**Un-Groomed Cross-Country Ski Difficulty Chart (U-XC trips)**

* These routes are typically non-groomed logging roads and/or shared-use trails, and can be off-track.
* Equipment: XC touring skis with partial or full metal edges are recommended (narrow track skis are not appropriate); stiff touring boots with high cuff for support and to keep out snow; poles with bigger snow baskets.
* Ski Leaders set the parameters of each trip based on route difficulty, gear required, skill set needed, and pace.
* Some ski trips require **Leader Permission.**

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| **Cross Country (XC) Ski Trips (non-groomed routes)** | **Miles** | **Elev. Gain** | **Effort** | **Skills** |
| U-XC 1 Beginner Ungroomed | 3-6 | 0-500’ | Easy | Beginner w/ability to move forward, speed control on gentle hills |
| U-XC 2 Advanced Beginner Ungroomed | 3-7 | 1000’ | Moderate | Side-step up or down hill;  snow plow to control speed, stop and turn |
| U-XC 3 Intermediate Ungroomed | 5-12 | 1500’ | Strenuous | Herringbone, kick turn & traverse, side slipping |
| U-XC 4 Advanced Ungroomed | 7-15 | >2000’ | Very Strenuous | Very reliable control, turns & stop on steep hills in a variety of snow conditions;  efficient and quicker paced diagonal stride. |