Difficult

Mileage 17 miles

Description The Gold Lake Highway is groomed for snowmobiling through the Off-Highway Vehicle Program. Watch for snow grooming machines. Snow grooming can occur at any time, but rarely during daytime hours on weekends and holidays. Nordic Skiers are welcome to use all routes groomed for snowmobiling. The route follows the Gold Lake Highway, from Bassett's Highway 49, to the snowline in Plumas County.

The snow covered roadway offers excellent snowmobiling and nordic skiing opportunities for all experience levels. Wonderful views of the Sierra Buttes and the Lakes Basin area are enjoyed from this route.

Limited parking is available at Bassett's.

Yuba Pass and Little Truckee Summit can be accessed from the Gold Lake Highway. Travel 3 miles north from Bassett's to the Haskell Peak Road (Forest Road 09). Take road 09 east to Forest Road 09-15. Road 09-15 continues south to Yuba Pass. The route to Little Truckee Summit can be accessed at Yuba Pass. These routes are marked. Parking is available at the Yuba Pass Sno-Park (*Permit required*).

Trailhead Junction of Highway 49 and Gold Lake Road. Limited parking in the trailhead parking lot.

Terrain Since this route is also a county highway, the slope in any direction is gradual and travel is easy for a beginner.



Elevation 5,400 feet at Highway 49 and Gold Lake Road junction. Elevation increases to 6,400 at Gold Lake.

Use Heavy use by snowmobilers and cross-country skiers.

Topographic Maps Haypress Valley, Gold Lake, and Clio



Upper Sardine Lake

Level  Easiest to  More Difficult

Mileage 3.5 miles one way. 7 miles round trip.

Description This route is not marked, but follows Gold Lake Hwy. approximately 1.5 miles, then turns left onto Sardine Lake Road. The route continues for approximately 1 mile to Lower Sardine Lake, branches to the right, and continues around the northern shore of Lower Sardine Lake for 1 mile to Upper Sardine Lake. It is very scenic and offers the visitor one of the best winter views of both Sardine Lakes and the Sierra Buttes.

Terrain The slope of the route is fairly gradual and may be tackled by the beginning as well as intermediate cross-country snow traveler. Beginners may have trouble with the first and last half mile.

Trailhead The trailhead is located at the junction of Highway 49 and Gold Lake Hwy. (near Bassett's Station). Limited parking is available.



Elevation 5,400 feet at junction of Gold Lake Hwy. and Highway 49, 6,000 feet at Upper Sardine Lake.

Use This route receives moderate use by cross-country skiers and snowmobile enthusiasts.

Topographic Maps Sierra City and Haypress Valley



Yuba Pass Area

Level  Easiest to  Most Difficult

Mileage Offers 100 miles of opportunities

Description The route north from Yuba Pass is popular

with both snowmobilers and nordic skiers. It is a shared route for the first mile, then the nordic trail (*snowmobiles prohibited*) branches off to the east (right).

The ski route goes north for 2 miles, with lovely views of Sierra Valley, then west for 1 mile and rejoins the snowmobile trail. For a short loop trip, go south (a left) on the snowmobile route back to Yuba Pass. Alternately, you can continue west (straight) through a meadow for 1.5 miles, then go south (a left) onto Lunch Cr. Ski Trail 1.25 miles, then north (a left) on 3 Knobs Trail for 1.5 miles. 3 Knobs Trail ends back at the snowmobile trail. Head south (a right) 1/4 mile where a ski trail goes downhill southwest (a right) along Lunch Cr. 2 miles to Lunch Cr. Trailhead. ***THIS IS NOT A LOOP TRAIL*** Leave a car at both Yuba Pass and Lunch Cr. Trailheads for a nice 8 mile ski trip. Or stay on the snowmobile trail 2 miles back to Yuba Pass Trailhead.

Snowmobilers can head north on the trail and travel through to the Gold Lake Highway. Once there, you can head south to Bassetts or north to Gold Lake. This route offers a variety of terrain and beautiful views of the Sierra Buttes and the Lakes Basin.

There are a variety of trails heading south from Yuba Pass. Please refer to the **map on the last page**.

