



## Chapter 7: Snowshoeing at Ogden Nordic in North Fork Park

Ogden Nordic has a system of trails for snowshoeing in North Fork Park! The trails have been expanded and they are now groomed for use of both fat (snow) bikes and snowshoes. Ogden Nordic also grooms wider trails for skiers, which are not recommended for snowshoeing.

A trail pass is required for using the groomed snowshoe trails (\$3/person). Passes can be purchased at the Nordic Center (yurt) located at the South Gate of North Fork Park which is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 to 4. On other days please put your payment in the deposit box in front of the yurt.

Groomed trails are marked on the trail map (in red and yellow) on the large map at the yurt.

### Trail descriptions:

**1) Pipeline Trail to Middle Gate Road loop:** Start on the TRAIL 365 that parallels the main road in front of the yurt. This trail parallels the road then turns north (about 1/10 mile from the start) and goes into the woods. This trail crosses the middle gate ski trail and Just past the crossing, turn right and follow the trail east that parallels the middle gate ski trail. At the bottom, cross the ski trail and follow the ski trail up the hill back up to the yurt. This loop is about 1.5 miles)

**2) Pipeline Trail to Mule Ear overlook:** Instead of turning down to the Mustang Flats trail, keep going straight to a point where you will have to go on the ski trail. Turn RIGHT (north) up the hill, and stay on the far RIGHT side of the trail (avoid the classic ski tracks). About 2/3 up the hill, cross the ski trail and enter onto the mule ear trail and follow it into the woods. About 1/10 mile, the trail splits to the right (Mule Ear connector or bypass trail). Follow the trail straight and climb up through the woods to the the Coldwater Falls overlook (bench) (about 1 mile). This is an out and back trail.

**3) Mule Ear Connector trail:** This trail cuts north across the side of the hill and ends up at the Cutler Ridge ski trail (about 1 mile). It is an out and back trail, with gentle ups and downs. It is generally groomed, but is often softer than the lower trails by the yurt.

**4) Trail 365:** Starts at the Nordic Center. Follow the trail sign at the yurt and head south where there is a sign for the trail on the south west side of the parking area. The trail meanders through the woods to the south and west of the yurt. It dips to a small pond then climbs gently up past the corrals and the Ben Lomond trailhead then drops down and crosses the main ski trail and connects to the pipeline trail. Take a right at the pipeline trail to return to the yurt. This loop is about 2.8 miles and the trail is generally groomed and firm.

**SNOWSHOE RENTALS:** Ogden Nordic rents Snowshoes when the Nordic center is open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 to 4. The cost is \$10/person to rent snowshoes. This cost includes poles.