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## **ACCESSING SHERWINS WINTER RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES**

The Sherwins offer a wide variety of diverse winter recreation opportunities, including backcountry skiing and snowboarding experiences, which are directly accessible from the community of Mammoth Lakes. The public is encouraged to take advantage of winter access opportunities at the Sherwins Trailhead at the Propane Tanks off of Sherwin Creek Road, the Mill City access at the winter closure of Old Mammoth Road and the boot pack trail located off the Public Access Corridor along Lake Mary Road . These winter access points serve as gateways for front and backcountry users alike, including opportunities for a wide variety of winter fun such as cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowplay, snowmobiling and backcountry skiing and snowboarding. Temporary winter Sherwins Access/Egress signage will be available at the all three locations providing maps, backcountry etiquette, regulatory and safety/emergency information including avalanche beacon checkers, provided by the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center (ESAC), so that backcountry travelers can test their equipment before venturing out. Sherwins Access/Egress signs remind backcountry users to follow the established “egress only” route across the Snowcreek Golf Course to complete their Sherwins adventures in order to respect the private property you are crossing and the privacy of homes near the route.

Additionally, MLTS dog waste stations, as part of the “Poo Fairy” program, are provided at all three access points to encourage users to always clean up after their pets. Also, beginning winter 2020, temporary “Responsible Recreation” A-Frame signage can be found at these three locations detailing COVID-19 related backcountry etiquette and expectations.

For more information about winter recreation opportunities in the Sherwins, please visit the Mammoth Lakes Trail System website at [mammothtrails.org](http://mammothtrails.org). For information on avalanche hazard levels and traveling in avalanche terrain, please visit the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center Web site at [www.esavalanche.org](http://www.esavalanche.org). Be safe and have fun!

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