



Ski Touring and Snowshoeing Trails in the Kawuneeche Valley



Please share the trail, not the Track! Snowshoers should always make or use a separate track from skiers. Skiing is not permitted on plowed roadways. Orange tree markers identify the trails. Check avalanche conditions at the visitor center before any winter trips into the backcountry.

COYOTE VALLEY TRAIL

Beginner. (1 mile roundtrip) Begin at the top of the hill at the Coyote Valley parking area (limited space). Trek downhill, cross the bridge, and turn right (north) adjacent to the river for about ½ mile. Return on the same trail.

HOLZWARTH HISTORIC SITE

Beginner. (1 mile roundtrip) Park in the Holzwarth Historic Site parking lot. Start by Joe Fleshuts's cabin (at parking area), and trek west on the roadway or across the meadow to the historic Holzwarth Trout Lodge cabins.

SUN VALLEY LOOP

Beginner. (2.4 mile loop) Park in the Harbison Picnic Area parking lot 1 mile north of the Kawuneeche VC. This pleasant loop is mostly flat with a few short inclines. Follow the orange tree markers at trail junctions.

COLORADO RIVER TRAIL to Lulu City

Intermediate. (7.4 miles roundtrip) From the Colorado River Trailhead Parking Lot, travel north up the valley. This is a gently rolling trek for 2.5 miles to the remains of Shipler's Cabins. Another 1.25 miles beyond the cabins is the Lulu City townsite.

TONAHUTU CREEK TRAIL to Big Meadows

Intermediate. (varies) Park at the Kawuneeche Visitor Center and trek up the 0.8 mile Tonahutu Spur Trail. At the junction with the Tonahutu, you can either go right (south) 1 mile to Grand Lake, or go left (north) 3.5 miles to Big Meadows.

NORTH INLET TRAIL

Intermediate. (6.8 miles roundtrip) Park on Tunnel Rd. at the North Inlet/Tonahutu Road Access. Trek uphill and cross the bridge on the right to access the North Inlet Trail. Follow the level trail for 1 mile to Summerland Park. The trail then narrows and steepens a bit on the way to Cascade Falls, 3.4 miles from the trailhead.

EAST INLET TRAIL

Intermediate. (varies) From the East Inlet Trailhead at the East end of Grand Lake. Trek uphill 1/3 mile to Adams Falls, travel 1/4 mile past Adams Falls into a meadow, continue on to the larger second meadow. The route steepens for a fun challenge, and leads to a pleasant overlook 3 miles from the trailhead.

GREEN MOUNTAIN TRAIL to Big Meadows

Intermediate. (3.6 miles roundtrip) Start at the Green Mountain trailhead. Follow the trail uphill 1.8 miles to Big Meadows. It is possible to do a loop trip (with 2 vehicles) by going up Green Mountain Trail and down Tonahutu Creek Trail to the Visitor Center (5 ½ miles).

TIMBER LAKE TRAIL

Advanced. (9.6 miles roundtrip) Timber Lake is 4.8 miles from the trailhead with an elevation gain of 2060 feet. This trail is difficult to ski and is almost entirely in the trees.

ONAHU CREEK TRAIL

Advanced. (7.6 mile loop) Start at the Onahu Creek Trailhead. Follow the trail uphill 4 miles and descend to Big Meadows. At the south end of Big Meadows travel west on the Green Mountain Trail looping back to the Onahu Trailhead. The Grand Lake Quadrangle Topographic map is recommended for route finding.