 *Yuba Pass is a Sno-Park (parking permit required).*

Terrain Variable

Trailhead 6 miles east of Bassett's Station

Elevation 6,700 feet

Use Primarily heavy snowmobile use

Topographic Maps Sattley, Webber Peak, and Haypress Valley

Packer Lake Trail

Level  More Difficult

Mileage 5.5 miles one way. 11 miles round trip.

Description This route is not marked. It follows the Gold Lake Road for approximately 1.5 miles, then turns left on the road to Sardine Lake. The route then turns right onto the Packer Lake Road and continues for approximately 4 miles to Packer Lake. The route offers a great view of the Sierra Buttes and Packer Lake.

Terrain The slope is very gradual. The route may be used by beginning as well as intermediate skiers; however, the distance for a round trip to Packer Lake may discourage some beginning skiers.

Trailhead Junction of Highway 49 and Gold Lake Road, near Bassett's Station. Limited parking is available.

Elevation 5,400 feet at the junction of Highway 49 and Gold Lake Road. 6,400 feet at Packer Lake.

Use Moderate use by cross-country skiers and snowmobilers.

Topographic Maps Haypress Valley, Gold Lake, and Sierra City

Hennes Pass Road

Level  Easiest to  Most Difficult, depending on length

Mileage Non-destination trips of varying lengths.

Description This unmarked but well-defined trail follows Hennes Pass Road to Jackson Meadow where it ties into the Yuba Pass Trail. Skiers will enjoy winding through the tree plantations. Side roads provide snowmobilers with the opportunity for shorter loop trails. The ridge top location offers expansive views.

Trailhead Take Alleghany turnoff from Highway 49. Follow paved road to Pliocene Ridge Guard Station. Plowing stops at the junction of Hennes Pass and Pliocene Ridge Roads. Parking is limited.

Terrain Since this route is a county road, the slope in any direction is gradual and travel is easy for a beginner.

Elevation 4,900 feet

Use Light to moderate

Topographic Maps Alleghany, Downieville

Chapman Creek Nordic Ski Area

Level  Easiest

Mileage Loops add up to, at most, 1 mile.

Description This is a marked area for the beginner nordic skier, children, or just for practicing. The route follows loops within the Chapman Creek Campground. It's a nice spot to just get off the highway and enjoy a leisurely ski. Snow camping is also an option.

Terrain Almost level

Trailhead Located 3.5 miles east of Bassett's or 3.5 miles west of Yuba Pass, on Highway 49.

Elevation 5,700 feet

Use Moderate

Topographic Map Clio

Highway 89 North

Little Truckee Summit

Level  Easiest to  Most Difficult, depending on length

Mileage There are several marked routes totalling approximately 110 miles of groomed trails.

Description Marked snowmobile trails follow roads to Webber Lake and Yuba Pass, Rim and Ridge Loops, Bald Ridge Loop and Treasure Mountain, Pass Creek Loop, Independence Lake Loop, Meadow Lake Loop, and Jackson Meadow. Most trails are groomed for snowmobile use through the Off-Highway Vehicle Program (please use caution when snow groomer is on trail). This trailhead also ties in with the north/south route from the Prosser OHV trailhead.

Trailhead Intersection of Jackson Meadow Road and Highway 89 North, 17 miles north of Truckee. Parking is available. Overnight camping for seven days or less is permitted from November 16 to April 14 at the Little Truckee Summit Parking Area. Restrooms and fire rings available. No garbage services or water.

Terrain Gentle slopes

Elevation 6,300 feet at Little Truckee Summit

Use Heavy snowmobile use. Because of snowmobile use, ski use is not recommended. Use of wheeled vehicles on snowmobile routes is prohibited.

Topographic Maps Sierraville, Sattley, Independence Lake, and English Mountain



Wheeler Loop

Note: *Over-the-snow vehicle travel is prohibited in this area from Feb. 1 to July 15 yearly due to waterfowl nesting in Kyburz Marsh. Cross-country skiing south of Kyburz Road is discouraged during this time of the year.*

Level ● Easiest

Mileage 5 mile loop from Hwy. 89

Description Marked route follows county road around the north side of Kyburz Flat. The open, flat area offers plenty of skiable terrain. The access from Hwy. 89 is County Road 450.

Trailhead Unmarked trailhead is about 1 mile southeast of the Jackson Meadow Road. Parking is difficult if road shoulder has not been plowed.

