LAKES BASIN WINTER RESTRICTIONS

The Mammoth Lakes Basin (including all snow-covered areas above the road closures on Lake Mary Road and Twin Lakes Road) is closed to over-snow bike use during the period of operation of the Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center. Bikes are prohibited on groomed Nordic trails, on the Public Access Corridor, and everywhere else in the Mammoth Lakes Basin. Bikes will be permitted in the Mammoth Lakes Basin after April 17, 2020, subject to posted rules and regulations. Mammoth Mountain Ski Area will, however, partner with SEMBA, the Inyo National Forest, and other groups to carry out organized fat bike special events.

MOTORIZED

• Respect other trail users. Be courteous and yield right of way. All users yield to grooming machines.
• All multi-use trails are two-way traffic.
• Always stay on the right-hand side of the trail. Pass on the left.
• Beware of blind turns! Slow down for oncoming traffic. Speed limit in congested areas is 15 mph.
• Please avoid all roads or areas posted with closures or restrictions, or as shown as closed on map.
• Keep dogs leashed at all times. Pick up and dispose of all dog waste on and off trails.
• Winter travel in the backcountry requires proper gear and appropriate clothing. Be self-sufficient!
• Use extreme caution when recreating at night. Be visible and use the brightest lights you can find.
• Leave No Trace!
• Be friendly! Be safe! Have fun! Share the trail!

NON-MOTORIZED

• Purpose-built fat bikes only: 3.8” wide tires or wider with a recommended tire pressure = 6-10 PSI
• Fat bikes yield to all other users.
• If you leave a rut deeper than 2 inches or can’t ride in a straight line... it’s too soft to ride!
• Firm Snow is the best snow. Conditions may deteriorate over the course of the day. Beware of icy patches.
• E-bikes are not allowed: On any non-motorized trails or Nordic Recreation Areas (Shady Rest, Obsidian Dome, Tamarack).
FOR THE MOST RECENT INFORMATION ON SNOW CONDITIONS AND AVALANCHE ACTIVITY, PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE: www.esavalanche.org

WINTER SAFETY
Know Before You Go!

• Check local weather conditions.
• Tell someone WHERE you are going, WHEN you are returning, and WHO you are going with.
• Know the risks and be prepared.

HYPOTHERMIA is a lowering of the inner temperature of the body resulting in rapid and progressive mental and physical collapse. Caused by exposure to cold and aggravated by wetness, wind, and exhaustion, untreated hypothermia can result in death.

WEATHER conditions can change rapidly.
• Obtain a weather report before your trip.
• Avoid traveling during heavy storms and whiteout conditions.

AVALANCHES may occur at any time during the winter.
• Routes and areas open to winter use are not controlled for avalanches.
• Avoid mountainous terrain after heavy snowfalls or long periods of high wind.
• Avoid crossing steep ridges and entering narrow, steep-sided canyons.
• If crossing potentially dangerous areas is unavoidable, cross one person at a time.

CREEKS AND LAKES
• Stay off frozen lakes.
• Cross snow-covered creeks with care.

SURVIVAL KIT
• Warm clothes for layering (wool or synthetics are best)
• Water, sunglasses, sunscreen
• Space blanket Ensolite pad
• Whistle for emergency signaling (3 blasts means “HELP!”)
• Waterproof matches or lighter
• Map and compass

Latitude: 37.274°N
Longitude: 119.43°W