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U.S. Forest Service Avalanche Center:
For the most recent information on snow conditions and avalanche activity, please visit the website or call:

(760) 924-5510

for the most recent information

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.

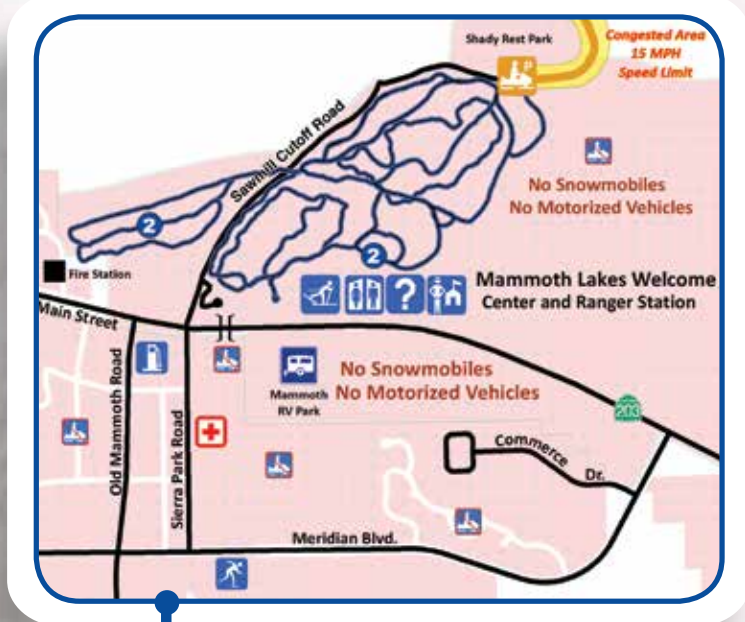
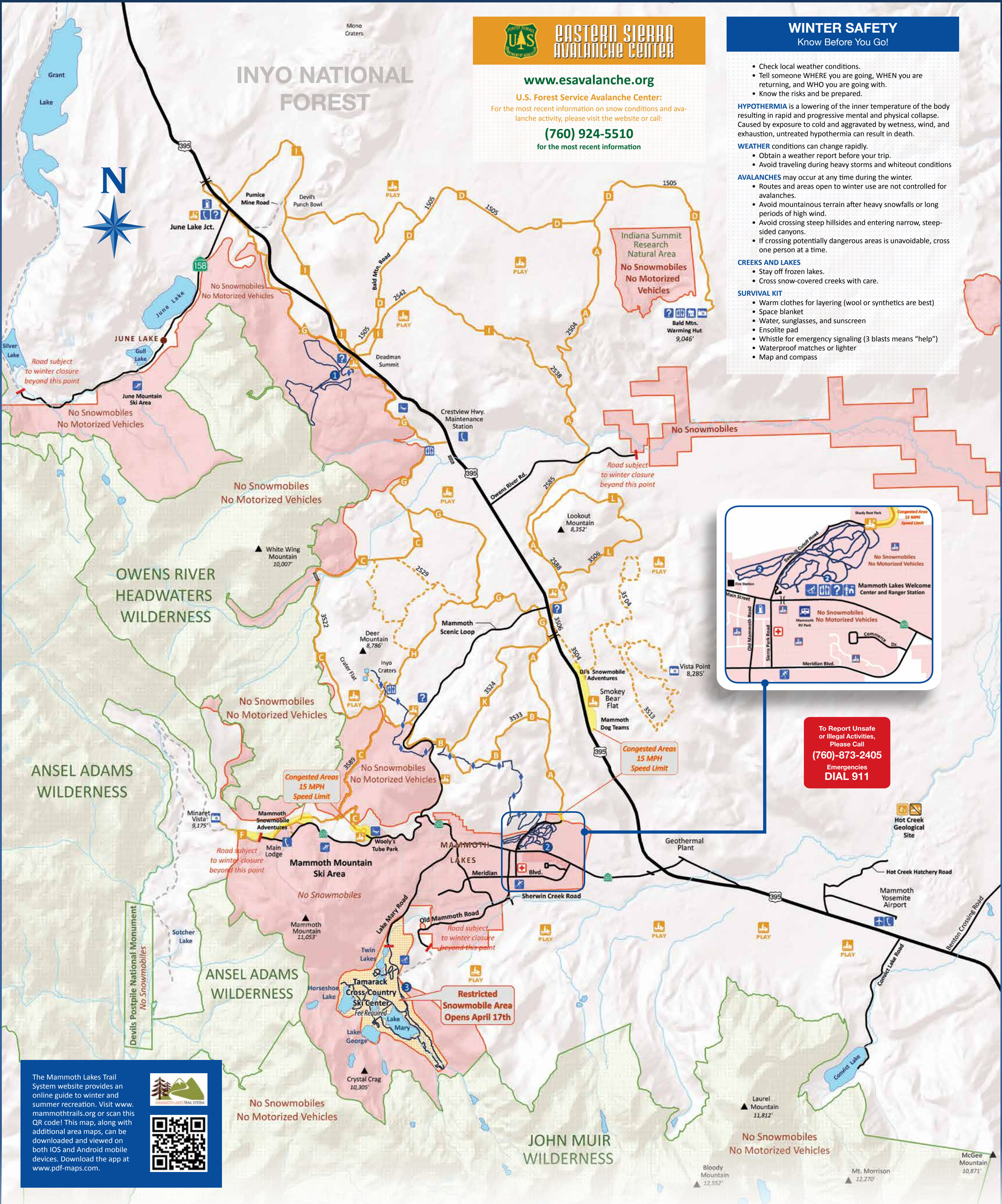
- Routes and areas open to winter use are not controlled for avalanches.
- Avoid mountainous terrain after heavy snowfalls or long periods of high wind.
- Avoid crossing steep hillsides and entering narrow, steep-sided canyons.
- If crossing potentially dangerous areas is unavoidable, cross one person 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)
- Space blanket
- Water, sunglasses, and sunscreen
- Ensolite pad
- Whistle for emergency signaling (3 blasts means "help")
- Waterproof matches or lighter
- Map and compass

