

## WINTER TRAIL INFORMATION

**STARLIGHT TRAIL** (Easier) 1 km A one-way loop is lit each evening until 11:00 P.M. for night skiing. Accessed via the bridge across the railroad tracks, the Starlight trail provides a great warm-up ski and a starting off point for the rest of our trail system.

**BOY SCOUT CAMP CROSSOVER** (Easier) For the easiest route to the lower trails take Essex Creek Road to the Boy Scout Camp Crossover. Continue on shortcut.

**JUNCTION CIRCLE** (Easier) This small, exhilarating loop off the Starlight Trail, provides access to our most popular trails.

**PILEATED** (More Difficult) 2.9 km Keep your eyes and ears open for the large Pileated Woodpeckers who live among these tall spruce and fir trees. Gradual climbs and short downhill runs make this loop an enjoyable ski. At the upper junction, ski gently home on Pileated Trail or answer the call of Towering Pines Trail for more adventurous skiing.

**TOWERING PINES** (More Difficult) 1.6 km Just up from the Pileated Trail more fun begins. Climb to Kendi's Crossing over Essex Creek. Relax on our rustic swing overlooking ice crusted cascades. Then fly home over exciting hills and turns.

**HORSE CAMP CROSSOVER** (Easier) For the easiest way down from Kendi's Crossing take this two way trail to Essex Creek Rd.

**ESSEX CREEK ROAD** (Easier) 5.4 km This Forest Service Road runs from Dickey Creek Road, through Telemark Bowl and up the sunnier side of the Essex Creek Drainage. It's a great place to practice your skating technique. Avalanche Danger exists past Horse Camp Cutoff.

**ESSEX CREEK TRAIL** (More Difficult) 3 km From Junction Circle the trail crosses and then parallels Essex Creek, where views of ice formations and snow bridges await you.

**HIGHLINE** (More Difficult on the uphill/Most Difficult on the downhill) 1.5 km In more open terrain above the Essex Creek Trail, the Highline offers breathtaking vistas. Watch for water ouzels at Kendi's Crossing. After descending the "Awesome S Curves," coast home via the Essex Creek Trail.

**WYLDER LOOP** (Snowshoe Trail) 1.5 km A snowshoe trail named after guests Jim and Fran Wylder who have been coming to the inn for more than 25 years. Stay at the Izaak Walton for more than 20 years and we may name a trail after you too.

**SPRING HILL LOOP** (Most Difficult) 1 km This one-way loop with a steep uphill, connecting Starlight Trail with the Dickey trail system, is for those who want a rigorous workout and a fast and thrilling downhill ending at the Telemark Hill or Starlight Trail.

**DICKEY LOOP** (More Difficult) 2.5 km This fast rollercoaster downhill connects Spring Hill Loop to Dickey Creek Road. The more gentle return along wooded hillsides offers the option of visiting the spectacular Park View vista.

**PARK VIEW** (Most Difficult) 1 km This challenging trail climbs to a scenic overlook of Dickey Creek drainage and Glacier National Park. At the top, glimpse Mt. St. Nicholas, towering sentinel of the southern portion of Glacier Park.

**MIDDLE FORK RIVER TRAIL** (Easier) 5.2 km This two-way trail offers mostly level skiing through lodgepole forest and a recent burn near the Middle Fork of the Flathead River. A quarter mile walk down the Izaak Walton Inn Road to Hwy. 2 brings you to the trailhead. The trail entrance is directly across the highway, marked by signs to the left of a private road. As the River Trail crosses private land we ask that you please stay on the trail. Re-cross Hwy. 2 to connect with Dickey Creek Road. Note: The combination of Essex Creek Road to Dickey Creek and the Middle Fork River Trail is 7.9 km.

**RIVER LOOP** (Most Difficult) 1 km

This spur trail off the Middle Fork River Trail provides a thrilling downhill run to river level. The Middle Fork rarely freezes over here and carves out interesting formations along the banks. The trail parallels the river for a few hundred yards and then re-enters the woods for the climb back to your starting point. It's a good idea to check on snow conditions for this trail at the front desk before skiing it.

**DICKEY CREEK ROAD** (Easier) 5.5 km The upper section of Dickey Creek Road is the highest portion of our groomed trail system. It is currently a multi-use road with infrequent snowmobile use, so caution must be used. The South Dickey drainage beyond the groomed trail is a favorite among backcountry skiers.

### Snowshoer Trail Etiquette

- Please stay to the side of the trail, off the set tracks.
- Please give skiers the right of way.
- Remove snowshoes at road and railroad crossings.

### Skier Responsibilities

- Maintain control of your speed and direction at all times.
- Ski in a manner that does not endanger others.
- Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible by others.
- Obey all signs and posted warnings.
- Keep off closed trails.
- Report all accidents.
- Grooming vehicles may be on the trails – use caution.
- Remove skis at road and railroad crossings.
- Choose trails appropriate to your ability and fitness.
- Be courteous – Give way when possible.
- No pets on trails please.
- All rivers and streams are subject to unstable ice and snow.
- Skiing conditions vary with changing weather and skier use. Be aware of changing conditions.

### Be Safety Conscious!

These trails are designed and maintained under a special use permit in cooperation with the Flathead National Forest. Skiing has categories of inherent risks that skiers MUST ASSUME when they participate in the sport. Risks include but are not limited to variations in snow and terrain, ice, rocks, and forest growth (above or below surface), bare spots, snow grooming equipment and collisions. Read and heed all posted signs. If you cannot accept the inherent risks of the sport, please do not purchase a ticket at this area.