

MAMMOTH LAKES TRAIL SYSTEM

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MammothTrails.Org Experience Interview Worksheet

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GUIDELINES

- The experience must take place on existing facilities of the Mammoth Lakes Trail System (multi-use paths, soft-surface trails, INF roads, bike lanes, etc.).
- The experience must originate from the Town of Mammoth Lakes, but may terminate outside of the MLTS. However, experiences contained wholly within the MLTS are preferable.

SOURCE:

What or who is the source of this experience (e.g., Sierra Club, *Mammoth Mountain Biking Guidebook*, INF Winter Use Map, etc.)?

NAME:

What is the name of this experience? (*Incorporate the activity name into the experience name, e.g. "Hiking the Mammoth Rock Trail" or "Road Bike Climbing Tour of Mammoth Lakes."*)

SEASON:

What time of year can a user have this experience? (*Check all that apply.*)

- Summer
- Winter
- Spring
- Fall
- Other (*explain*)

USER INFO:

Which type of user would you recommend to do this experience? (*Check only one.*)

- Beginner
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- Families with small children
- Families with teenagers

DURATION:

How long should it take the recommended user to complete this experience? (*Check only one.*)

- Less than 4 hours
- Half day
- Full day
- Overnight
- Multiple days

WILDERNESS:

Does this experience involve a U.S. Forest Service–designated wilderness area at any point, even if it just briefly passes through?

- Yes
- No

SURFACE:

Which surface type(s) make up this experience?

- Dirt trail
- Paved multi-use path
- Dirt road
- Paved road
- On-street bike lane
- Snow
- Mixed

ROUTE:

What route does this experience take? Please describe in a point-to-point manner so that this route may be mapped in GIS; locate the start point at an established node, trailhead, or facility if at all possible. Use cardinal directions (N/S/E/W) whenever possible and be specific when describing the facilities on which this experience takes place (e.g., proper road names, trailhead names, etc.).

EXAMPLE: "Begin your ride at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center. Head west on Main Street to its intersection with Forest Trail; you'll see Fire Station #1 on the corner. Turn right and ride 300 feet until you see a soft-surface trail on your right; this is your entrance into Shady Rest..."

EXPERIENCE DESCRIPTION:

Visualize and take us through what it's like to have this experience, from the moment a user arrives at the start point to when he reaches his ultimate destination. Rather than focusing solely on the route itself, share your local, personal knowledge about what makes this experience unique or

otherwise worth having. The description should wind up sounding much like an interpretive audio tour you'd find at a national park or in a museum: leading you on the right path while pointing out interesting features or facts along the way. Descriptions should include, as applicable:

- Why this experience is great for the user type identified earlier in this interview
- Distinctive/technical terrain features (rock stair work, log water crossings, overlooks/scenic vistas, etc.)
- Environmental features (foliage, wildlife, geological formations, etc.)
- Areas of caution (potential conflict with other user types, unusual trail conditions such as sharp drop-offs, important landmarks that indicate critical turns in the route, unpredictable weather changes, etc.)
- “Fun facts,” history, or local legend about points of interest (natural, cultural, historical, etc.), whether they are along the way or the endpoint of the experience

EXAMPLE: “Mountain biking on the Mammoth Rock Trail is a great way to get an overview of Mammoth Lakes—literally! If you begin from the trailhead on the west end, you’ll pedal for only a few minutes before being treated to a panoramic view of town to the north and the White Mountains to the east. Some baby-head rock sections crop up along the trail, and be prepared to ride through Mammoth’s famous volcanic pumice (much like sand) for the last 15% of the trail before it intersects with Sherwin Creek Road. Mammoth Rock Trail is also a favorite of equestrians, dog walkers, hikers, and trail runners, so be alert and courteous to other users.”

What should be on a user's gear checklist for this experience (e.g., windbreaker, hiking boots, water purification system, binoculars, avalanche beacon, etc.)?

- A good eye
- Adaptive equipment
- Avalanche safety gear
- Backpacking pack
- Beanie
- Belay partner
- Bicycle
- Bike gloves
- Bike helmet
- Bike shoes (or close-toed shoes)
- Bike tools
- Binoculars
- Boat
- Boots
- Camera
- Climbing shoes
- Collar with name tag and contact info
- Compass
- Creel or cooler
- Cross-country ski boots
- Cross-country skis
- Day pack
- Dog-poop bags
- Energy bars/electrolyte replacement
- First-aid kit
- Fishing license (required for those 16 and older)
- Fishing net
- Fishing rod/reel
- Flashlight
- Flies, lures and/or bait
- Fly-fishing rod
- Fuel
- GPS device
- Green-stickered vehicle
- Handcycle
- Harness
- Hat
- Headlamp
- Heart-rate monitor
- Helmet
- Helmet (for sledding)
- Hiking boots

- Hiking boots or sturdy shoes
- Hiking poles
- Hockey stick & puck
- Horse or mule
- Ice skates
- Insect repellent
- Jacket or windbreaker
- Knife
- Knowledge and understanding of local conditions
- Knowledge of backcountry stock ethics/regulations
- Knowledge of conditions & safety/rescue procedures
- Leash (6 feet or shorter)
- Lenses
- Life vest
- Local bird guide
- Local climbing guide or guidebook
- Map or GPS device
- Monofilament fishing line
- Motorcycle tools
- Mountain bike
- Muzzle (for riding town shuttles and trolleys)
- Notebook
- Packable water bowl/water
- Paddleboard & paddle
- Pads and gloves
- Permits as required
- Personal flotation device(s)
- Plant-identification guide
- Practical shoes
- Protection
- Rain jacket
- Recreational Vehicle
- Road bike
- Road bike with low gearing
- Rope
- Running shoes
- Skateboard
- Ski goggles
- Ski goggles or sunglasses
- Ski helmet
- Ski or snowboard boots
- Ski pants & jacket
- Ski poles
- Skis or snowboard
- Sled
- Sled dogs & tack

- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Smartphone
- Snowman decorations
- Snowmobile
- Snowmobile helmet
- Snowshoes
- Sun hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen/lip protector
- Swim goggles
- Swimsuit or wetsuit
- Telephoto lens
- Tent
- Tire-repair kit
- Tools/spare parts
- Towel
- Trail-running shoes
- Tripod
- Trout net
- Waders/float tube/boat
- Warm clothing
- Water
- Wildlife-identification guide
- Windbreaker/shell
- Winter gloves