



## Trail 7 - South Entrance: Cold Water – Waterfall Route

**Duration:** 1.5 hours

**Distance:** 3 miles out-and-back

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Trailhead:** North Park South Entrance

**Elevation:** Picnic Area where waterfall approach starts 6008';

Waterfall 6300'

**Avalanche:** Low

**Map:** North Ogden 7.5' quadrangle

**GPS Coordinates:** Picnic Area where waterfall approach starts--12 T 0423009/4580206

Waterfall--12 T 0422502/4580375

**Dogs:** Allowed on leash

**Introduction:** Up, down, winding, backcountry powder. This route give you a scenic, serene backcountry destination off the groomed North Park trails. The waterfall, regrettably, is covered in snow, but you can see a streamlet leaking from beneath the snow at its base. In a winter wonderland of clean powder and quiet trees, the waterfall route stands out for its beauty and solitude.

**How to Get There:** From I-15 take the 12<sup>th</sup> Street exit and follow it east. 12<sup>th</sup> Street turns into S.R. 39 and takes you directly up Ogden Canyon. Six miles up Ogden Canyon, turn left and cross over the Pineview dam toward Liberty. At a little under 4 miles you will go left at a 'Y' in the road toward Liberty. In less than a mile you'll hit a stop sign. Take a left here also. Travel 3 more miles to a 'T' and turn left on 4100 North. Two tenths of a mile from the 'T' is 3300 E. Take a right here toward North Fork. At the next Y take a left onto North Fork road and follow for another mile until you see the sign to the

South Entrance: *Welcome to North Fork Park Nordic Center/Ben Lomond trailhead.* Turn in here and follow the road one mile to the parking area.

**Trail Description:** From the south parking lot, snowshoe west on the groomed road. When the road forks, head to the left toward the horse corrals and camping areas. Take your first right which will take you to the water tanks and a higher road that is no longer groomed. In the winter it may simply appear to be an open section through the trees that traverses along the east face of the slope in a northerly direction. Follow this road, it will eventually dump you back on the groomed road for a few hundred yards and then dead-ends at a picnic site to the west. The sign to the waterfall is prominently displayed at this site. It is a little over a mile from the parking area to this picnic site. From the picnic site to the waterfall is just under a half mile. The trail leads west through powder, under the trees, and past gulch overlooks. The path is well signed with 3 or 4 markers along the trail. By staying on the north face of the slope and not climbing out on top of the slope, you won't miss the falls area as it sits at the top of the gulley you are following. The funnest return trip is going back the way you came so you can take in the downhills you just climbed up. Another return option presents itself when you hit the falls and find that the trail slides down into the gulch. If you continue down into the gulch you can follow the canyon out for a section and reconnect with the trail down the line. If avalanche danger is high, don't go into the gulch.