



Trail 4 – Art Nord to Maples

Duration: 2 hours

Distance: 3.2 miles

Difficulty: Easy

Trailhead: Art Nord or Maples

Elevation: Art Nord 5511'; Maples 6250'

Avalanche: None

Map: Snowbasin 7.5' quadrangle

GPS Coordinates: Art Nord trailhead--12 T 0431272/4564816; Maples trailhead--12 T 0427662/4563971

Dogs: Allowed

Introduction: This gentle meander through the trees makes for a pleasant winter outing. Not too long and not too steep, this trail can be pleasant for snowshoers of all abilities. Parking at Art Nord trailhead is easy to access, and on a clear day the southern views of stark, snow-kissed mountains speak of awe. Especially if you can contrast a gorgeous, blue, winter sky.

Arthur George Nord was a Forest Service man who made significant contributions to the restoration of depleted watersheds and the development of recreation areas within the national forests. This trailhead, and the closed service road used to get to the Art Nord trailhead from Wheeler Creek trailhead, were both named after him. The trailhead is marked with information kiosks, and it sits just off The Old Snowbasin Road. This trail takes you from the Art Nord trailhead to Maples trailhead just below Snowbasin Ski Resort.

How to Get There: A trailhead at each end; possible shuttle

1- Art Nord Trailhead: 9.4 miles up Ogden Canyon/S.R. 39 is the turn off for S.R. 226, better known as The Old Snowbasin Road. The road is marked by the usual small green road sign. Take this road south. During winter months, the road is blocked 4 miles up canyon. This is the Art Nord trailhead.

2-Maples Trailhead: (leave a shuttle)

Driving Directions to Snowbasin Ski Resort: From Salt Lake City take I-15 northbound and exit to northbound US-89 (exit #324). Merge to I-84 eastbound and exit at Mountain Green (exit #92). Continue east on Old Highway and turn left on State Road 167 heading north (just east of the Sinclair station). Turn left on State Road 226 heading west and proceed approximately three miles to Snowbasin. Park at Snowbasin's #2 parking lot in the lowest most northern lot. Cross the bridge and head to the right on the groomed Nordic trails maintained by Snowbasin. As you start along this route a prominent sign states that this is the location of the Maples Trailhead, but this sign is for Snowbasin's trail system and is not the Maples trailhead referred to in this book. The Maples trailhead in the Forest Service trail system, the one we are using, sits a half mile up the groomed Nordic trail. It is marked with a prominent trailhead sign and map.

Trail Description: The trail starts between the Art Nord trail kiosks, dips down to the creek, crosses a couple of foot bridges and then weaves its way west next to the Old Snowbasin road. The junction for Ice Box Canyon and Maples trailhead sits about one mile up the trail. Follow the sharp curve in the trail and head left, or southeast. From this point blue diamond markers are nailed to the trees to mark the trail that will lead you to Maples trailhead. Follow the blue diamonds for the next two miles. The markers are placed at regular intervals so you should not go too long without seeing the next one. Along this route you will cross a number of bridges as you weave your way across the lower elevations and to the base of Snowbasin Ski Resort. This trail is a favorite with cross-country skiers as well.