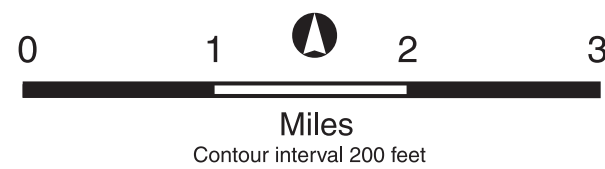


La Porte Area Snowmobile Trails

Feather River Ranger District
Plumas National Forest



Trail Names	Trail Difficulty	Total Miles
1 Silvertip Tie (ungroomed)	Difficult	3.3
2 Silvertip / Quincy Rd. Loop	Easy	21.6
3 Little Grass Valley Loop	Easy	16.9
4 Wagon Wheel/ Lexington Hill Loop	Moderate	6.3
5 Baptist Camp	Easy	3.5
6 Camel Peak Trail	Moderate	10.0
7 Black Rock Loop	Easy	6.8
8 Onion Valley Trail (ungroomed)	Difficult	3.0
9 Hogback Trail (First Mile to warming Hut) (Easy)	Difficult	6.0

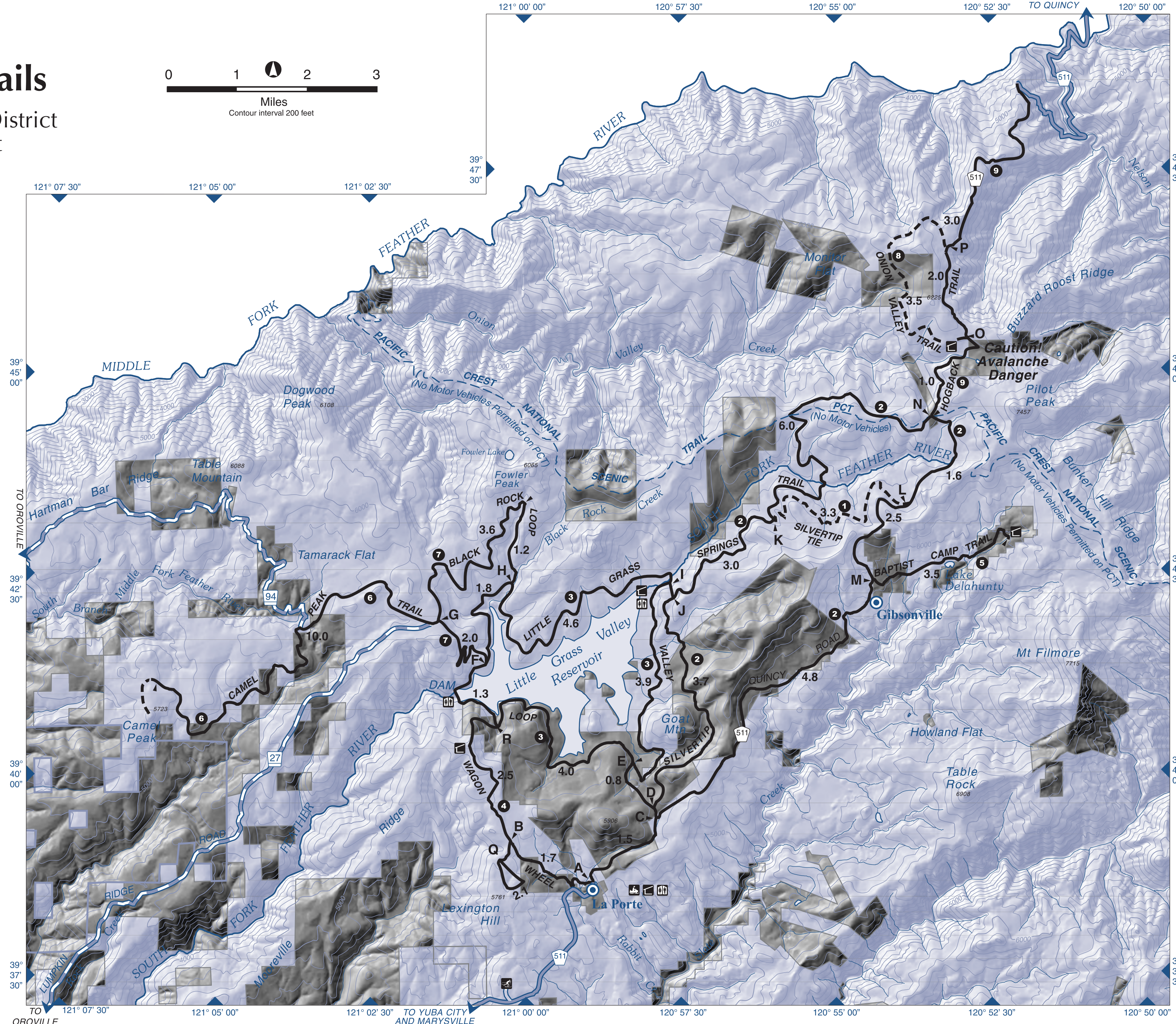
LEVELS OF DIFFICULTY

EASY: Groomed snow trails suitable for the beginning snowmobile rider. Terrain consists of flat to gently rolling, with short stretches of steeper hills. Generally trails are well maintained and there are limited obstacles. After storms, expect obstacles such as snow drifts, downed trees and branches.

MODERATE: Groomed snow trails suitable for the intermediate snowmobile rider. Terrain and surface includes rolling hills with occasional steep hills and side-hill trail. May not have been recently groomed, and/or consist of unpacked, un-groomed snow accumulations.

DIFFICULT: Backcountry travel off the groomed snow routes requires expert technical skills, while riding highly powered snowmobiles. Be aware of existing, non-posted hazards such as rocks, trees, cliffs, steep, icy slopes, side-hills, and possible avalanche areas.

- 1** Trail Number
- Groomed Trail
- Ungroomed Trail
- 2** Trail Segment Mileage
- K** Trail Junction
- Paved Road
- Gravel Road
- Pacific Crest Trail (no motorized vehicles)
- National Forest Boundary
- National Forest Lands
- Private Land
- County Road
- Primary Forest Route
- Snowmobile Staging Area
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Warming Hut
- Trailhead Parking
- Restrooms





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OHV Funds at Work



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Welcome to the Feather River Ranger District

