



COMMERCIAL SNOWSHOE TRAILS

Chapter 17: Commercial Snowshoe Trails:

Many of the Wasatch ski resorts have Nordic Centers and/or periphery trails for snowshoeing--some also rent snowshoe gear. Other state parks and trail systems have also incorporated snowshoe-specific trails. These centers and parks charge to use their trails.

Ogden Canyon:

Snowbasin Ski Resort:

--What: 25 K of maintained trails—but you don't have to stay on the trail. Trails start at the end of the Snowbasin Resort parking lot #2 . Maps are available in the Grizzly Center at the resort.

--Cost: Snowbasin has plans to charge for access to their Nordic trails in the future, but currently there is no charge.

--Rentals: Snowshoe rentals available: \$8

--Where: Off Trappers Loop (S.R. 67) up Ogden Canyon

--Contact: Snow Sports- 801.620.1015

Little Cottonwood Canyon:

Alta Nordic Center:

--What: Summer Road

--Cost: No charge

--Rentals: \$12 a day

--How to Get there: Alta Ski Resort sits at the top of Little Cottonwood Canyon. The Summer Road starts at the east end of the parking lot and travels into Albion Basin. See chapter on Little Cottonwood Canyon

--Contact: (801) 799-2293

Snowbird: Snowbird Activity Center

--What: Guided Tours Only – daily at 1 p.m.

--Cost: \$30 per person/includes snowshoe rental

--Rentals: \$15 per day

--Where: Snowbird ski resort sits just below Alta up Little Cottonwood Canyon

--Contact: 801.933.2147, in-house ext 4147.

--Other: Call at least 24 hours in advance to make reservations.

Big Cottonwood Canyon:

Solitude Nordic Center

--What: 9K of snowshoe trails

--Cost: Snowshoe Pass: \$5

--Rentals: Snowshoe Rentals \$10 full-day, \$7 half-day

--Where: Snuggled between Brighton and Solitude Ski resorts. Around the bend from the village at Solitude and right next to Brighton's main parking area, the center sits next to Silver Lake at the base of the mountain.

--Contact: 801.536.5774 http://www.skisolitude.com/downloads/Nordic_Brochure_Map.pdf

The Cottonwood Canyons Foundation

Stationed in the Salt Lake City REI, this non-profit group presents *Snowshoe with a Naturalist*, a guided snowshoe outing, every Saturday starting mid December. These are free, require reservations, and start at the Nordic Center. Call for a mandatory reservation 801-466-6411

Provo Canyon:

The Sundance Cross Country/Nordic Center sits at the base of Mount Timpanogos, and thus the snowshoe trails reveal beautiful views of the surrounding mountains. The Nordic center is located in a yurt and the trails are well marked and well used.

Sundance Cross Country/Nordic Center

--What: 10K of trails

--Cost: Day Pass \$14 or \$10 after 2 p.m.; Juniors (11-17) \$9 or \$6 after 2 p.m. 10 and under free

--Rental: Rental \$10, \$7 after 2 p.m; Boot rental: \$5

--Where: At 1.5 miles past the entry to the Sundance Ski Resort you will see a sign that says Cross Country Skiing that points to the left. Turn here and follow the road for .7 mile to the Cross Country/Nordic center.

--Contact: 801.223.4170 http://www.sundanceresort.com/crosscountry_prices.htm

Park City Area:

The ski resorts in Park City and Deer Valley are privately owned and do not allow snowshoers access.

The Canyons Resort

--What: Tours by reservation only

--Cost: \$60: includes 2 hour tour, guide, equipment, Clif® Bar, lift ticket

--Rental: Equipment provided with tour

--Where: Park City

--Contact: 435.649.9619 Ask for Goose

--Other: Sample tour: Take gondola to Red Pine Lodge, snowshoe the Mid-Mountain trail for 2 hours, water, equipment, Clif Bars, lift tickets and guide provided. Other options include lunch and routes with a more serious aerobic workout.

White Pine Touring Nordic Center

--What: Moonlight, local, and backcountry snowshoe tours

--Cost: from \$25 - \$175

--Rental: \$15 a day; cost included in tour prices

--Where: Park City--ProShop in the Hotel Park City on Thaynes Canyon Drive. 5.3 miles from Kimball Junction to Thaynes Canyon Drive.

--Contact: 435.649.6249; www.whitepinetouring.com

--Other: If you have your own snowshoes there is no cost to access the Golf Course from the White Pine Touring Center.

Mountain Dell Canyon Golf Course:

--What: 12 K of groomed Nordic ski trails twist their way around the golf course. Though snowshoers should not use the ski trails, the golf course is open for winter use and snowshoers can follow off to the side of the trails, or traipse the golf course where trails are not found. The terrain is easy, accessible, and well marked.

--Cost: The Utah Nordic Alliance takes donations for the ski trails, but since you are not using the trails you are not expected to donate. Donate at your discretion.

--Rental: No

--Where: Lower Parley's Canyon I-80. Exit 134

--Contact: www.utahnordic.com

Heber Area

Soldier Hollow

--What: 30K of Nordic trails (just stay out of the tracks) plus unlimited access to the area.

--Cost: \$5

--Rental: \$5

--Where: 55 miles from Salt Lake City. 2002 Olympic Drive, Midway, Utah. From Salt Lake City, take I-80 East to Silver Creek Junction (exit 146). Go east on U.S. 40 past Jordanelle Reservoir toward Heber City. Take a right turn on S.R. 113 (100 South) to Midway. Take a left on 113 in Midway and travel two miles. Turn right just before the railroad tracks and follow the signs to Soldier Hollow.

--Contact: 435.654.2002; www.soldierhollow.com

Wasatch Mountain State Park

--What: 10K Nordic Ski tracks you can follow to the side of, or there are two free hiking trails and a hiking complex.

--Cost: \$4 to snowshoe by the 10K tracks. Hiking trails free

--Rental: \$4

--Where: 50 miles from Salt Lake City, in the northeast corner of Midway; one mile from the

--Contact: 435.654.1791

--Other: Full Moon snowshoes on the Friday following the full moon. Begins at 7 p.m.

Homestead Resort

--What: 8K snowshoe trail.

--Cost: no cost

--Rental: \$5 for 2 hours; \$8 for 4hours

--Where: I -80 to US 40; drop into Heber Valley, turn right at River Road. River Road winds through the Provo River Restoration Area until you reach a round-a-bout. Take the 2nd exit on the round-a-bout onto Burgi Lane. Burgi Lane to Cari Lane. At the 'T' in the road (Homestead Drive) turn left. Address: 700 N. Homestead Drive, Midway, Utah.

--Contact: www.homesteadresort.com; 888.327.7220

--Other: Full Moon snowshoes on the Saturday following the full moon each month. Cost: \$5 for the rental and \$5 for the guide. Snowshoe begins at 7 p.m. See the website for more information.