Terrain Relatively flat area with open timber and marsh

Elevation 6,400 feet

Use Moderate use by skiers

Topographic Maps Sardine Peak, Sierraville



Sagehen Summit

Level ▣ More Difficult

Mileage 2 to 6 miles

Description Unmarked route follows road up creek bottom. Lateral roads offer many side trips for the adventurous individuals. Sagehen Campground (2.5 miles west of Highway 89) makes a good winter camp.

Trailhead At Sagehen Summit on the west side of Hwy. 89, 8 miles north of Truckee. Limited parking for nordic skiers for one or two vehicles when plowed. Parking for snowmobiles is located north at Little Truckee Summit, and south at Prosser Hills staging area.

Terrain Gradual incline

Elevation 6,400 feet

Use Light to moderate cross-country skiing

Topographic Maps Hobart Mills, Independence Lake



Prosser OHV Trailhead

Level ● Easiest to ▣ More Difficult

Mileage 8 to 10 miles

Description Marked and unmarked routes follow numerous roads. *In 1997, the bridge across Prosser Creek washed out. The Prosser trails are now isolated from the Little Truckee Summit trail system.*

Trailhead On west side of Highway 89, 4 miles north of Truckee. Paved parking lot with 15 spaces that will accommodate trailers. Restrooms and unloading ramps.

Terrain Gentle rolling slopes

Elevation 6,000 feet

Use Moderate, primarily snowmobilers

Topographic Map Hobart Mills

Highway 89 South



Cabin Creek Trail

Level ▣ More Difficult

Mileage 3 to 6 miles

Description A marked route follows along old logging roads and the Cabin Creek Road. This is a nice area for downhill practice while cross-country skiing.

Trailhead From I-80 take Hwy 89 south 3 miles, turn right onto Cabin Creek Road. Unmarked trailhead is 1 mile from Highway 89. Limited parking in road cut, when plowed.

Terrain Gentle rolling slopes

Elevation 6,000 feet

Use Moderate but gaining popularity among skiers. Moderate snowmobile use.

Topographic Map Truckee



Pole Creek Trail System

Level ● ▣ ▤ Variable

Mileage 25 miles

Description Unmarked trails follow roads along Pole Creek and Silver Creek Drainages.

Trailhead 6 miles south of Truckee on Hwy 89. Some free parking on west side of the road.

Terrain Trails follow Forest roads. Several loops offer downhill practice areas.

Elevation 6,200 to 8,400 feet

Use Cross-country skiing. *Closed to snowmobiling.*

Topographic Map Tahoe City

Highway 267

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Martis Lookout Trail

Level More Difficult

Mileage 2 to 8 miles

Description Unmarked route follows Martis Lookout Road to Martis Peak, with spectacular views of Lake Tahoe, the Sierra Crest, and Mt. Rose.

Trailhead 0.25 mile north of Brockway Summit. A small area adjacent to the highway is plowed for parking.

Terrain Moderate climb to Martis Peak

Elevation 7,200 feet at trailhead; 8,650 feet at Martis Peak

Use Very popular. Parking is limited.

Topographic Map Martis Peak

Along Interstate 80

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Donner Memorial State Park

Level Easiest

Mileage 2.5 miles

Description Flat, marked, loop trail follows the shore of Donner Lake and returns through the forest.

Trailhead SE of Donner Lake exit off Hwy 80. Parking available at Donner State Park Museum. A *Sno-Park permit is required* and may be purchased at the museum from 10am to 4pm daily.

Terrain Gentle

Elevation 6,000 feet

Use Heavy weekend and moderate weekday cross country skiing.

Topographic Map Truckee

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Peter Grubb Hut - Castle Peak - Donner Summit

Level More Difficult to Most Difficult

Mileage 3 miles

Description A marked nordic ski trail begins at the Castle Peak/Boreal Interchange at Donner Summit and follows the road approximately .25 mile to an intersection. From this intersection nordic skiers can take the trail to the north which continues up Castle Valley and over Castle Pass. From there an unmarked trail continues on to the Peter Grubb Hut. For the experienced skiers more difficult routes continue on to Castle or Basin Peaks.

Reservations to stay at the Peter Grubb Hut can be made through the Sierra Club's Claire Tappan Lodge at Norden. (530) 426-3632

Trailhead North side of I-80 at the Castle Peak Interchange. **Sno-Park parking** is available along Boreal frontage road south of freeway. *A permit is required.*

Terrain Moderate upslope toward the hut. Difficult downhill over Castle Pass.