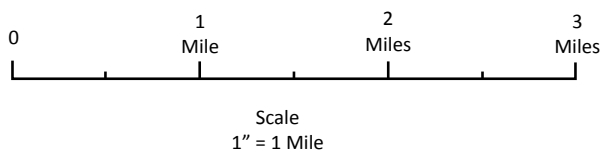


To Report Unsafe or Illegal Activities, Please Call
(760)-873-2405
Emergencies
DIAL 911

The Mammoth Lakes Trail System website provides an online guide to winter and summer recreation. Visit www.mammothtrails.org or scan this QR code! This map, along with additional area maps, can be downloaded and viewed on both IOS and Android mobile devices. Download the app at www.pdf-maps.com.



Winter Recreation Map



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|---------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Airport | Phone | Nordic Skiing | Closed to Snowmobiles |
| Alpine Skiing | Restroom | Unplowed Road | Lakes Basin Closure |
| Bridge | Sledging | Snowmobile Routes Groomed by U.S. Forest Service | Wilderness |
| Diamond | Snowmobile Trailhead | Snowmobile Routes Groomed Under Permit | National Park |
| Gas | Town | Nordic Trails | |
| Hospital | Tunnel | Lakes | |
| Hut | Vista | Slow Zones | |
| Ice Skating | | | |

- All snowmobile trails are two-way traffic.
- Always ride on the right-hand side of the trail. Pass on the left.
- Use caution and 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 shown as closed on this map.

