STILLWATER/CANYON CREEK AREA

Canyon Creek Survival Cabin

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DEFINITION

OVER-SNOW VEHICLE - A motor vehicle that is designed for use over snow and that runs on a track or tracks and/or a ski or skis, while in use over snow. Vehicles that are 50 inches wide or less which meet this definition are allowed on the Canyon Creek groomed trail system.

AREA SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

Montana Snowmobile Association
www.snowmobilemt.org

Flathead Snowmobile Association
P.O. Box 5041
Kalispell, MT 59904
www.flatheadsnowmobiler.com

Summit Snowgoers
P.O. Box 301
Cut Bank, MT 59427
(406) 460-4673 or (406) 949-2565
Email: shiprint@3rivers.net

FOR MORE INFORMATION

FOREST SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE
650 Wolverine Way
Kalispell MT 59901
(406) 758-5204
www.fs.usda.gov/flathead

SWAN LAKE RANGER DISTRICT
200 Ranger Station Road
Bigfork MT 59911
(406) 837-7500

HUNGRY HORSE/ GLACIER VIEW RANGER DISTRICT
10 Hungry Horse Drive
Hungry Horse, MT 59919
(406) 387-3800

STILLWATER STATE FOREST
2423 Highway 93 North
Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 751-2371

SWAN RIVER STATE FOREST
35741 Highway 93 South
Swan Lake, MT 59911
(406) 887-2271

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
490 North Meridian Road
Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 756-2271
www.fwp.mt.gov

DNRC NORTHWESTERN LAND OFFICE
655 Timberhard Parkway
Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 751-2240
www.dnrc.mt.gov/unit

FLATHEAD AVALANCHE CENTER
(406) 257-8402
www.flatheadavalanche.org

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Flathead National Forest

Flathead Area
Groomed Snowmobile Trails
Stillwater/Canyon Creek, Desert Mtn.
Swan Lake, & Skyland Areas

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STILLWATER/CANYON CREEK & DESERT MTN OVER SNOW VEHICLE LEGEND

- **U.S. FOREST SERVICE - Open Dec. 1 - March 31** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
- **U.S. FOREST SERVICE - Open Yearlong** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting.Tally Lake Ranger District Only
- **U.S. FOREST SERVICE - No Over Snow Vehicle Use**
- **U.S. FOREST SERVICE - Lost Johnny Area Open Dec. 1 - May 31** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
- **STATE TRUST LANDS - Open Yearlong** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting. (See Licensing & Registration Information)
- **WEYERHAEUSER TIMBER COMPANY** - Contact Corporate Office
- **PRIVATE** - No Over Snow Motor Vehicle Use Without Permission
- **Groomed Route** Open Yearlong** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
- **Groomed Route** Open Dec. 1 - April 14** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, **Restricted To Corridor Only From April 1 - April 14,** Conditions Permitting
- **Groomed Route** Open Dec. 1 - March 31** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
- **Groomed Route**** With Yellow Highlight Open to Over Snow Vehicles Under 50 Inches Wide Only
- **Road Open Yearlong** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
- **Road Corridor**** Designated Route **Open Yearlong** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
- **Road Corridor**** Designated Route **Open Dec. 1 - March 31** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
- **Road Open Dec. 1 - May 14** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
- Road Template Has Same Open Dates As Area It Resides In, Conditions Permitting
- Heliport
- Over Snow Vehicle Parking Area
- Mileage Marker (Map only, not on ground)

**** Road Or Groomed Route Corridor = 100 Feet Either Side Of Road Or Route On Glacier View Ranger District Only**

STILLWATER/CANYON CR TRAILS		
MARKER	MILEAGE	REMARKS
4-4A	4.9	Rd #316
4A-5	6.5	Rd #316B
4A-4B	2.4	Rd #316
4B-4C	7.0	Rd #316
4C-4D	1.7	Rd #316
4C-4F	4.3	Rd #316B - Rd #316A
4D-4E	1.7	Rd #316
4D-4	1.7	Rd
4E-4F	2.8	Rd #316
4E-8	7.5	Rd #9790 Taylor Cr. Rd.
4F-4G	5.1	Rd #1658
4G-4H	3.4	Werner Pk. Rd.
4H-4I	2.3	Lower Whitefish Rd.
4I-4J	3.1	Upper Whitefish Rd.
4J-4K	1.3	Upper Whitefish Rd.
4K-4L	5.9	Rd #115 (Upper Whitefish Rd.)
7-8	5.5	Lower Whitefish Rd.
8-4H	3.5	Lower Whitefish Rd.
9-9A	5.5	Upper Whitefish Rd.
9A-9B	5.2	Stryker Ridge Rd.
9B-9C	8.7	Stryker Ridge Rd.
9C-4J	5.6	Johnson Rd.
10-4K	14.1	Stillwater West Fork Rd.