Elevation 7,200 feet at trailhead; 7,800 feet at Peter Grubb Hut; 9,100 feet at Castle Peak

Use This is a very popular skiing area. Snowmobiles are prohibited in Castle and Round Valley.

Topographic Maps Norden, Soda Springs

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Rattlesnake

Level Easiest to Most Difficult

Mileage 7 miles of Groomed Access.

Description Marked route follows Rattlesnake Road to Magonigal Summit. Snowmobile tours may be offered. Check at Thousand Trails for more information.

Trailhead I-80 at Cisco Grove exit north of freeway. **Sno-Park parking** is available at Thousand Trails, *permit required*. They are available at the Store next to the trailhead.

Terrain Steep canyon and side slopes at lower end. Upper elevations feature ridges and bowls.

Elevation 5,700 feet at trailhead; 7,400 feet at Magonigal Summit.

Use Moderate snowmobile.

Topographic Map Cisco Grove

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Big Bend

Level Easiest to More Difficult

Description The Big Bend area is open to all users for snow play, cross country skiing and snowmobiling. It is a dispersed recreation area with no marked trails. Users should consult Forest map for road and trail locations and private land designation.

Trailhead Parking is available at Loch Leven trailhead parking area. Take I-80 to Big Bend exit. If heading east turn left onto Hampshire Rocks Road and follow it 0.25 mile to parking. West bound travelers turn left on Hampshire Rocks Road. Parking lot is 0.5 mile from I-80 off ramp. Restrooms are available.

Terrain Granite boulders and rock outcrops abound in the vicinity of the trailhead down to the South Fork of the Yuba River. The south slope of the canyon changes from granite to forested slope to granite at the top of the ridge. Elevation changes approximately 1000 feet from canyon floor to ridge top and slope is moderately steep.

Elevation From 5,800 to 7,000 feet

Use Heavy snow play, light to moderate snowshoeing

and skiing, area is open to motorized vehicles.

Topographic Map Cisco Grove, Soda Springs

Along Highway 20

  **Steephollow** (see map on next page)

Level Trails vary from  Easiest to  More Difficult

Mileage Approximately 8 miles of marked trail

Description Cross-country trails are marked and rated by difficulty level. Generally the trails follow the roads.

Trailhead Alpha Omega Rest Area, 17 miles east of Nevada City, and turnouts east of the rest stop. Parking usually available when plowed.

Terrain Moderate slopes



Elevation 5,100 feet to 5,800 feet

Use This is a very popular area for skiing.

Topographic Map Blue Canyon

Near Foresthill

  **Foresthill Divide**

Level  Easiest to  More Difficult

Mileage 15 miles to Robinson Flat from China Wall

Description Unmarked route follows Foresthill Divide Road. Side trips include Humbug, Deadwood, and American Hill Ridges. Routes are groomed toward Robinson Flat

Trailhead China Wall OHV staging area on the north side of the Foresthill Divide road 12 miles northeast of Foresthill. Paved parking lot with 20 spaces for vehicles and 12 spaces that will accommodate trailers. Restroom available at trailhead staging area.

Terrain Relatively flat

Elevation 3,300 feet at Foresthill; 5,000 feet at China Wall; 6,700 at Robinson Flat

Use Light snowmobile; occasional skiing

Topographic Maps Michigan Bluff, Westville, and Duncan Peak

  **Mosquito Ridge Road**

Level Easiest  to More Difficult 

Mileage 25 miles to French Meadows from Deller Spring

Description Cross-country skiing and snowmobile use on the Mosquito Ridge Road from the Interbay turnout (near Deller Springs) northeast to French Meadows. Snowline is variable. Routes are unmarked.

Trailhead Parking and turnaround are usually available at the end of the plowed Mosquito Ridge Road.

Terrain A gentle upslope to French Meadows. Length of trek determines difficulty level. Dense timber.

