

## Harriman State Park Cross-Country Ski Trails

Harriman State Park is located 20 miles north of Ashton on Highway 20. There is a total of 24 miles of trails for skiing and snowshoeing, 19 miles are groomed with tracks, and 12 miles of these trails are groomed for skating. There are 5 miles of ungroomed trails. Trails begin at the Visitor Center and are marked with blue diamonds. Most trail intersections are numbered and all have an area trail map. Skating lanes are provided on the Big Bend Loop and portions of the Henrys Fork, Golden Lake, Meadow Loops and Brimstone Trail. Mileage is shown on the map. Trails are usually groomed on Monday and Friday evenings.

Harriman State Park has a skier fee of \$2.00 per person and \$4.00 per day per car. The annual family pass for skiing at both Harriman and Ponderosa is \$25.00. The annual State Park parking permit is also \$25.00. Both permits can be purchased at Harriman.

**Henrys Fork Loop** - This short trail skirts the banks of the Henrys Fork to the Railroad Ranch and returns on a flat wide track. It is an excellent trail to learn the sport and to observe waterfowl. (easiest)

**Ranch Loop** - The Ranch Trail travels along the scenic shores of Silver Lake and through the historic Railroad Ranch. On weekends, stop by the Jones Warming Hut to warm by the fire. (easiest)

**Silver Lake Loop** - The Silver Lake Trail follows the shoreline of Silver Lake. The south side is not groomed and is considered difficult due to short hills and sharp turns. (most difficult)

**Golden Lake Loop** - The Golden Lake Loop travels through meadows and aspen/lodgepole forest with gentle slopes. Expect an exciting hill between intersections 18 and 19 (there is a bypass to avoid part of the hill). For 2005/2006, a new trail was added which connects the west end of Golden Lake dam with Thurmon Overlook. This connector is groomed for skating. (more difficult)

**Thurmon Creek Loop** - Following an old logging road for half its length, the Thurmon Creek Loop travels through lodgepole forest with only gentle slopes. A warming hut is located near intersection 17. (most difficult)

**Ridge Trail** - Climbing 400 feet above Silver Lake, the Ridge Trail is the park's most challenging trail. The Ridge Overlook provides spectacular views of the Tetons with the lakes and forest of Harriman in the foreground. Expect steep trail conditions. This trail is not groomed. (most difficult)

**Ridge Shortcut** - Faster to the overlook but steep. This trail is not groomed. (most difficult)

**Meadow Loop** - Primarily a flat route, the Meadow Loop takes you across an extensive meadow to the Thurmon Creek Overlook and then back to the ranch. (more difficult due to distance)

**Big Bend Loop** - A wide, mostly flat trail, the Big Bend Trail provides an excellent loop trail for skaters. Be aware that strong winds may cause visibility problems on this trail. (most difficult due to distance)

**Brimstone Trail** - Flat but long, the Brimstone connects Harriman State Park Visitors Center with the Brimstone Trailhead near Pond's Lodge. This is a 10.8 mile trail, one way. (most difficult due to distance)

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### Remember for Safety

- Be prepared for changing weather
- Tell others of your route and schedule
- Avoid frozen bodies of water
- Don't get caught in the dark
- Skiing off trail may be hazardous

### Remember for Courtesy

- Pets are not permitted on park trails
- Please snowshoe/walk off the groomed track
- Yield to faster skiers and those traveling downhill
- Step off the track when stopped

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