TRAIL GROOMING REPORT- Mammoth Ranger Station
(760) 924-5500 • <http://mammothweb.com/scripts/usfs/trailsreport.cfm>

LODGING & VISITOR INFORMATION- Mammoth Lakes Tourism
1-888-GO-MAMMOTH • (760) 934-2712 • www.VisitMammoth.com

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- The Obsidian Dome Road Area at Deadman Summit is for cross-country skiing only.
- The Mammoth Lakes Basin is closed to snowmobile use until April 17 of each year. After April 17, the Lakes Basin is open to snowmobile use. Consult maps for legal riding areas within the Lakes Basin.
- ATV's and wheeled vehicles, including all bicycles, are prohibited on groomed winter trails.

RESPONSIBLE RECREATION

Please remember that in many areas of the Inyo National Forest, people traveling by skis, snowshoes, and snowmobiles will share the same routes and areas. The following suggestions will help to provide an enjoyable experience for everyone:

- Avoid wildlife:** If you encounter wildlife, please stop and allow them to move off at their own pace.
- Trash:** Please carry out what you carry in.
- Skiers and snowshoers:** Realize that snowmobilers are often unable to hear approaching trail users. On steep terrain or in deep snow, snowmobiles may be limited to the developed trail surface. Please be courteous so that all winter-sports recreationists can enjoy their winter travel.
- Snowmobilers:** Drive at minimum speed when passing other users and ride on the right-hand side of trails. Increased snowmobile traffic should be expected on groomed trails; stay alert and slow down. Help protect the forest environment: please remember to operate your snowmobile only when there is sufficient snow cover to protect the vegetation. Tread lightly! Do not run snowmobiles over bare or thinly covered ground or over trees, shrubs, or other vegetation.
- Obtain consent:** Ask property owners before traveling on private land.

Orange diamond trails are shared by snowmobilers and non-motorized nordic users. Snowmobile routes are groomed with California State OHV Commission motorized funds. Blue Diamond and groomed XC Skiing Routes are designated for non-motorized users and maintained cooperatively with community partners.

Non-Motorized Users

- Dogs must be on a leash at all times and all nuisances and nuisance bags must be removed when traveling on or near any groomed trail. Leaving dog nuisance bags in the forest is littering and prohibited by law.
- All bicycles, including those with wide tires, are prohibited on all groomed trails, including Orange Diamond and XC Ski routes.
- Always ski in control. When entering a trail or starting downhill, yield to other users.
- Avoid stopping in the middle of hills and blocking trails and intersections.
- When on orange diamond routes, travel to the edge of the trail when snowmobiles are approaching.
- Make yourself visible. Wear bright colored clothing and use headlamps in low light conditions.

Motorized Users

- All snowmobiles must display a current state registration sticker to operate on National Forest Lands.
- Ride Smart, Ride Right: Stay to the right.
- There is a 15 mph speed limit where posted or within 50 feet of developed recreation areas and concentrations of people.
- Trail speed limits vary with individual skills and conditions.
- Operation of a snowmobile or other motorized vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal and may result in arrest for DUI.
- Crossing two-lane plowed roads at right angles is permitted.
- Crossing four-lane plowed roads is prohibited unless otherwise posted.
- Wear bright clothing when snowmobiling at dusk.

Closed and Restricted Areas

- Active timber sales and logging roads.
- Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area State lands are closed to snowmobile use.
- Devils Postpile National Monument, wilderness, and research natural areas.
- Mammoth Mountain and June Mountain ski areas.

F. Minaret Vista

2.3 miles • 3.7 km • Intermediate • (one way)
 Accessed from the Caltrans cinder-shed trailhead (off Hwy. 203, just past Sledz) via a branch that goes to the Mammoth Mountain Inn and on to Minaret Vista. Views on a clear day are spectacular: you can see all the way from the Minarets to the White Mountain Range. The F Corridor is heavily used and a designated slow zone, speed limit of 15 mph.

G. Mammoth to June Lake

20 miles • 32 km • Advanced • (one way)
 A marked snowmobile trail leads to the June Lake Junction from the Mammoth area. At the June Lake Junction there is a general store and gasoline station. The route starts at the Shady Rest Park trailhead and passes the Crestview rest area. From Glass Creek to June Lake Junction, snowmobilers are allowed only on the marked trail.

