Places to Cross Country Ski in Washington

Western Washington Ski Resorts with cross country trails

Stevens Pass Nordic
Summit at Snoqualmie
White Pass Nordic Center

Sno-parks near I-90

Sno-parks with ski trails (see Central Cascades Winter Recreation Council for more info)

Note: Some trails are shared with snowmobiles and are very busy on the weekends. Use them on weekdays when snowmobile traffic is low. Know which are shared with other users before you go.

Hyak

- Great beginner flat trail
- Arrive very early
- Nice heated restrooms
- Crowded on weekends w/sledders and snowshoers
- Can ski all the way to Crystal Springs and back; or turn around
- Be mindful of the avalanche section
- Intermediate/Advanced Skier Route: <u>Hyak Lake, Nordic Pass, Windy Pass & Mount</u> Catherine - requires knowledge of the route and Snoqualmie Summit ski area rules

Crystal Springs

- Central Cascades Winter Recreation Council Discussion Page
- <u>Erling Stordahl</u>- Groomed, skiers and snowshoers only, some trails good for beginners, most are advanced beginner and intermediate
- <u>Crystal Springs Dog Sled Trails</u>- good for advanced beginners; these are trails groomed for dog sleds, therefore do not have tracks. They are usually groomed twice a week.
- P2C Trail a.k.a. John Wayne Trail, Iron Horse Trail-flat, long trail, great for all skiers, especially beginners. Section running east from road 54 shared with snowmobilers...
- Dog Sled Ski Trails-advanced beginners/intermediate skiers
- Stampede Pass-shared (with snowmobiles) mountain road trail
 - 10 mile round trip for intermediate/advanced skiers. Shared untracked trail.
 - Metal edged skis needed
 - Best skied during the week due to this being a snowmobile trail.
 - Avalanche section

Lost Lake -shared (with snowmobiles) mountain road trail

- Metal edged skis recommended
- Intermediate to advanced skiers; avalanche section

Cabin Creek Trails

- Not shared with other users
- The Road-easy/warm-up
- The Berg Course- advanced beginner w/some hills
- Viking Course- intermediate
- Mt. Ozbaldy- intermediate/advanced/steep
- Mt. Amabilis- intermediate/advanced trail- 5 miles up and 5 miles down

Lake Easton

- 3 miles of trails. May not be groomed in low snowfall seasons.
- Lake Easton Outdoor Project

Salmon La Sac

• Often snowing here when raining at Snoqualmie Pass

Mount Rainier area

Mount Tahoma Trails in the Mt. Rainier area, near Ashford. Best to use metal edged skis. These are groomed trails by Mt Tahoma Trails Assoc. and require a daily sno-park pass or annual sno-park/groomed sticker pass.

- Mount Tahoma Trail Association
- MTTA Twitter/X for road reports
- Mount Tahoma Trails Facebook page

Eastern Washington

- Methow Trails Winthrop and Mazama. Use of the trails requires purchase of a 1, 3 or multi-day ski pass. Huge trail system with numerous trailheads and all levels of skiing. Lessons available in Mazama.
- <u>Echo Ridge</u> Maintained by Lake Chelan Nordic Club. Trail pass required.
- <u>Lake Wenatchee Sno-park</u> Lake Wenatchee State Park. Joins trails at <u>Kahler Glen</u> (excellent for beginners and intermediate)
- Chiwawa sno-park Lake Wenatchee area
- Leavenworth Nordic links to Leavenworth area ski trails, rentals and permits
- Plain Valley Ski Trails- near Leavenworth
- <u>Loup Loup Nordic</u>- Located right outside of Twisp and Winthrop; a throw back in time, definitely worth a visit. Depending on grooming conditions, either track or metal-edged skis are appropriate.
- Mt. Spokane Nordic- State Park, groomed by Spokane Nordic Ski Association.