
Trail Descriptions:

Cascade Lake Trail, 7850' to 8000'

3 miles, **easiest**,

150 feet elevation gain/loss

The Cascade Lake Trail begins on the left (west) side of the Washburn Hot Springs Overlook road approximately 0.3 miles north of Canyon Junction. The trail follows a service road for the first 200 yards then takes a 90 degree right turn down a wide trail. The turn will be marked with a directional ski sign. The trail winds through a lodgepole pine forest opening into Cascade Meadows. **Caution** should be taken to avoid bison in the meadow. You continue north following the meadow crossing Cascade Creek and continue north for 1 mile. The trail and meadow takes a slow turn to the left (northwest) and enters a lodgepole pine forest. The trail is clearly marked at this point and continues in a northwest direction into a broad open meadow. The trail leads out across the meadow to ice-covered Cascade Lake. The trail provides a good view of the Washburn Range. For more experienced skiers, the hills above Cascade Lake are ideal for downhill skiing. Inquire at the warming hut for ski conditions and avalanche danger.

Roller Coaster Trail

1.8 miles, **more difficult**,

200 feet elevation gain/loss

The trail begins at the warming hut going east along the North Rim Drive for 100 yards. It takes a 90 degree left hand turn and continues up a service road for approximately 0.3 miles. You ski down a short moderate slope into the first meadow you come to and the trail veers off the service road and up into the pine forest on your right. From here the trail is well defined through the forest and is a series of moderate to steep ups and downs. The trail merges with the Canyon Rim Trail. At this junction, you have the choice of turning right, back to the Warming Hut, or left and continuing along the Canyon Rim Trail. The Roller Coaster is fast and fun.

Canyon Rim Trail

4.5 miles, **easiest to more difficult**,

200 feet elevation gain/loss.

The trail begins at the warming hut and follows the North Rim Drive east for one mile. It turns sharply to the left and continues down the Inspiration Point roadway. A moderately steep downhill section leads you to Inspiration Point where it makes a loop and returns back up the hill you just came down. As you ski up the road towards the North Rim Drive, the trail turns sharply to your left and onto an abandoned roadway. The trail continues along the edge of the canyon rim for one mile providing excellent views of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Once Grand View is reached, the trail crosses the roadway and follows a marked trail through the pine forest and up into the summer cabin area. The trail continues along the roadway past the cabins and up into the summer developed visitor use area. You are led past the Canyon Lodge and visitor center and back to the warming hut.

Caution should be taken while skiing along the Canyon Rim. Skiers are advised to remove their skis and walk out to the view points.

Washburn Hills, 8200' to 9700'

more difficult to most difficult,

advanced skiers.

Take the snowmobile road north from the warming hut towards Washburn Hot Springs Overlook for 2.5 miles. Advanced nordic skiers will find unlimited moderate to steep slopes for downhill skiing. The best slopes are found on the left (west) side of the road north from lower Dunraven picnic area. There are great slopes to perfect your downhill skiing techniques. Avalanche danger can be high, increasing towards Dunraven Pass. Never ski alone. All skiers should check with a ranger at the warming hut for snow conditions and avalanche danger. Avalanche transmitters, climbing skins, and partners are highly recommended.

Old Canyon Bridge Trail

1 mile, **easiest**

The trail begins at either the Chittenden Bridge or at the entrance from the main road to the Brink of the Upper Falls overlook. A very short easy ski with beautiful views of the Yellowstone River above the Upper Falls.

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