



Cross-Country Ski & Snowshoe Trails

There are miles of both groomed and ungroomed, no fee, multi-use trails open to the public in the surrounding area. The Town of Winter Park and Headwaters Trails Alliance groom a number of trails on US Forest Service and town properties. Groomed trails are indicated in the trail list below.

Devil's Thumb Ranch Resort and Spa, Snow Mountain Ranch/YMCA of the Rockies, Granby Ranch and Grand Lake Nordic Center offer fee based groomed trails open to the public. Many of the Forest Service roads are packed out from snowmobile traffic providing great tracks but, otherwise, trails on Forest Service Land are ungroomed and conditions can vary depending on snowfall and usage. Check out the [Headwaters Trails Alliance website](#) and their pinned facebook page @headwaterstrailsalliance for updated trail conditions. Trail maps, grooming maps and trail information are available at the Winter Park Information Center in Winter Park and local rental shops. You may also refer to [COTREX](#), a free trails app created by the state of Colorado.

Please note grooming can be delayed or may change depending on major snow storms or changing weather conditions.

Fraser River Trail - South (Easy)

Length: 2.5 miles from the trailhead at Roam to Old Town Winter Park

Elevation: Mostly flat

Groomed: Yes

Trailhead Location: From the Winter Park Information Center, walk on the sidewalk along the east side of Hwy 40 to the entrance to Roam Development. Take the railed walkway next to the highway to the trail.

Trail Description: A wide trail that follows the Fraser River through the forest and passes under Highway 40 continuing along the river until it reaches Trademark Drive. Take a right, then a left onto Winter Park Drive. Travel on the sidewalk 1/3 mile to visit the Winter Park Resort or return back the way you came. This trail is very scenic along the Fraser River with a slight uphill towards the ski resort.

Fraser River - North (Easy)

Length: 2.1 miles to Co Rd 8 in Fraser

Elevation: Mostly flat

Groomed: Yes

Trailhead Location: From the Winter Park Information Center, access the trail by walking west on Highway 40. Take a right at the light at Telemark Dr., then go over the bridge and watch for the Fraser River Trail sign on the left. To access the trail from Fraser, park at the Headwaters Trails Alliance building just past the entrance to Safeway at 120 Zerex Street in Fraser. You can access the trail directly from the parking lot.

Trail Description: A wide trail that follows the Fraser River north to Fraser with panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. Do an out and back or jump on the free Lift shuttle bus to return.

Elk Meadow Trail (easy to moderate)

Length: 2.5-mile loop

Elevation: Slight hills

Groomed: No

Trailhead Location: From the Winter Park Information Center, follow Highway 40 north to the Fraser Valley Center (the Murdoch's shopping center) traffic light and turn left at Wendy's onto CR 72. Take a left at the fork and continue straight up the hill past the Fraser Tubing Hill until you come to the Forest Service gate. Park at the parking lot by the gate.

Trail Description: This route roams through the spruce and fir forest with panoramic views of the Continental Divide. This is a mix of road (closed to vehicles in the winter) and trail with some slight hills. For this loop, start up the road past the gate hill. Ski for less than a quarter mile up the road, you will see Elk Meadow Trail on the left. The trail will continue through the meadow and woods over the bridges. At the "T" intersection go right on D2(FS 72) up to FS 158. Take a right on FS 158 back to the parking area.

Northwest Passage Trail (Easy)

Length: 1.34 miles one way

Elevation: Mostly flat

Groomed: Yes

Trailhead Locations: From Headwaters Trails Alliance at 120 Zerex Street in Fraser, take a left on Hwy 40 to the traffic light. Turn right on CR 72 (at the Murdochs Shopping Center), Turn Right on CR 721 after the train overpass and take the road spur to the end. Take a left on CR 73. Travel for 1.6 miles. Northwest Passage Trailhead will be on the right.

Trail Description: Northwest Passage is fairly open with trees and is surrounded by mountain views.

Lunch Loop (Easy)

Length: 3.2 miles loop

Elevation: Flat

Groomed: Yes

Trailhead Location: Access at the Lions Club Ponds next to Safeway in Fraser or the Fraser River Trailhead at Mountain Man Park in Rendezvous

Trail Description: A loop along the Fraser River and around the ponds between Winter Park and Fraser.

High Lonesome Hut/Strawberry Trail (Moderate)

Length: 2.3 miles-one way

Elevation: Moderate gain

Groomed: No

Trailhead Location: Head north on Hwy 40 towards Tabernash and turn right on CR 83. In .4 miles go left on CR 84 which turns into FS 129. Continue 3.9 miles to a pullout on the left. The Strawberry Trail trailhead begins on the other side of the gate. Do not block gate.

Trailhead Description: This is an out and back route. This trail crosses meadows, the creek and heads into the woods. At the Woody Hill fork, continue straight to the next fork. Turn right at the next fork a short distance to the High Lonesome Hut. This trail is further out and very remote. There is no cell service.

