

Wilderness Corps

Thursday, November 15, 2018

RE: Wilderness Corps Winter Program 2018/2019

Dear Volunteers,

First of all, thank you for signing up for the OSV Kick-off call and showing interest in the Winter Program. Last year was the first year that Wilderness Corps had a Winter Program on the Sierra National Forest. I say this because we are still new at this and the program is still very much in development.

The following packet contains:

- Agenda
- USFS Emergency Contact Info (return to Todd)
- High Sierra Ranger District Cross-country Ski Trail Map
- High Sierra Ranger District Cross-country Ski Mileage
- SnoPark Brochure
- Volunteer Timesheet
- Winter Gear List

That being said we ask that you complete and return the Emergency Contact information from the Volunteer Packet to tbrockman@wildernesscorps.com. We also need a copy of First Aid & CPR Cards for all volunteers participating. If you are a regular Wilderness Corps Volunteer then only send me the Emergency Contact Form if the information has changed.

Thank you, and I look forward to meeting all of you in person soon.

Cordially,

Todd Brockman
President/Founder
Wilderness Corps

“We have been supporting the Sierra National Forest since 2013.”



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AGENDA

OSV Kick-off Call

Date: Nov 17, 2018 @ 6 PM

Join the call: <https://www.uberconference.com/wildernesscorps>

Optional dial in number: 585-627-0588

PIN: 15104

- **Introductions & and please tell us why you are volunteering?**

- **Season runs from November 1 - June 1**
- **Paperwork. (JHA's/Emergency Contact Info Form)**
- **What is Over Snow Vehicles (OSV) and what do we do in the Winter Program?**
 - **Before the snow falls**, we clear Snow Cat Trails, Snow Mobile Trails, Cross Country Ski Trails and Snow Shoe trails with Chainsaws. We ask that everyone participates.
 - **After the snow falls** we we help maintain the SnoParks and keep them snow free and accessible, safe as possible and clean for the public. We ask that everyone participates.
 - **After 12 to 14 inches or more of Snow falls** we can legally operate the Snow Mobile's but not before. We ask that everyone participates.
- **Where are these Trails we maintain?**
 - Huntington Lake Area Trails (Mushroom Rock) / Coyote SnoPark / Tamarack SnoPark
- SnoParks - First Storm of the year dig out gates, Doors, Walkways / WC Volunteers stage at Staff Shack (4x4 with chains only)

- **Training/Education**
 - Training Scheduled - First Aid and CPR - November 11, 2018 HSRD
 - Chainsaw Training Scheduled - December 8 & 9 2018
 - Other required Training



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- Snowmobile Certification Training
- Avalanche Training (Tentative)

- **GEAR Needed**
- **Timekeeping information**
- **Uniforms**
 - In the Winter Program we wear USFS Jackets with USFS Logos that are provided by the SNF and if enough are available we ask that you wear them.
- **Scope of the work**
- **Over Snow Vehicle Trail maintenance**
 - Patrolling trails on Snowmobiles and interfacing with the public.
 - Grooming Sweeps on Snowmobiles behind the Snow cat
 - Sno-Park monitoring on Foot with traction devices
 - picking-up trash where visible
 - Smiling and talking with the public
 - Document and report unsafe behavior
 - Snow removal from Gates and restrooms to ensure the public can access them.
 - Digging out Gates
 - Cleaning Restrooms
- **Staff Shack use and rules**
 - See the Winter Program Program Packet PDF File
- **Questions and Answers**

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION INFORMATION

Sierra National Forest (2018)

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION		
LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:	M.I.
HOME ADDRESS (PHYSICAL):		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
HOME PHONE:	CELL PHONE:	DATE OF BIRTH:
PERSONAL VEHICLE DRIVEN TO WORK (MAKE/MODEL/COLOR/PLATE):		
RADIO CALL SIGN: OFFICE PHONE & EXT:	DUTY STATION: PRATHER	
GOV CELL: N/A	VEHICLE DOOR NUMBER: N/A	
EMPLOYEE STATUS : WILDERNESS CORPS VOLUNTEER		
IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A GOV CELL, CAN WE GIVE OUT YOUR PERSONAL CELL TO OTHER AGENCY EMPLOYEES?		
MEDICAL INFORMATION		
HEIGHT:	WEIGHT:	
BLOOD TYPE:		
MEDICATIONS:		
ALLERGIES:		
WHAT ARE YOUR PERSONAL WISHES OF A BLOOD TRANSFUSION? YES		
KNOWN CHRONIC ILLNESSES (EXAMPLE: ASTHMA, DIABETES):		
OTHER INFORMATION: CLUB OR AFFILIATION: WILDERNESS CORPS		
SUPERVISOR'S INFORMATION		
SUPERVISOR: MIKE NOLEN.		RADIO CALL SIGN:
DUTY STATION: PRATHER		