H. Connector from Crestview Rest Area to Inyo Craters

4.3 miles • 7.3 km • Beginner • (one way)

I. June Lake Junction East to Bald Mtn Trail (A)

11.5 miles • 18.5 km • Intermediate • (one way)

K. K Trail

2.5 miles • 4 km • Intermediate • (one way)
 Trail linking B and A trails

L. Lookout Loop Trail

3.2 miles • 5.6 km (loop) • Beginner
 Starts at and returns to A trail



Follow the Orange Diamond Trail north to road #3S33 (Sawmill Summit). Take the left fork and continue to the paved Mammoth Scenic Loop Road. This route crosses the Mammoth Scenic Loop Road, so please be extremely careful and watch for vehicle cross-traffic. RIDING INSIDE THE CRATERS IS NOT RECOMMENDED. Another route, geared for more advanced snowmobilers, begins at the Caltrans cinder-shed trailhead, 1.5 miles west of the Mammoth Scenic Loop Road/Hwy. 203 junction. Follow the Orange Diamond Trail along Upper Dry Creek Road downhill to the Inyo Craters area.



C. Crater Flat and Deadman Creek Rd

3.5 miles • 5.7 km • Intermediate (snowmobile trailhead to Crater Flat)
 7.3 miles • 12 km • Intermediate (Crater Flat to Trail G, Mammoth to June Lake)
 Access to this area is at the Caltrans cinder-shed trailhead located on the north side of Hwy. 203, 1.5 miles west of the Mammoth Scenic Loop Road/Hwy. 203 junction. The route proceeds west to Crater Flat, a wide-open pumice flat with spectacular views of the San Joaquin Ridge. This is a popular play area for snowmobilers.

D. Deadman Summit to Bald Mtn Lookout

11 miles • 17.6 km • Intermediate • (one way)
 Start at Bald Mountain Lookout Road, north of the Hwy. 203 junction on Hwy. 395. The trail goes through a Jeffrey pine forest and large sandy flats that are popular snowmobile play areas. A primitive warming hut at the top of Bald Mountain offers relief from the elements and the vista provides a panoramic view of the Sierra Crest and Owens River Headwaters.

Miles of snow-covered roads and play areas are open to snowmobilers in the Mammoth, June, and Mono Lake areas. A variety of terrain, from wide-open meadows to forested areas, challenges the beginner and the expert. Trails that are specifically designated for snowmobiling are marked with orange diamonds and groomed by the U.S. Forest Service, DJ's Snowmobile Adventures, and Mammoth Snowmobile Adventures. In addition to the groomed snowmobile trail network, there are approximately 150,000 acres of the Mammoth and Mono Lake Ranger Districts of the Inyo National Forest that are open to over snow vehicles equipped and prepared to travel off the maintained trail system.

The U.S. Forest Service works with partners to provide visitors with an opportunity to explore the Forest on rented snowmobiles. Knowledgeable guides provide tours and instruction at the following locations:

- DJ's Snowmobile Adventures**
 Located at Smokey Bear Flat along the northbound Hwy 395 pullout, 3 miles north of the Hwy 203 junction. www.snowmobilemammoth.com, 800-709-4501
- Mammoth Snowmobile Adventures**
 Located at the Main Lodge of the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area. www.mammothmountain.com, 760-934-9645

MAMMOTH LAKES AREA

A. Sawmill Cutoff Rd

3.7 miles • 7 km • Beginner (Shady Rest Park trailhead to tunnel)
 10.4 miles • 17 km • Beginner (tunnel to Bald Mountain Trail D)
 The groomed trail begins at the Shady Rest Park, approximately 3/4 Mile north of the Sawmill Cutoff Road intersection with Hwy 203/Main St. The route goes through a Jeffrey pine forest and intersects with Hwy. 395. A tunnel near the north end of the road provides safe access to the east side of the highway, where an extensive number of roads and trails can be found. The trail continues to Bald Mountain Trail D.