Fraser Valley Sports Complex Loops (easy)

Length: .4 miles each

Elevation: Flat

Groomed: Yes

Trailhead Location: From the town of Fraser, travel North on Hwy 40 to CR 5 to the left. Turn left on CR 5. You will then see the Fraser Valley Sports Complex on the right. Turn right at the Sports Complex. Park in any of the parking lots. Do not block gates. The trail access is on the road behind the complex. Follow groomed areas for skiing.

Trail Description: Flat loops around the sports field with great views of the surrounding mountains.

Discovery Trail Loop (Easy)

Length: 1.5 mile loop

Elevation: Loop is flat

Groomed: No

Trailhead Location: From the Winter Park Information Center, follow Highway 40 south toward the Winter Park Resort. Turn left at the 3rd stop light across from Winter Park Drive and park at the Bonfils Stanton parking lot.

Trail Description: The Discovery Trail is a short, relatively flat loop crossing beaver ponds. There is a mix of woods and wetlands. There are scenic views of the Continental Divide and Winter Park Resort.

Jim Creek Trail (Moderate to Difficult)

Length: 3.5 miles one way

Elevation: 1200' elevation gain

Groomed: No

Trailhead Location: From the Winter Park Information Center, travel South on Hwy 40 towards Winter Park Resort. Turn left at the 3rd stop light across Winter Park Drive. And park at the Bonfils Parking lot. You will begin on the Discovery Loop Trail from the parking lot. To access the Jim Creek Trail, follow the Discovery Trail to the right and follow the trail to FS road 128, approximately .5 miles. Cross the road and the Jim Creek trailhead is straight ahead.

Trail Description: The Jim Creek Trail follows Jim Creek in an old-growth Spruce and Fir forest through open meadows to a small waterfall at the end. This trail is steep in sections and is an out and back.

Leland Creek Lollipop Loop (Moderate)

Length: 3.1-mile loop

Elevation: Moderate gain

Groomed: Yes

Trailhead Location: From the Winter Park Information Center, head North on Hwy 40 to Telemark Drive. Take a left and go up the hill past the round about. The road curves to the left. Immediately after the curve you will see the trail on the right. There is a small pulloff on the right side of the trail. Do not block gates.

Trail Description: Spectacular panoramic views of Winter Park Resort, the Continental Divide, Vazquez and Byers Peak.

Fraser to Granby Trail (Easy to Moderate)

Length: 17.2 miles with access points along the route

Elevation: Gently rolling with moderate climbs and descents

Groomed: Yes

Trailhead Location: From the town of Fraser, travel North on Hwy 40 to CR 5. Turn Left on CR 5. You will then see the Fraser Valley Sports Complex on the right. Turn right at the Sports Complex. You can park in the parking lots at the complex and follow the road behind the complex north to the trail where there is a gate. Do not park on the road. Do not block gates. There are multiple access points to the trail. Please refer to maps and or COTREX for each Trailhead

Trail Description: The Fraser to Granby Trail meanders through the meadows along the highway and crosses under the highway to the Granby Ranch area. There are panoramic views along the way.

Blue Sky / Little Vasquez (Moderate)

Length: 4-mile loop

Elevation: Moderate gain

Groomed: No

Trailhead Location: From Winter Park Information Center, head east on Hwy 40 to Vasquez Rd. Turn right and follow Vasquez Rd. up and over the railroad tracks to the stop sign. At Arapaho Rd. turn left and follow Arapaho Rd. through the residential neighborhood approximately .3 miles until you reach a gate and park.

Trail Description: Startup the road (Little Vasquez) until you see the sign for Blue Sky on the right. Follow the Blue Sky trail until you reach Tunnel Hill Rd (FS152) and turn left. You will pass Chickadee Trail on your left. If you want a challenging descent take Chickadee and it will meet back up with Little Vasquez Rd (FS156) at the bottom. If you want a more relaxed descent, follow Tunnel Hill Rd. to the Little Vasquez intersection. Follow Little Vasquez back to the parking area. This is a wooded trail with some hills with a mix of Spruce/Fir and Lodgepole Forests. There are hill climbs and creek crossings along the way.

Monarch Lake Loop (Moderate Snowshoe trail)

Length: 4.1- mile loop

Elevation: Mostly flat

Groomed: No

Trailhead Location: From the town of Granby take Highway 40 North through Granby and turn right on Hwy 34 towards Grand Lake. Travel on Hwy 34 for 11.5 miles. Turn right onto CR 6 and follow 10 miles to the Monarch Lake access road on the right towards the parking area and trailhead. The USFS gate will be closed before the parking area during the winter season. Do not block the gate. Parking on the side of the road is acceptable as long as there is room for through traffic.

Trailhead Description: Inside the Arapaho National Recreation Area, which requires a day pass (purchase on www.recreation.gov/). This flat, wooded trail begins at the old cabin and loops around Monarch Lake with stunning views of the Indian Peaks.

Rendezvous / Idlewild Trails (Easy to Difficult)

Length: Plan your own loop and distance.

