

# WINTERPARK

## Recommended Snowshoe and Cross Country Ski Trails

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The Fraser River Trail, Alpine Trail, Leyland Creek Trail, Grand Park Loop, Creekside- Zoom-Chainsaw Loop, Fraser to Granby Trail, Grand Trails, Kaibab Park Loop are groomed trails. Town of Winter Park Trails, Creekside and Fraser to Granby trails are scheduled for grooming Sunday and Thursday nights but the schedule is subject to change at any time. Grand Park and Granby Trails are groomed by private owners. The condition of all other trails is dependent on snowfall and the volume of users prior to your trip. Many of the Forest Service roads are packed regularly by snowmobile users.

### Fraser River Trail – North & South (Easy)

**Length:** 2.5 miles one way to Fraser or Winter Park Resort from the Information Center

**Elevation:** 8,574' to 9,000'

**Trailhead Location:** From the Winter Park Information Center, access the trail at the back of the parking area behind the building. Follow to the "Y" intersection. Left to Fraser and Right to Winter Park Resort.

**Trail Description:** The south trail continue follows the Fraser River through the forest and passes under Highway 40 continuing along the river until it reaches Winter Park Drive. Take a left to visit Winter Park Resort or return back the way you came. This trail is very scenic along the river with a slight uphill towards the ski resort. The trail to the north meanders around several condo complexes until the Rendezvous entrance area than follows the Fraser River through the open meadow to Fraser. Return the same way or cross Highway 40 at Safeway and take the Grand Park Trail back to the north end of the Town of Winter Park.

### Grand Park Loop (Easy)

**Length:** 2.6 miles

**Elevation:** average 8,700'

**Trailhead Location:** On the north side of the Town of Winter Park turn into the entry for the Grand Park Community Recreation center. Park in the parking area next to the meadow to access the trail.

**Trail Description:** Flat loop around the meadow with stunning views of the Continental Divide, the ski area and Byers Peak. Great for beginners and kids.

### Rendezvous/Idlewild Trails (Easy to Difficult)

**Elevation:** 8,600'- 9,600'

**Trail Location:** At the Winter Park Information center turn right onto Rendezvous Way and continue .56 miles past the old tennis courts to a pullout on the left. Trailheads on the left and right.

**Trail Description:** A trail system on the east side of the Town of Winter Park with multiple options for short to long loops. Meanders through the forest and meadows with panoramic views of the Continental Divide, Ski Area, town and Byers Peak.

### Discovery Trail / Jim Creek Trail (Easy to Moderate)

**Length:** 1.5 miles round trip / 3.5 miles one way

**Elevation:** Trailhead 9,220' / End of Trail- 10,445'

**Trailhead Location:** From the Winter Park Information Center, follow highway 40 south toward Winter Park Resort. Turn left at the 3<sup>rd</sup> stoplight and park at the Bonfils Stanton Outdoor Center directly across from Winter Park Resort entrance. The first section of this hike is the 1.5-mile boardwalk loop Discovery trail. To access the Jim Creek trail, follow the Discovery trail to the right. When the boardwalk ends, make a sharp left. And follow the trail to FDR 128. Cross the road and keep Jim Creek on the left.

**Trail Description:** The Discovery trail is an easy loop, perfect for the family. The Jim Creek trail continues beyond the boardwalk and is more strenuous. The Jim Creek trail ends at a large meadow with an amazing view of James Peak.

### Creekside / Flume Loop (Easy to Moderate)

**Length:** 5 miles round trip

**Elevation:** 9000'

**Trailhead Location:** From the Winter Park Information Center, follow highway 40 north to the Fraser Valley Center (the Murdoch's shopping plaza) traffic light and turn left at Wendy's onto CR 72. Turn right on CR 721 (Fraser Parkway) and follow to the "T" intersection. Turn left onto CR 73. Continue past the St. Louis Creek campground and Park.

**Trail Description:** Winds through the woods, meadows and along the creek. Views of the Continental Divide, Byers

**Fraser to Granby Trail (Easy to Moderate)** 17.2 miles one way with multiple access points off Hwy 40

Elevation: 7,943'-Granby 8,772' Fraser

### **Blue Sky/Little Vasquez (Moderate)**

**Length:** 4 miles round trip

**Elevation:** average 9,200'

**Trailhead Location:** From the Winter Park Information Center turn left on to Highway 40. At the first stop light (Vasquez Rd), turn right. Follow Vasquez up and over the railroad tracks. At the first stop sign (Arapaho Rd), turn left. Follow Arapaho up through the residential neighborhood and park at the gate.

