
Trail Descriptions:

Lost Lake Trail, 6800' to 6440'

4 miles, **easiest to more difficult**,
120 feet elevation gain/loss

This trail is best started at the Petrified Tree Road, 0.2 miles east of the exit of Blacktail Plateau Drive or 1.4 miles west of Tower Junction. The route travels the road to the Petrified Tree, then leads through a narrow, open valley to Lost Lake, then following the near shore (on the ice) the trail reaches the head of the lake after 1.5 miles. It then travels through intermittent forest and meadows.

CAUTION: It is recommended that you remove your skis for the short, steep section at the bridge crossing Lost Creek. After 2.5 miles and a short steep descent, the trail reaches Calcite Springs Overlook on the Tower Fall Trail, 1.4 miles from Tower Junction. Rolling terrain, views and possibly elk may be seen here.

CAUTION: The last 2.5 miles of this trail does not follow the maintained summer trail. Watch closely for orange trail tags marking the route because it may be difficult to find.

Blacktail Plateau Trail, 7571' to 6600'

8 miles, **easiest to more difficult**,
312 feet elevation gain/loss.

This trail follows an unplowed road and may be skied from either end. It begins 8 miles east of Mammoth Hot Springs at a parking area across the road from a self-guiding trail, or at a service road approximately 1 mile farther east (see map). The trail gradually climbs 900 feet in six miles through open meadows to "The Cut". From here the trail descends two miles down a moderate grade through a spruce-fir forest to rejoin the Mammoth-Tower Road 1.4 miles from Tower Junction. Broad vistas, elk, deer, coyotes, and occasionally bison may be seen.

Tower Fall Trail, 6480' to 6270'

2.5 miles, **easiest**,
190 feet elevation gain/loss.

This trail begins at the parking area just southeast of Tower Junction. It follows the unplowed Tower-Canyon road for 2.5 miles up a gradual slope past Calcite Springs Overlook to Tower Fall. Great views of the Yellowstone River Canyon, occasional bison, bighorn sheep and bald eagles.

Chittenden Loop Trail, 7250' to 6480'

5.3 miles, **easiest to more difficult**,
900 feet elevation gain/loss.

The Chittenden Loop Trail begins at Tower Fall which is 2.5 miles from Tower Junction. The trail is easiest if skied to the right through the Tower Fall Campground, climbing the more difficult section at the beginning of the loop. The more experienced skier may wish to ski the loop in the opposite direction; however, the "more difficult" portion of the loop can be quite fast if snow is packed. The trail continues through dense lodgepole pine returning to the unplowed Tower-Canyon road. From here the route goes approximately 3 miles back to Tower Fall. Good views of Mt. Washburn are possible.

Current Trail Information

Please visit YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com or visit the Bear Den Ski Shops at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel and Old Faithful Snow Lodge for up-to-date trail grooming schedule, trail information, rentals, lessons, tours and accessories.

Caution: Do not attempt to travel 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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