Elevation 4,600 feet near the Interbay turnout

Use Light snowmobile and cross-country use

Topographic Maps Michigan Bluff, Bunker Hill, and Greek Store

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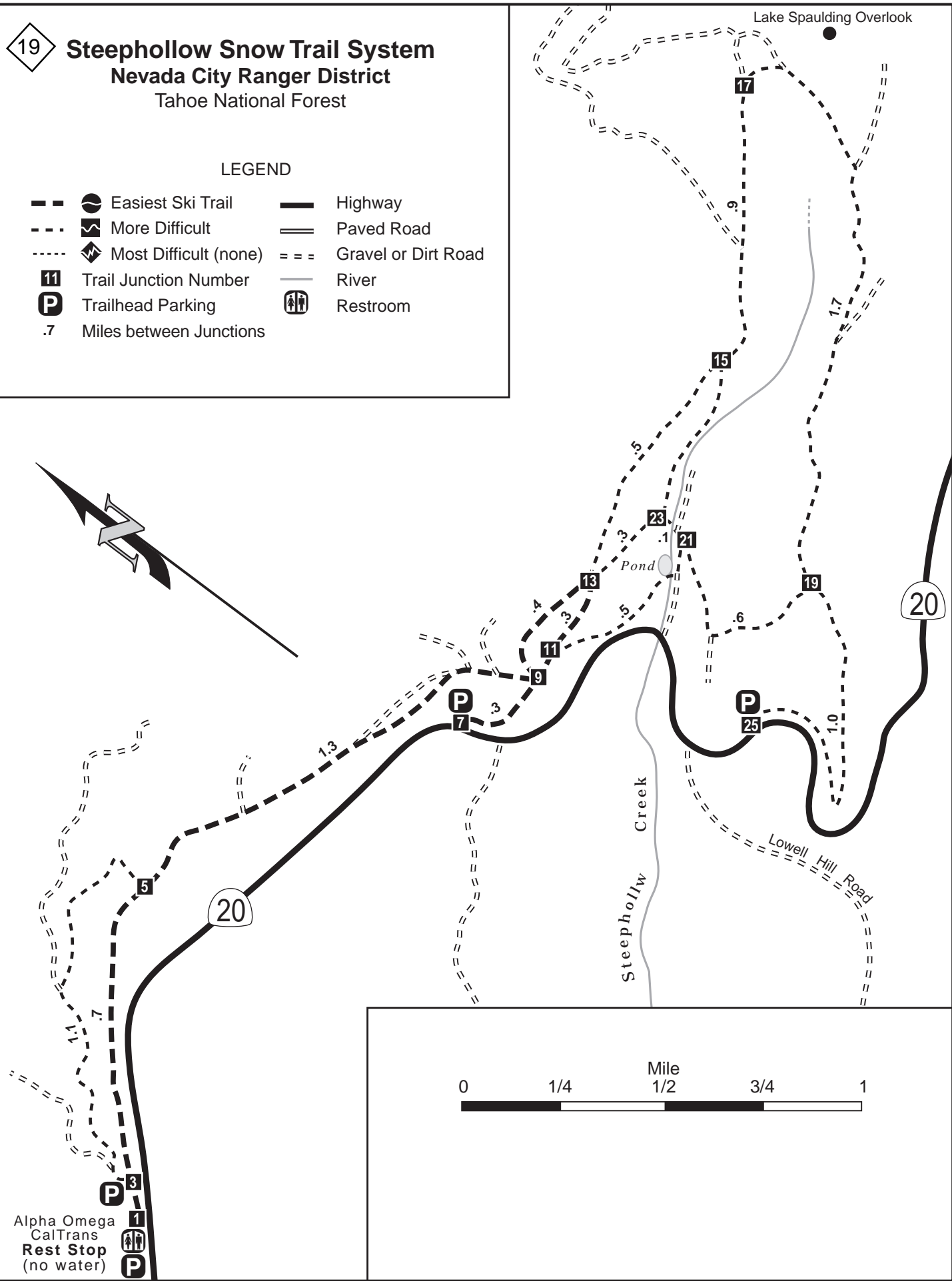
Steephollow Snow Trail System

Nevada City Ranger District
Tahoe National Forest

LEGEND

- Easiest Ski Trail
- More Difficult
- Most Difficult (none)
- Trail Junction Number
- Trailhead Parking
- Miles between Junctions
- Highway
- Paved Road
- Gravel or Dirt Road
- River
- Restroom