Elevation: varies

Groomed: No

Trail Location: From Winter Park Information Center, take Rendezvous Way to Ski Idlewild Road. Take a left on Ski Idlewild Road to Rendezvous Road. Turn Right on Rendezvous Road to Friendship Drive. Take Friendship drive until you get to Meadow trail on the right.

Trail Description: Rendezvous / Idlewild trails is a trail system on the east side of Winter Park with options for short or long loops. With varying elevation gains. The trails roam through the forest and meadows with panoramic views of the Continental Divide, Winter Park Resort, downtown Winter Park and Byers Peak. Refer to COTREX and maps for specific trails and loops in this system.

Second Creek / Broome Hut (Difficult)

Length: 1 mile one-way

Elevation: 737' elevation gain 10,585'-11,322'

Groomed: No

Trailhead Location: From the Winter Park Information Center, follow Highway 40 southbound onto Berthoud Pass. A pull-off at mile marker 240 along with a large orange Avalanche Warning sign marks the trailhead. Have caution pulling in and out of the pullouts and parking areas as there is fast traffic and sharp turns along the highway.

Trail Description: Starting on the Second Creek trail you will follow the 2nd Creek for a steep climb. You will travel through a mixed forest with Spruce, Fir, Lodgepole Pines and Aspens. You will climb up above treeline. Once at the Broome Hut, views include James Peak, Parry Peak and the Continental Divide. It is possible to continue to the top of the ridge for spectacular panoramic views.

St Louis Creek Loop - Creekside / Flume Loop (Easy to Moderate)

Length: 5 - mile loop or shorten to Creekside Trail only

Elevation: Moderate gains

Groomed: Yes

Trailhead Location:

From the Winter Park Information Center, follow Highway 40 north to the Fraser Valley Center (the Murdoch's shopping center) traffic light and turn left at Wendy's onto CR 72. Veer right onto CR 721 (Fraser Parkway) and follow to the "T" intersection. Turn left onto CR 73 and continue until you see the St. Louis Creek Campground sign and turn left into the parking lot before the campground. Refer to COTREX or Winter Park/Fraser map for trail route.

Trail Description: Winds through the mixed forests and wetlands along the creek. This loop has rolling to flat terrain. There are views of the Continental Divide and Byers Peak.

Deadhorse Loop Trail (Difficult)

Length: 7-mile loop

Elevation: 1,310 gain

Groomed: No

Trailhead Location: From the Winter Park Information Center, follow Highway 40 north to the Fraser Valley Center (the Murdoch's shopping center) traffic light and turn left at Wendy's onto CR 72. Veer right onto CR 721 (Fraser Parkway) and follow to the "T" intersection. Turn left onto CR 73 and continue past CR 159 on your left to the gate closure. Park in the parking area on the right. The trailhead is at the far end of the lot.

Trail Description: Meanders through spruce, fir, and lodgepole pine forests with sweeping views of the Continental Divide and Byers Peak.

Additional Trails

USFS Roads with seasonal gates: (The following roads have seasonal gates closed to vehicles in the winter. These can make for great cross-country skiing conditions). Please refer to maps or COTREX for further details on each route.

Vasquez Road (FS148), Tunnel Hill Road (FS152), Leland Creek Road (FS159), Byers Peak Road (FS160), King Creek Road (FS162)

Length: Plan your own trip & distance

Groomed: No

Trailhead Locations: Please refer to trail maps and COTREX for details.

Trail Description: Miles of Forest Service roads that are closed to motor vehicles in the winter providing a quiet, backcountry experience. Ungroomed but light snowmobile traffic does provide tracked trails in some areas.

Rocky Mountain National Park

Several trails in the Kawuneeche Valley are available for snowshoeing and skiing. Ranger-led tours are available. Check-in at the Visitor Center near the entrance.

Phone: (970) 627.3471

Kawuneeche Visitor Center: 16018 US-34, Grand Lake, CO

Winter Park Resort / Granby Ranch / Snow Mountain Ranch, YMCA of the Rockies/Devils Thumb Resort and Spa/Grand Lake Nordic Center

Check these resort and Nordic Centers for trail and tour information

Know Before You Go

Be sure to review and follow [Leave No Trace](#) principles as well as learn where to [recycle and deposit trash](#). Dogs are welcome on all National Forest and town trails, please keep under control at all times and pick up after your pet including removing poop bags. With the pine beetle affecting many of our forested areas and the US Forest Service managing tree removal and healthy reforestation, follow them for their latest projects and updates:

Stay on gentle terrain when avalanche danger exists. Avalanche information available at <https://avalanche.state.co.us/>

Resources

United States Forest Service

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland

Phone (970) 295.6600 | Website: fs.usda.gov/r02/arp

Email updates: VisitARP@usda.gov

Headwaters Trails Alliance

Phone: (970) 726.1013

Website: <https://headwaterstrails.org/>

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Colorado Trail Explorer (COTREX)

A free comprehensive Colorado trail app which allows a user to filter trails by desired use.

<https://trails.colorado.gov>

Colorado Trail Explorer (COTREX) on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store