Winter is a beautiful time to explore the Plumas National Forest. Miles of roads and trails offer excellent opportunities for fun and enjoyment of the forest.

Approximately seventy-three miles of snowmobile routes are maintained throughout the winter in the La Porte area. Grooming efforts are sponsored through California State Off-Highway Vehicle funds. The Forest Service, La Porte Snowmobile Club, and other volunteers work together to provide the high quality groomed trails which you will find just outside of La Porte.

Winter Travel Manners

In some areas, skiers, snowshoers and snowmobiles must share the same trails and routes. Be courteous and respectful to allow all trail users to safely enjoy winter travel. Please follow these Winter Travel Manners:

- * Operate snowmobiles at a minimum speed near skiers and snowshoers. Maintain this minimum speed until you are well past those traveling on foot.
- * The noise of a snowmobile usually makes it difficult for its operator to hear other trail users. To get their attention, use gestures.
- * On steep ground, snowmobiles are generally limited to the developed trail surface. Step out of the way to let snowmobiles pass.
- * Groomed travel routes are closed to motorized wheeled vehicles.
- * Park vehicles off the road.
- * Respect the property and privacy of others.
- * In campgrounds, avoid hitting tables, stoves or other improvements covered in snow.
- * Please pack out what you pack in.
- * Signs and trail markers are for direction and use of the area. Please protect them.
- * Vegetation can be damaged if you ride over small trees and bushes.
- * If you encounter animals, stop and allow them to move off the trail. The energy needed to survive in cold and snow can make unnecessary disturbance harmful or fatal to wildlife.
- * Avoid leaving human waste near any water course.
- * Never travel alone.

Services Available

Several restaurants, a general store, fuel, lodging, a snowmobile shop, and a specialty shop are available in La Porte. For more information on local services, contact the Plumas County Visitors Bureau, 1-800-326-2247 or www.plumascounty.org.

