

Mount Spokane State Park Snowshoe Routes

Snowshoeing is permitted on all multi-use trails within Mt. Spokane State Park. It is prohibited in the designated Nordic and Alpine ski areas. When snowshoeing on a groomed snowmobile trail please stay to the edges of the trail and maintain an awareness of your surroundings. A current Sno-Park Permit is required to park within Mt. Spokane State Park from December 1 through March 31.

Entrance Trails Parking Area

Trail: Entrance Loop Length: 1.5 miles (round trip) Elevation Gain: 250 feet

Trailhead is across the road from the vault toilet. Take Trail 121 uphill until it joins Trail 120. Turn right and follow Trail 120 until it intersects with Trail 122. Turn right and follow Trail 122 back down to the parking area.

Trail: 110 Length: 1.6 & 3.7 miles (one way) Elevation Gain: 650 – 1550 feet

Trailhead is next to the bulletin board. Trail 110 is an uphill out and back trail that proceeds 1.6 miles up to the Kit Carson Loop Road. The trail continues another 2.1 miles up to Saddle Junction.

Lower Kit Carson Parking Area (aka Hairpin or Switchback)

Trail: Snowshoe Hut Length: 2.6 miles (round trip) Elevation Gain: 300 feet

This out and back trail begins across the road from the parking area. Proceed out the Kit Carson Loop Road for 1.3 miles and arrive at the Snowshoe Warming Hut at Smith Gap. Return to the parking area the same way you came.

Trail: Snowshoe Hut Alternate Return Route (Trail 100 / More Difficult)

A popular and more difficult return from the Snowshoe Hut uses Trail 100. As you exit the Hut, Trail 100 proceeds uphill directly across from the vault toilet. It is a 1.8-mile return and contains several ascents and descents.

Trail: Christmas Tree Length: 6 miles (round trip) Elevation Gain: 1050 feet

This popular loop trail is named for the Christmas Tree that is formed when tracked on GPS. Take the Kit Carson Loop Road until you pass the Snowshoe Warming Hut where Trail 140 intersects. Turn right and go up Trail 140 to Saddle Junction. Turn right on Trail 110 to go back down to the Kit Carson Loop Road and trailhead.

Lower Selkirk Parking Area

Trail: Bald Knob Length: 2.2 miles (round trip) Elevation Gain: 600 feet

Trailhead is located across the road to the right of the multi-use snowmobile trail and near the bulletin board. Trail 131 is an out and back trail that proceeds uphill 1.1 miles to the covered tables under the picnic shelter at Bald Knob.

Trail: Mt. Spokane Summit Length: 3.3 miles (round trip) Elevation Gain: 1360 feet

Summiting Mount Spokane on snowshoes is a truly memorable experience. On clear days the tremendous views easily make the climb worth the effort - you can see all the way to Idaho and Canada from the top. From Bald Knob veer right and snowshoe an out and back straight line to the summit. Use caution in foggy conditions.

Trail: CCC Cabin Length: 4.0 miles (round trip) Elevation Gain: 700 feet

From Bald Knob, veer left and go across the multi-use snowmobile trail and join Trail 130 to access the CCC Cabin. This out and back mile of trail has great views on clear days. For more adventure you can go from the CCC Cabin to Saddle Junction using the multi-use snowmobile trail and gain access to the summits of Mt. Kit Carson and Day Mountain.

Trail: 260 Loop Length: 2.2 miles (round trip) Elevation Loss/Gain: 500 feet

Trail 260 begins in the northeastern corner of the Lower Selkirk Parking Area. The trail proceeds downhill to an open area where it joins two loops forming a figure eight. Return uphill on the route you came down.

Note: All mileage and elevation gain measures are approximate.