LEGEND
2017

- National Forest Boundary
- Ranger District Boundary
- Special Area Boundary
- County Boundary
- Forest Service Ranger Station
- Ranger Station (Other)
- Other Forest Service Facility
- Motel
- Restaurant
- Forest Service Recreation Site
- Forest Service Rental Cabin
- Point of Interest
- Shelter
- Restroom
- Downhill Ski Area
- 93 U.S. Highway
- 206 State Highway
- 206 Primary Access Road
- Unimproved Road
- Trail
- 5218 National Forest Route Number
- Flathead National Forest Lands (See Over Snow Vehicle Legend for details)
- Kootenai National Forest
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- State Land
- Private Land
- Weyerhaeuser Timber Company
- Flathead Indian Reservation
- U.S. GSGS Quad Tick

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Avalanche Information

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Flathead Avalanche Center
Advisory Hotline: (406) 257-8402
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See back side of map for more avalanche information.

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Residents must also purchase a Trail Pass (since October 1, 2015) to ride on any of the 4 000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. A Resident Trail Pass is valid for three seasons and costs $18. Trail Passes apply to all "mechanized equipment" including snowmobiles, motorized snow bikes, and fat tire pedal bikes. They may be obtained online at: *www.wpmtrips/products/index.html*

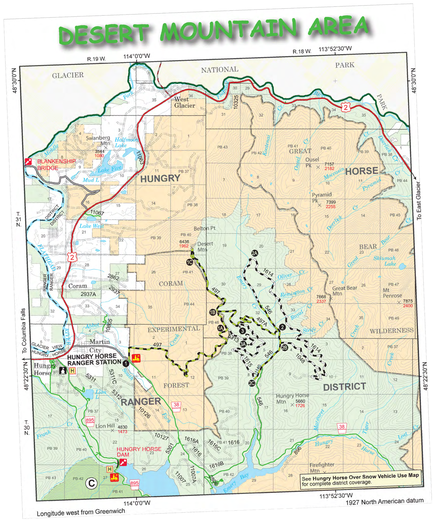
Nonresidents who plan to ride their snowmobiles and motorized snow bikes in Montana must purchase a **Snowmobile Nonresident Temporary Use Permit** for $25 per machine. You can:

Apply Online – You may apply for your Resident Trail Pass or Nonresident Snowmobile Permit through the online licensing system at: *www.wpamtrips/products/index.html*

Paper Application – You may print the Snowmobile Nonresident Temporary Use Permit application, fill it out, and mail it back to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (address is on the application).

Vendor List – You can apply for a Snowmobile Nonresident Temporary Use Permit or a Resident Trail Pass at one of the many vendors in Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Wyoming.
Visit *www.stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/snowmobile-Program.html* for the list.

DESERT MOUNTAIN AREA



DESERT MOUNTAIN AREA TRAILS		
MARKER	MILEAGE	REMARKS
1-1A	6.4	Rd #497
1-1B	6.0	Rd #497
1-1C	8.4	Rd #497
1A-1B	0.6	Rd #497
1A-3A	1.3	Rd #5313
1B-2	3.4	Rd #497A
1B-2A	5.9	Rd #497A to Rd #546
1B-3	1.1	Rd #497A
2-2A	2.5	Rd #546
2-2B	0.4	Rd #546
2B-2C	1.3	Rd #546
2-2A-2	8.3	Rds #546 - #1614 - #1048
3-2C	3.6	Rd #1615

SWAN LAKE AREA

SWAN LAKE AREA OVER SNOW VEHICLE LEGEND

- **U.S. FOREST SERVICE - Open Dec. 1 - March 31** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
- **U.S. FOREST SERVICE - Marble Area Open Dec. 1 - April 30** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
- **U.S. FOREST SERVICE - No Over Snow Motor Vehicle Use**
- **STATE TRUST LANDS - Open Yearlong** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting (See licensing & registration information)
- **WEYERHAEUSER TIMBER COMPANY** - Contact Corporate Office
- **U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE** - No Over Snow Motor Vehicle Use
- **FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION** - Contact Tribal Office
- **PRIVATE** - No Over Snow Motor Vehicle Use Without Permission
- **Groomed Route - Open Yearlong** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
- **Groomed Route - Open Dec. 1 - March 31** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
- **Road Open Yearlong** To Over Snow Motor Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
- **Road Open Dec. 1 - Oct. 14** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting (Jurisprudent)
- Road Template - Has Same Open Dates As Area It Resides In
- Over Snow Vehicle Parking Area
- Mileage Marker (On map only, not on ground)

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AVALANCHE TIPS

Avoid mountainous terrain after heavy snowfalls or prolonged periods of high winds

Avoid crossing steep slope hills and entering narrow steepty sided canyons

Stay on the windbrown side of ridges.