Risks and Hazards

The forest environment is hazardous by nature. Conditions in the forest may change unexpectedly, creating unforeseen hazards. The forest visitor is responsible for knowing and accepting the risks of operating a motorized vehicle. When doing so on public lands, he has the added responsibility of accepting the hazards inherent in a forest environment. Be aware of changing conditions, and watch for hazards such as fallen trees, ice, and avalanche areas. Remember that the most hazardous avalanche terrain has the following characteristics: steep slopes that are long and open, with possible cornice build-up. Snow on north facing slopes, or on the leeward side of the prevailing wind direction, is more likely to slide in midwinter; south facing slopes are most dangerous in the spring and on sunny days. Snowmobilers are advised to stay on groomed, marked trails to minimize potential risks.

Cooling Power of Wind

Expressed as "Equivalent Chill Temperature"

Wind Speed (mph)	Temperature (°F)									
	40	30	20	10	5	0	-10	-20	-30	
Calm	Equivalent Chill Temperature (°F)									
5	35	25	15	5	0	-5	-15	-25	-35	
10	30	15	5	-10	-15	-20	-35	-45	-60	
15	25	10	-5	-20	-25	-30	-45	-60	-70	
20	20	5	-10	-25	-30	-35	-50	-65	-80	
25	15	0	-15	-30	-35	-45	-60	-75	-90	
35	10	-5	-20	-35	-40	-50	-65	-80	-100	
40	10	-5	-20	-35	-45	-55	-70	-85	-100	
	Danger			Increasing Danger				Great Danger		

Access to La Porte

From Marysville: follow Highway 20 to Marysville Road. Turn left and follow the signs approximately 45 miles to La Porte. From Oroville: take Olive Highway to Forbestown Road. Turn right and follow approximately 20 miles to La Porte Road. Turn left and follow the signs approximately 25 miles to La Porte.

County Roads

All Off-Highway Vehicles must be street legal to operate on county roads. Only county roads closed to public traffic by snow may be used by green sticker registered vehicles.

The La Porte/Quincy county road at the La Porte Staging Area will be closed to public traffic when it receives 18 inches of snow. A gate marks this closure. During closure periods, no 4x4 vehicles are allowed beyond this point.

Travel Information

When traveling in California, call 1-800-427-ROAD (7623) or visit <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo/>. This site provides current information regarding the condition of the California State Highway System.

Winter Safety

Outdoor recreation in winter requires extra planning and caution for a safe and pleasant trip. It is the responsibility of the OHV operator to be aware of Federal and State OHV restrictions and regulations. Make sure the snowmobile is registered and the green sticker is clearly displayed on the vehicle. It is a good idea to bring along the items on this safety list when traveling in winter:

- ☐ warm clothing (extras in case clothes get wet)
- ☐ drinking water
- ☐ snowshoes or skis (a pair for each person)
- ☐ lunch, snacks, and emergency food
- ☐ tools and extra gas in a safety can
- ☐ first aid kit
- ☐ map and compass
- ☐ hatchet or hunting knife
- ☐ rope or avalanche cord
- ☐ emergency flares
- ☐ tarp (for temporary shelter)
- ☐ pocket knife
- ☐ space blanket
- ☐ survival kit

Survival Kit

A few simple items will help keep an emergency situation from turning into a tragedy. A pocket-sized survival kit may be made at home. It should contain items for makeshift sled repair and personal survival. Some items to include are:

- mirror
- safety pins
- salt
- energy foods
- whistle
- wire
- paper clips
- aluminum foil
- waterproof matches
- heavy tape (duct tape)
- candle
- bouillon cubes
- razor blades
- space blanket
- fishing line
- sandpaper

911 Emergency

Oroville Hospital
2767 Olive Hwy
Oroville, Ca
(530) 533-8500

Rideout Memorial Hospital
726 4th Street
Marysville . Ca
(530) 749-4300

Leave No Trace

Remember to take out of the forest anything that is brought in. Whenever possible, make an extra effort to remove trash that less thoughtful persons have left behind. Leave live vegetation and cultural and historic features as found for others to discover and enjoy, and for a return visit.

Please pick up all garbage.



Staging Area and Warming Huts

A staging area / warming hut is available in La Porte for use and enjoyment. In addition, four warming huts are located on the trails for your use. One is located near Little Grass Valley Reservoir, on the South Fork of the Feather River. Another is located on Mooreville Ridge and provides spectacular views of Little Grass Valley Reservoir. The third warming hut is located in Onion Valley, a favorite destination / play area for many snowmobilers. The fourth warming hut is located on Sawmill Ridge at the end of the Baptist Camp Trail. These facilities were built with California state green sticker funds. Please help keep them clean. Firewood is often supplied by the La Porte Snowmobile Club, but it is permitted to bring some along with you.

