

Nordic Centers & Groomed Ski Areas

The trails covered in this book are front and backcountry trails, but there are plenty of local Nordic Centers for those days you'd prefer skiing on corduroy, want to skate ski or only have a limited amount of time. Dogs are not allowed on these ski trails, except at the Snowfill site and Hyalite.

Bozeman

Bohart Ranch Cross Country Ski Center

27+ kilometers of superb groomed ski trails are situated on private and Forest Service lands and loop through terrain well suited to all ability levels. The Kiddy Kilometer Trail is a signed interpretative trail popular with families and younger skiers. They also feature snowshoe trails. 16 miles northeast of Bozeman near Bridger Bowl. www.bohartranchxcski.com

Bridger Creek Golf Course

The golf course trails provide skiing right in town. The golf course is groomed by the Bridger Ski Foundation (BSF) and operates on donations. Buy a button at the ski trails or at local shops.



Lindley Park

Groomed by the BSF and supported through button sales and donations, these trails, near the Hospital, loop through agricultural fields and provide excellent skiing right in town. www.bsfnordic.com

Snowfill Site

Snowfill is an experiment in progress and open to skiers with dogs. It is currently groomed by a hard working volunteer, but things may change in the future as the City of Bozeman builds a summer park.

Bridger Creek Golf Course
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In addition to the above groomed ski trails, the City of Bozeman and the BSF are looking at grooming some additional fifty miles of trail within and around Bozeman. Visit www.bsfnordic.com for updates.

Email bridgernordic@bresnan.net to be added to the mailing list and kept up to date on the grooming schedules for all Bozeman groomed areas and Golf Courses.

Hyalite Canyon

This unique canyon, south of Bozeman, is one of the most-heavily recreated areas in the state and is home to some of the best cross-country ski terrain in the county. A few well-established tours in Hyalite are described here in detail, however, many more groomed loops are under improvement by the BSF; lead primarily by long time Hyalite XC ski advocate Terry Johnson.

The pace of this development is dictated not only by the sheer hard work involved but also by a staged process where the BSF is working closely with the Southwest Montana Climbers Coalition (ice climbers), the Gallatin National Forest and other users to progressively manage use of the Hyalite Road in light of the recent decisions regarding the Travel Management Plan. Stay tuned.

www.hyalite.org

Big Sky

Lone Mountain Ranch

Dry, Rocky Mountain snow covers 80 kilometers of groomed trails. Yellow Mountain fills most of the view to the north of the trail system and is home to Big Horn sheep and other wildlife. Many of the upper trails provide a great workout with their steep climbs and quick descents.

www.lonemountainranch.com

West Yellowstone

Rendezvous Ski Trails

35 kilometers of gently rolling, beautifully groomed trails that wind through tall stands of lodgepole pine and open meadows. West Yellowstone often has more snow than the Bozeman area, so Rendezvous Ski Trails are ideal for early and late season skiing.

www.rendezvouskitrails.com