DANGER: Avalanches may occur at any time during the winter. Information on avalanche conditions is available by calling local Forest Service offices or:

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AVALANCHE SURVIVAL

If you are caught in an avalanche:
* Make swimming motions. Try to stay on top; work your way to the side of the avalanche
* Before coming to a stop, get your hands in front of your face and try to make an air space in front of your mouth while coming to a stop.
* Try to remain calm.

If you are the survivor:
* Mark the place you last saw the victim.
* Search for the victim directly downslope below the last seen area. If he is not on the surface, scuff or probe the snow with a ski pole or stick.

You are the victim's best hope for survival.
* Do not desert him and go for help unless help is only a few minutes away. Remember, you must consider not only the time required for you to get help, but time for help to return. After one-half hour, the buried victim has only 50 percent chance of surviving.

First Aid:
* Treat for suffocation and shock.

MONTANA'S SNOWMOBILE LAW
23-2-504. M.C.A.
Snowmobiler's assumption of responsibility – duties
(1) A snowmobiler shall operate a snowmobile at all times in a manner that avoids injury to self and others and shall be aware of the inherent risks in the sport of snowmobiling.
(2) A snowmobiler shall:
(a) know the range of the snowmobiler's ability and snowmobile safety within the limits of that ability and operate a snowmobile within the limits of any given section of terrain or snowmobile trail safely and without injury or damage. A snowmobiler must be aware that the snowmobiler's ability may vary because of terrain or trail changes caused by weather, grooming changes, or other factors;
(b) maintain control of speed and course at all times while snowmobiling so as to prevent injury to self and others;
(c) heed all posted warnings; and
(d) not place self or others in a position that may cause or contribute to the injury of anyone.
(3) A snowmobiler shall accept all legal responsibility for injury or damage of any kind to the extent that the injury or damage results from risks inherent in the sport of snowmobiling. Risks inherent in the sport of snowmobiling are:
(a) variations in terrain, including surface or subsurface snow or ice conditions naturally occurring or resulting from weather changes, snowmobile use, or grooming or uncongested base;
(b) bare spots or thin snow cover caused by limited snowfall, melting, wind erosion, snowmobile action, grooming, or unconsolidated base;
(c) rocks, trees, or other forms of forest growth or debris;
(d) clearly visible or plainly marked improvements or trail maintenance equipment; and
(e) avalanches
(4) The provisions of this section do not affect a product liability action against a manufacturer or seller of a manufacture of snowmobile equipment or products or safety equipment used incidental to the operation of a snowmobile.

History: Enr. Sec. 4, Ch. 440, L. 1987; amd. Sec. 11, Ch. 351, L. 1993; amd. Sec. 4, Ch. 145, L. 1999

SWAN LAKE AREA TRAILS		
MARKER	MILEAGE	REMARKS
1-2	5.9	Rd #408, Crane Mtn. Road
2-3	3.3	Rd #408, Crane Mtn. Road
2-6	3.5	Rd #9714, Yew Cr. Road
3-6	12.5	Rd #9714, Yew Cr. Road
5-6	3.3	Rd #9714, Yew Cr. Road
6-7	1.5	Rd #10229, Porcupine Cr. Rd
6-8	2.1	Rd #10229, Porcupine Cr. Rd
8-9	5.1	Rd #10229, Porcupine Cr. Rd
1-3	10.4	Rd #408, Crane Mtn. Road
7-9	14.4	Rd #10229 & #9714 to jct #408
7-8	10.4	Rd #10229, Porcupine Cr. Rd