Lake Spaulding Overlook

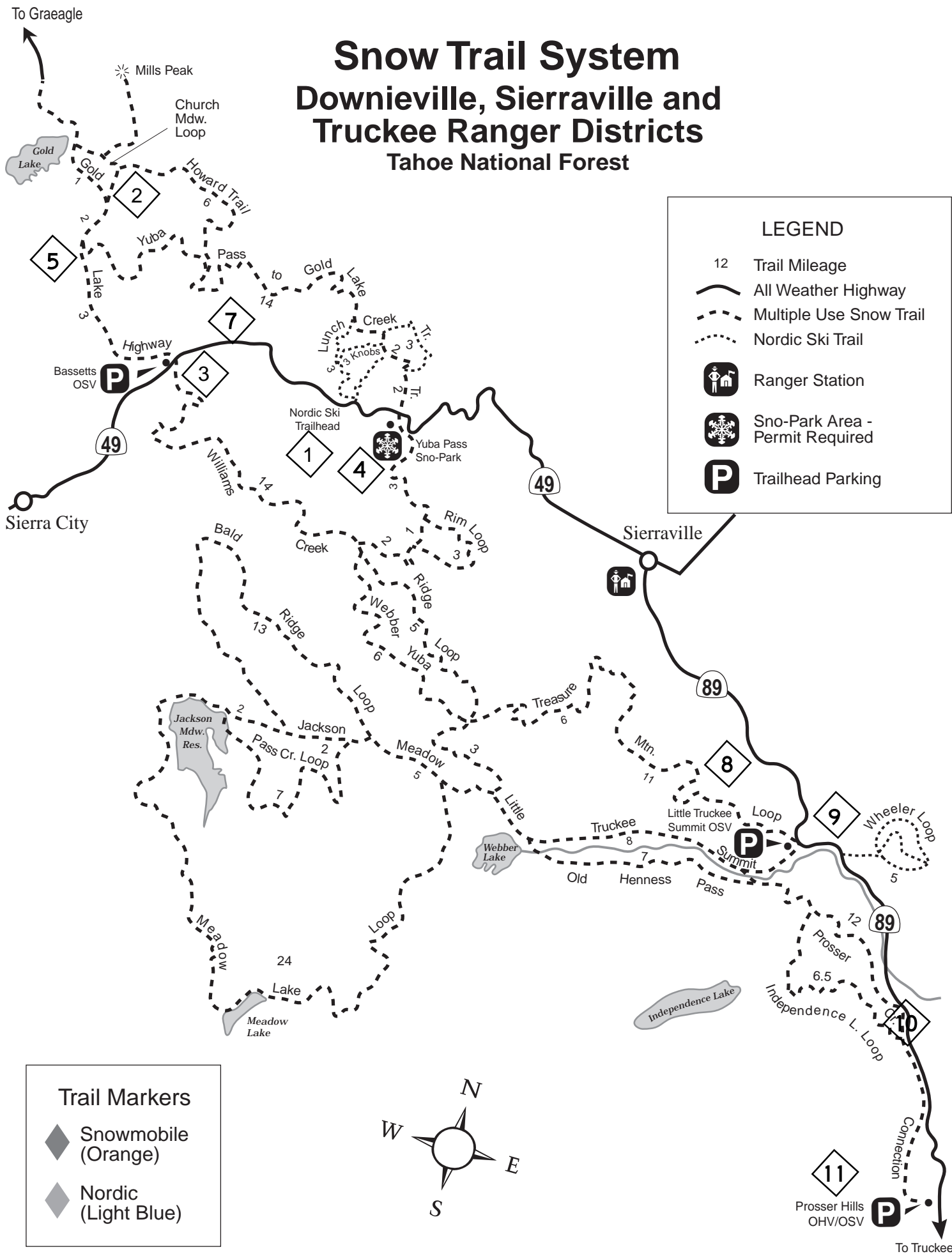


Alpha Omega
CalTrans
Rest Stop
(no water)

Snow Trail System

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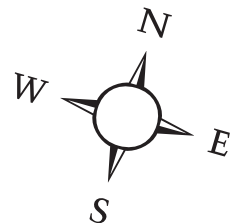


LEGEND

- 12 Trail Mileage
- All Weather Highway
- Multiple Use Snow Trail
- Nordic Ski Trail
- Ranger Station
- Sno-Park Area - Permit Required
- Trailhead Parking

Trail Markers

- Snowmobile (Orange)
- Nordic (Light Blue)



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To Truckee