Snowmobile Route Descriptions

Silvertip Tie (ungroomed) **3.3 miles**
Difficult

This short cut-off trail connects the east and west portions of the Silvertip/Quincy Road Loop, south of the Feather River. It travels between the Quincy Road and Silvertip Springs Road. This provides a shorter loop trail than travelling the entire Silvertip/ Quincy Road Loop. This trail is recommended for experienced riders.

Silvertip/ Quincy Road Loop **21.6 miles**
Easy

This loop travels up the Quincy Road towards Onion Valley and then down the Silvertip Springs Road, heading back towards La Porte. It travels through the Silvertip Springs subdivision. Beautiful views to the north can be seen from the intersection of the Quincy and Silvertip Springs roads.

Little Grass Valley Loop Road Loop **16.9 miles**
Easy

This trail begins at the La Porte OHV Staging Area/ Warming Hut. It travels out the County road towards Little Grass Valley Reservoir. It then follows the road all the way around the lake, providing spectacular views of the lake. Just to the west and north of the South Fork Feather River crossing is a warming hut with a wood stove.

Wagon Wheel/ Lexington Hill **6.3 miles**
Moderate

This trail starts at the La Porte Staging Area/ Warming Hut. It travels up to the top of Lexington Hill, on the Wagon Wheel segment, providing spectacular three hundred sixty degree views of the Sacramento Valley and Sierra Nevada Mountains. On top of Mooreville Ridge (approximately 2.5 miles north of Lexington Hill) is a warming hut with a wood stove overlooking Little Grass Valley Reservoir. At this point the trail continues steeply down to Little Grass Valley Reservoir.

Baptist Camp **3.5 miles**
Easy

This spur trail provides access to the Regular Baptist Camp and beyond to the Sawmill Warming Hut, located on Sawmill Ridge. It turns off of the Silvertip/ Quincy Road Loop just north of the historic townsite of Gibsonville. At the end of the trail is a warming hut with a wood stove.

Camel Peak **10 miles**
Moderate

From the Black Rock Creek/Lumpkin Loop, this trail travels past Tamarack Flat and heads west to Camel Peak. Last quarter mile of trail is ungroomed and difficult. Spectacular views can be seen from the vista point at the peak.

Black Rock Loop **6.8 miles**
Easy

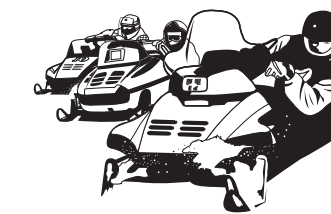
This trail leaves the Little Grass Valley Loop and heads up the Black Rock Creek Road towards Fowler Peak. At the top of the hill, a one mile spur provides views of the Fowler Peak area. To the west, the trail follows the ridge, and ties in with the Camel Peak trail at the Lumpkin Ridge Road intersection. At this point the trail becomes more difficult, heading down a series of swithbacks and meeting the Little Grass Valley Loop again near Black Rock Campground.

Onion Valley Trail **3.0 miles**
Difficult

This trail leaves north out of Onion Valley and travels out to Monitor Flat. It then continues on and connects back to county road 511. This trail is recommended for experienced riders.

Hogback **5.0 miles**
Easy to Difficult

This trail leaves the Silvertip/Quincy Road Loop just north of the South Fork Feather River Crossing. The first mile is easy and travels by the Onion Valley warming hut. The next 5 miles are difficult and extend north along county road 511. This trail provides views of Dixon Creek and the Middle Fork of the Feather River. (These 5 miles are recommended for experienced riders.)



Pledge to Tread Lightly by:

- T**raveling only where motorized vehicles are permitted.
- R**especting the rights of hikers, skiers, campers, and others to enjoy their activities undisturbed.
- E**ducating myself by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies; complying with signs and barriers; and asking owners' permission to cross private property.
- A**voiding streams, lakeshores, meadows, and muddy roads and trails, steep hillsides, wildlife, and livestock.
- D**riving responsibly to protect the environment and to preserve the opportunity to enjoy my vehicle on wild lands.

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