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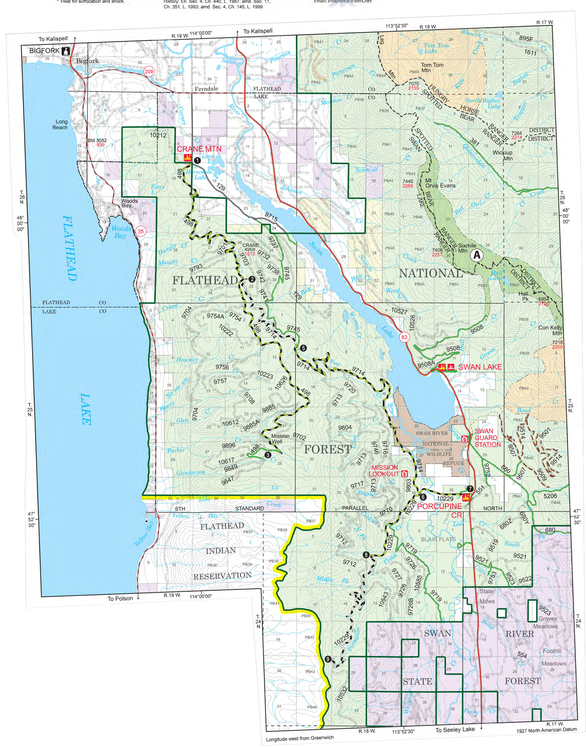
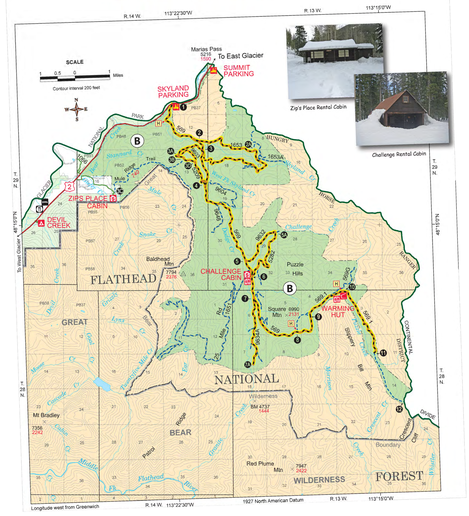


SKYLAND AREA



Welcome to the Skyland Area

The trails in the Skyland area are groomed regularly by the Skyland Parking Area. The Skyland area is a Flathead National Forest lands. Funds for grooming are provided by the Montana gas tax and snowmobile registration fees, and cooperative funds from Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks snowmobile program.
The Summit Snowgoers is a family club committed to promoting safe snowmobiling. Club meetings usually are held monthly each winter. Club activities include trail rides, a fun day, monthly family outings, and a steak fry in April.

For grooming information contact:
Summit Snowgoers
P.O. Box 301
Cut Bank, MT 59427

Wind Chill Chart

Photo courtesy of Stefanie Walker

Skyland Parking Suggestions

General Courtesy
- Do not block, park your vehicle, take up as little parking space as possible.
- Unhitch the trailer and back over the tongue to allow for more parking space.
- Do not leave trailers jack-knifed.
- If traveling in a group, park your party's vehicles as close together as possible or hitch to tail to allow for more space.
- Do not block other vehicles in if they are not a part of your party.

The Upper Lot (closest to Skyland Road)
- Single vehicles and vehicles with two place trailers only.
- Park in the designated parking areas, not on the creek side first. Back into the banks so that people can drive out.
- Put the vehicle in should park in the uppermost position, closest to the trail. All others park in the next adjacent positions.
- No parking parallel to the highway.

The Lower Lot (farthest west of Skyland Road)
- Single vehicles, two place trailers, motorhomes, and over flow from Upper lot.
- Park perpendicular (90 degrees) to the highway, and back up to the bank.
- No parking parallel to the highway and do not park in the middle of the lot.

SKYLAND AREA TRAILS			
SIGN #	TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	Rd #
1-2	Skyland Road	1.7	569
2-3A	E. Fk. Loop Road	2.4	1653
2-3A-3	Skyland Road	3.2	569
2A-3	E. Fk. Loop Road	3.5	1653
3-3A	Mule Ridge Road	5.1	5209
3-4	Skyland Road	1.0	569
3A-3B	Mule Ridge Road	4.8	5209
3A-3D	Mule Ridge Road	1.0	5213
3A-4A	Mule Ridge Road	1.2	5209
3B-3D	Mule Ridge Road	3.4	5209
3D-4	Mule Ridge Road	1.3	5209
4-5	Skyland Road	2.8	569
5-5A	Challenge Loop Rd	1.4	5532
5-6	Skyland Road	3.5	569
5A-6	Challenge Loop Rd	2.5	5532
6-7	Skyland Road	3.4	569
7-7A	Grama Creek Rd	2.2	56343
7-8	Skyland Road	2.7	569
8-9	Skyland Road	3.7	569
9-10	Skyland Road	1.3	569
10-11	Skyland Road	2.1	569
11-12	Puzzle Creek Trail	1.6	
1-6	Skyland Parking-Harrison Hut	6.4	
1-10	Skyland Parking-Walking Hut	11.2	
1-11	Skyland Parking-Puzzle Creek Trail	13.3	

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We ask that anyone using groomed snowmobile trails for recreation, please contribute and purchase the Trail Pass. The revenues go directly to grooming the trails.

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SKYLAND AREA OVER SNOW VEHICLE LEGEND

- **U.S. FOREST SERVICE - Open Dec. 1 - March 31** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
- **U.S. FOREST SERVICE - Skyland/Challenge Area Open Dec. 1 - May 14** To Over Snow Vehicle Access, Conditions Permitting
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