B. Inyo Craters from Sawmill Cutoff Rd Trailhead

6 miles • 9.6 km (one way) • Intermediate
 The Inyo Craters are two small, lake-studded volcanic craters accessed from the Sawmill Cutoff Road trailhead.

There are over 30 miles of groomed, non-motorized trails in the Mammoth and Mono regions of the Eastern Sierra, providing opportunity to explore the Inyo National Forest on cross-country skis and snowshoes! You'll find a wide variety of terrain for every ability level. Visit one of the several sporting good stores in Mammoth Lakes to purchase or rent nordic equipment.

JUNE LAKE AREA

1. Obsidian Dome

6 miles • 9.6 km (loop) • Beginner/Intermediate
 The Obsidian Dome trailhead is located on the west side of Hwy. 395 just north of Deadman Summit. These are marked trails that are groomed on an intermittent basis by the U.S. Forest Service. No fee required.

MAMMOTH LAKES AREA

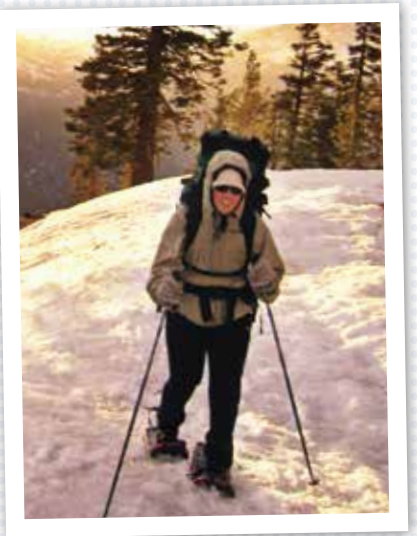
2. Shady Rest Park Trails

4.5 miles • 7.4 km (loops) • Beginner
 Several, relatively flat loops through the Shady Rest Campgrounds and adjacent forest provide family-friendly nordic experiences. Begin your adventure and warm up at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center. No fee required.

3. Tamarack Cross-Country Ski Center

19 miles • 30 km (loops) • Beginner - Advanced
 The Tamarack Cross-Country Ski Center is the only full-service nordic resort in the Eastern Sierra. The Center provides equipment rentals, lessons, race opportunities, concessions, restrooms. Visit www.tamaracklodge.com for more information. Fee required.

For those who want to venture out on their own without utilizing the groomed trails, there are several marked, un-groomed nordic routes known as "Blue Diamond Trails" available to explore. This system consists of 7 miles of trails marked with blue diamonds on trees and signs at each trail junction.



EASTERN SIERRA Winter Recreation Map



Mammoth Lakes, June Lake and Lee Vining Areas



Town Of Mammoth Lakes
 USDA Forest Service/Inyo National Forest



Visitor Information

MAMMOTH LAKES WELCOME CENTER & RANGER STATION
 (760) 924-5500
 Located on Hwy. 203 at the entrance to the Town of Mammoth Lakes

MAMMOTH LAKES TOURISM
 (760) 934-2712 • 1-888-GO-MAMMOTH
 Visitor information. Located on Hwy. 203 in the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center & Ranger Station in Mammoth Lakes.

MONO LAKE RANGER STATION
 (760) 647-3044
 Areas north of Mammoth Scenic Loop up to Lee Vining, Tioga Pass, and Mono Lake. Located on Hwy. 120 in Lee Vining. No services in winter.

WHITE MOUNTAIN RANGER STATION
 (760) 873-2500
 Areas south of McGee Mountain. Located on Hwy. 395 in Bishop.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Dial 911

WEBSITES
 For Information about programed recreation
 Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department:
 760-934-8989 ext 222, www.mammothrecreation.com
 For lodging and tourism info: www.visitmammoth.com

For national forest information, including management information and updates on the planning of Over Snow Vehicle and Winter Recreation activities:
www.fs.usda.gov/inyo

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