

Nickel Plate Cross Country Ski Club Snowshoe Trails

Nickel Plate Cross Country Ski Club has 25 kilometers of self-guided signed snowshoe trails. All trails begin and end at the lodge.

A group(s) leaves the Lodge every Tuesday morning and snowshoes one of the marked trails. A snowshoer can use the trails at any time as all the trails are well marked with trail descriptions and a map facilitates easy negotiation of the trails.

The Gold Dust Snowshoe trail

This is an excellent beginner's trail. The trail crosses open meadow areas and passes through stands of lodge pole pine. This trail is relatively flat and should take 1 1/2 hours of easy snowshoeing to complete. The trail can be accessed from either end.

Quick Silver Snowshoe Trail

This is a beginner's trail. The trail starts at the cabin and follows the east side of the Gold Dust trail to the junction at the top end of McNeil's Claim. This is a climb and then stays on contour to the logging road and then drops down to a skid road, out to the Shortcut, up to Cannonball and Midnight Sun ski trails and then follows the Adventure trail back to the lodge. This trail should be accessed from the west side as outlined above and should take approximately 1 hour to complete.

Claim Jump Snowshoe Trail

This is an intermediate trail and should take 2 hours to complete. This trail follows the Gold Dust trail out to a mapped junction and then goes north, crosses the main road and continues out to Nickel Plate Lake, then follows the lake shore from the south end of the dam to the east until a riparian area opens up to the lake. The trail then follows the west side of the riparian area up to the K-Nine trail and then back to the cabin. The trail can be accessed from either end.

Prospector's Point Snowshoe Trail

This is an advanced trail. This trail follows the east side of Quick Silver and follows the Shortcut ski trail down to Bucks Trek. It crosses Bucks Trek and Winters Creek up a fairly steep riparian area to Silver Side ski trail, and then crosses the Winters Creek road. It follows an old skid trail up to Eagles Nest, continues uphill to Eagles Nest again, and continues east to just prior to the upper meadow. This is a climb from the crossing of Winter's Creek to this point. The snowshoer can then follow the trail along the east side of Eagles Nest back to the cabin (mostly downhill) or venture further east, climb up the hill to the saddle between Beacons Field Mountain and Apex Mountain, all through a semi alpine area with spectacular views of the surrounding area. This route is unmarked and should only be attempted by experienced individuals.