**Trail Description:** Start up the road (Little Vasquez) until you see the sign for Blue Sky on the right. Follow the Blue Sky trail over a bridge and up. At the top of Blue Sky turn left on the road and continue up. The top of the climb is on Tunnel Hill Rd. You will pass Chickadee on your left but continue down (if you want a very challenging descent take Chickadee and it will meet back up with Little Vasquez at the bottom). Your next intersection will be Little Vasquez. Follow Little Vasquez back down the parking area.

### **Deadhorse Loop Trail (Difficult)**

**Length:** 7 miles

**Elevation:** 9,054'-10,364'

**Trailhead Location:** From the Winter Park Information Center, follow highway 40 north to the Fraser Valley Center (the Murdoch's shopping plaza) traffic light and turn left at Wendy's onto CR 72. Turn right on CR 721 (Fraser Parkway) and follow to the "T" intersection. Turn left onto CR 73. Drive approximately 3.8 miles past the rodeo grounds. You will pass the St. Louis Creek Campground and CR 159 on your left and come to a gate closure. Park here in the parking area on the right. The Deadhorse Trailhead is at the far end of the parking area. Continue straight to at the fork and intersection with the St Louis Creek Loop trail and keep right on the Deadhorse Trail. At the intersection with the Tipperary Creek Trail stay right and back down to the parking area.

**Trail Description:** Meanders through the spruce and fir forest with sweeping views of the Continental Divide, Ski Area, Byers Peak. A short side trip of .43 miles each way to Morse pass is possible.

### **Elk Meadow Trail (Moderate)**

**Length:** 2.5 miles round trip

**Elevation:** 9000'

**Trailhead Location:** From the Winter Park Information Center, follow highway 40 north to the Fraser Valley Center (the Murdoch's shopping plaza) traffic light and turn left at Wendy's onto CR 72. Follow CR72 under the railroad tracks and up the hill, past the Fraser Tubing Hill until you come to the Forest Service gate. Park at the gate and start up the hill. Less than a quarter of a mile up, you will see the Elk Meadow Trail on the left. Follow the trail through the woods and down through a meadow. Go over the bridges and you will start to climb again. The trail ends at a T intersection with D2. Turn right on D2 and climb back up to the road (FDR 158). Enjoy the downhill on FDR 158 back to the Forest Service gates and the parking lot.

**Trail Description:** Meanders through the spruce and fir forest with sweeping views of the Continental Divide, Ski Area, Byers Peak. A short side trip of .43 miles each way to Morse pass is possible.

### **Second Creek / Broome Hut (Moderate)**

**Length:** 1 mile one-way

**Elevation:** Trailhead 10,569' / Hut 11,350'

**Trailhead Location:** From the Winter Park Information Center, follow Highway 40 south and up the west side of Berthoud Pass. A turnout at mile marker 240 along with a large orange avalanche warning sign marks the trailhead.

**Trail Description:** Begin along the main trail following the creek for a steep climb. Stay on the main trail until the cirque and eventually the hut becomes visible. Views include James Peak, Parry Peak and the Continental Divide. It is possible to continue to the top of the ridge for spectacular panoramic views.

### **Monarch Lake Loop**

**Length:** 4.1 miles round trip

**Elevation:** Trailhead 8,345' / Highest Point 8,459'

**Trailhead Location:** From the Winter Park Information Center follow highway 40 through Winter Park towards Granby. At 18.4 miles turn right onto Highway 34 toward Grand Lake. At 11.5 miles turn right onto CR 6 (FDR 125). Follow this road for 10 miles to the Monarch Lake parking area.

**Trail Description:** An Arapaho National Recreation Area day pass is required for this trail. The trail begins at an old cabin. The trail then loops around the lake with stunning views of the Indian Peaks. Keep your eyes open for moose.

*Dogs are welcome on all National Forest and town trails. Respect other users and wildlife and keep under control at all times. Please pick up after your pet.*