NOTE: This information will be maintained in a confidential manner and only used in the event of emergency or if you fail to check out of service.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION INFORMATION
Sierra National Forest (2018)

OFFICE PHONE & EXT: (559) 855-5355 x 3325
GOV CELL:

HOME PHONE:
IPAD Text APP: or email

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, PRIMARY NEXT-OF-KIN NOTIFICATION

LAST NAME: FIRST NAME:
RELATIONSHIP:

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:

PRIMARY PHONE: SECONDARY PHONE:

PLACE OF WORK:

WORK PHONE:

ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, SECONDARY NEXT-OF-KIN NOTIFICATION

LAST NAME: FIRST NAME: RELATIONSHIP:

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:

PRIMARY PHONE: SECONDARY PHONE:

PLACE OF WORK:

WORK PHONE:

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Sierra National Forest (2018)

ADDRESS:		
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COYOTE NORDIC TRAILHEAD

The Coyote Nordic Trailhead is located approximately 11 miles north of Shaver Lake on the west side of Highway 168. Vault toilets and trail information are available at the site. Trails in this area offer the novice and experienced skier a variety of terrain and scenic viewpoints. Snowshoers and hikers are asked to walk to the side of the Nordic ski track. This area is closed to all motorized vehicles during the winter.

Eagle Trail

(Easy) 5.0 miles

The trail follows the road to Shaver Lake Vista where there is a panoramic view of the Shaver Lake Basin. On a clear day, skiers may view the Coast Range across the San Joaquin Valley. The trail follows the same route back to the trailhead.

Marmot Trail

(Difficult) 2.2 miles

The trail follows a road and trail system for most of its length, but does allow the skier to do some cross-country for a short section of the route between the N7 and N11 location markers. This trail is rated more difficult as there are some steeper grades to negotiate.

Coyote Loop

(Difficult) 6.0 miles

The trail follows road and trail systems around the Tamarack Mountain area. There are several scenic vistas along the way, providing views of Red Mountain, Huntington Lake, Kaiser Ridge and Shaver Lake areas. The trail is rated most difficult due to the length and steeper grades.

Grizzly Trail

(Difficult) 5.7 miles

The trail follows road and trail systems to the east of Tamarack Mountain. The trail crosses the Coyote Trail after about 3 miles. At this point, skiers may elect to ski to the trailhead by other routes. The trail is rated more difficult due to the length and steeper grades.

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High Sierra Ranger District

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(559) 855-5355

Bass Lake Ranger District

57003 Rd 225 North Fork CA, 93643
(559) 877-2218

High Sierra Ranger District Cross-Country Ski Trails



Sierra National Forest
USDA Forest Service

While any snow-covered forest road or trail can be used, the High Sierra Ranger District has several cross-country ski trailheads along Highway 168 that provide access to eight designated and marked ski trails. Most of the trails are between 7,000 and 7,500 feet in elevation. They range in length and difficulty from a 1.5 mile beginner trail at Huntington Lake to a six-mile advanced trail at Coyote Nordic Trailhead on Tamarack Ridge.



TAMARACK RIDGE NORDIC/ SNOWMOBILE TRAILHEAD

The Tamarack Ridge Nordic/Snowmobile Trailhead is located approximately 11 miles north of Shaver Lake on the east side of Highway 168. Vault toilets and trail information are available at the site. Trails in this area offer the novice and experienced skier a variety of terrain and scenic viewpoints.

Snowshoers and hikers are asked to walk to the side of the Nordic ski track. This area is open to motorized and non-motorized use during the winter. Ski trails are marked with blue diamond-shaped markers. Over – snow vehicle routes are marked with orange diamond-shaped markers.

Porcupine Trail

(Difficult) 4.0 miles

The trail follows road and trail systems near the South Fork of Tamarack Creek area. The trail passes a scenic vista of the Kaiser Ridge area. At the N4 location marker, skiers may return to the trailhead via the same route, Forest Road 9S23/Chipmunk OSV (over-snow vehicle) trail, or by navigating cross country.

Raccoon Trail

(Difficult) 4.0 miles

The trail follows road and trail systems near the South Fork of Tamarack Creek area. The trail loops within 200 feet of the South Fork of Tamarack Creek and is rated more difficult due to the length and steeper grades.

