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## Trail Descriptions:

### **Snow Pass Trail, 6750' to 7450'**

4.2 miles, **easiest to most difficult**,  
700 feet elevation gain/loss.

The Snow Pass Trail leaves the west side of Mammoth-Norris snow vehicle road 0.4 miles south of the Upper Terrace parking area. There is a short connector trail from the upper end of the Upper Terrace Loop. The trail ascends 700 feet in 1.5 miles through a series of steep grades along an old wagon road to Snow Pass. Good views of the surrounding country are frequent. From Snow Pass the trail continues 0.5 miles down over rolling terrain to a trail junction at which the ski route turns left (south) and follows Glen Creek over fairly level terrain for 2.2 miles, returning to the snow vehicle road just south of Rustic Falls. The other trails leaving from the junction lead into wilderness country; check at the visitor center before attempting to ski them.

### **Bunsen Peak Road Trail, 6240' to 7360'**

6 miles, **easiest to most difficult**,  
1120 elevation gain/loss.

This trail begins on the Mammoth-Norris snow vehicle road just south of Rustic Falls and across from the upper end of the Snow Pass Trail. The upper 3 miles are mostly level and suitable for all levels of skiing ability. On the northeast side of Bunsen Peak, the road becomes steep and winding, dropping 960 feet in 2.5 miles to Glen Creek. **CAUTION:** some curves have steep drop-offs and can be hazardous when icy. From Glen Creek the trail climbs 0.5 miles to a plowed road in an employee housing area 0.8 miles below the Upper Terrace parking area and 1.3 miles above Mammoth. This trail provides fine views of the Gallatin Mountains and the Gardner River Canyon.

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### **Indian Creek Loop, 7300' to 7350'**

2.2 miles, **easiest**,  
50 feet elevation gain/loss.

This trail begins at the Indian Creek Warming Hut and follows the campground road north and then west through the campground along Indian Creek. About 0.5 miles west of the campground, the trail turns left (south) and follows through gently rolling, timbered terrain, past the cutoff and on toward Obsidian Creek where it follows an old wagon road north back to the hut. This trail is mostly very gentle. It offers glimpses of the Gallatin Range to the west and travels through the forest.

### **Bighorn Loop, 7300' to 7620'**

5.5 miles, **easiest to more difficult**,  
320 feet elevation gain/loss.

The trail begins at the Indian Creek Hut and coincides with the Indian Creek Loop for the first mile. It then continues west, making a loop through rolling terrain with outstanding views of the Gallatin Mountains, Gardners Hole and the surrounding country. Bunsen Peak, elevation 8564', is about 3 miles NNE. After completing the loop, return to the Indian Creek Warming Hut by the same route. There is also a cut-off which heads west from the Indian Creek Hut and joins the west side to the Indian Creek Loop 0.12 miles from the hut.

### **Sheepeater Trail, 7260' to 7320'**

5 miles, **easiest**,  
60 feet elevation gain/loss.

Beginning at the Indian Creek Warming Hut, ski along the snow vehicle road 0.5 miles north to Sheepeater Cliffs picnic area. The trail skirts the east side of Swan Lake Flats through interspersed forest and meadow with views of the Gallatin Range and the Gardner River Canyon. The trail connects with the Bunsen Peak Trail and continues approximately 1.6 miles west to the Mammoth-Norris snow vehicle road.

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### **Upper Terrace Loop Trail, 6570' to 6780'**

1.5 miles, **more difficult to easiest**,  
200 feet elevation gain/loss.

This loop begins at the Upper Terrace parking area. The trail is easiest if skied beginning to the left (clockwise). A moderate climb leads to views of hot springs, terraces, and the surrounding mountains. At the top of the climb, a trail veers off to the southwest which connects with the Snow Pass Trail. The Terrace Loop Trail descends past more hot springs before completing the circuit. Since snow depths here are less than in the mountains above, wintering elk and deer are occasionally sighted. **Caution:** Thermal areas along this trail; stay on the groomed trail.

### **Skier Shuttle to Mammoth**

Shuttle services are available from Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel to the Swan Lake and Indian Creek areas on a prearranged basis only. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Front Desk in the hotel lobby. Arrangements need to be made for pickup ahead of time. If you miss your shuttle pickup, notify the Front Desk upon your return to prevent initiation of a search.

**Caution:** Do not attempt to ski any backcountry trails without good topographical maps and first inquiring about trail conditions. Backcountry trails are marked on this map with dashed black lines. Many of them are difficult to find and follow as they are not well marked for winter travel and have not necessarily been skied recently. Many go through avalanche-prone areas that are not marked.

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