Raven Trail

(Difficult) 4.4 miles

The trail follows road and trail systems to the southwest of the trailhead and accesses a scenic vista of Shaver Lake. The trail is rated most difficult due to the length and steeper grades.

RANCHERIA NORDIC TRAIL- HEAD

Rancheria Trail

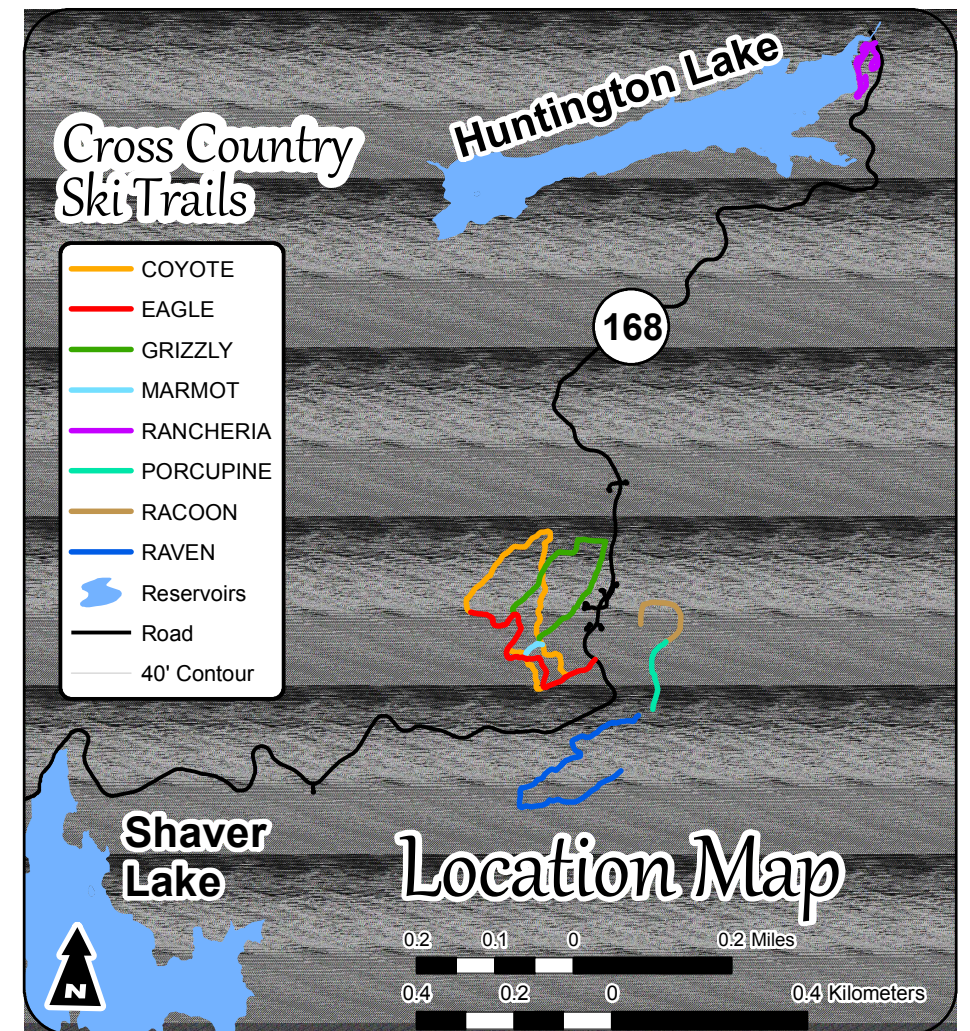
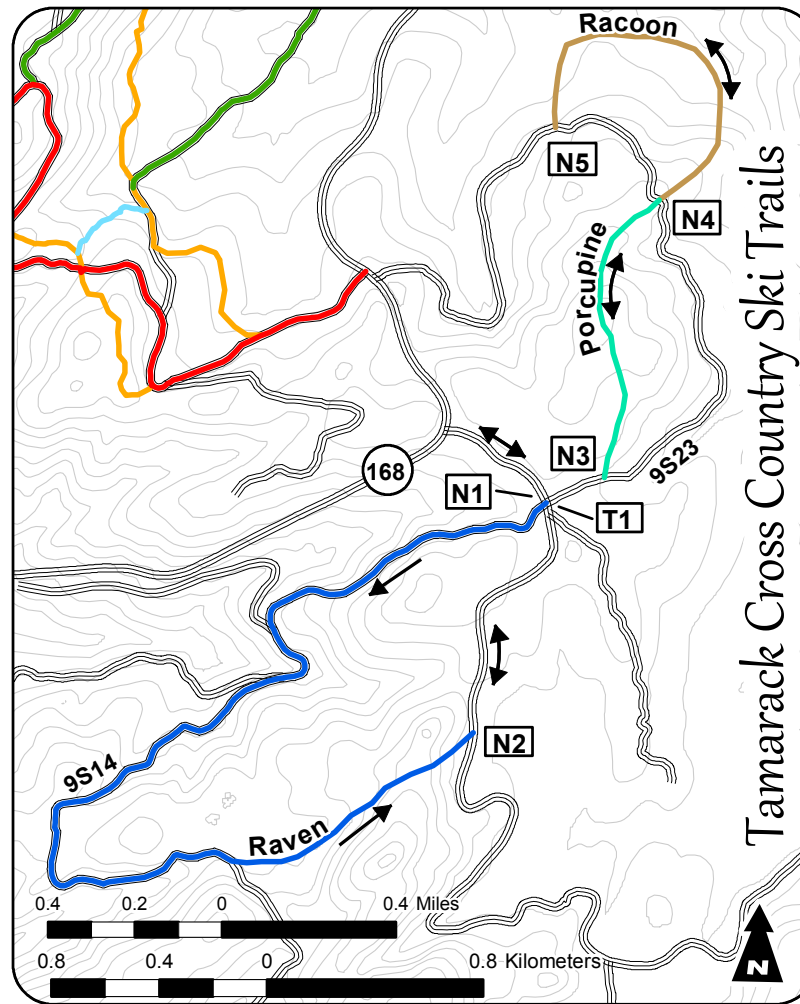
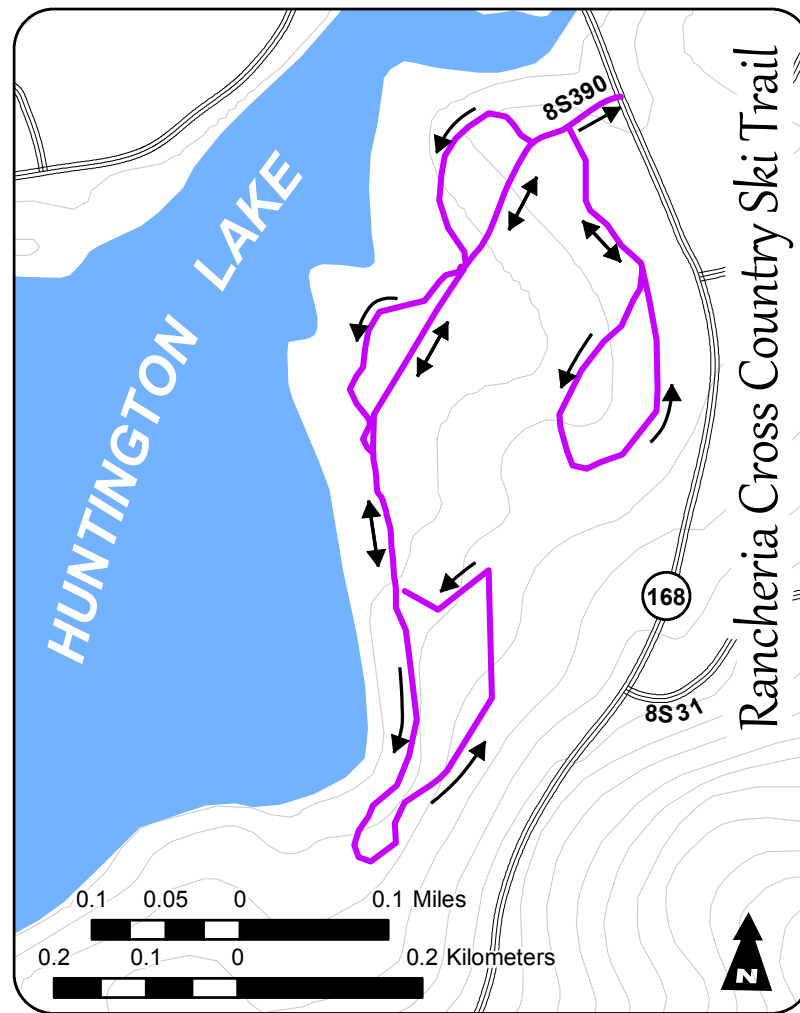
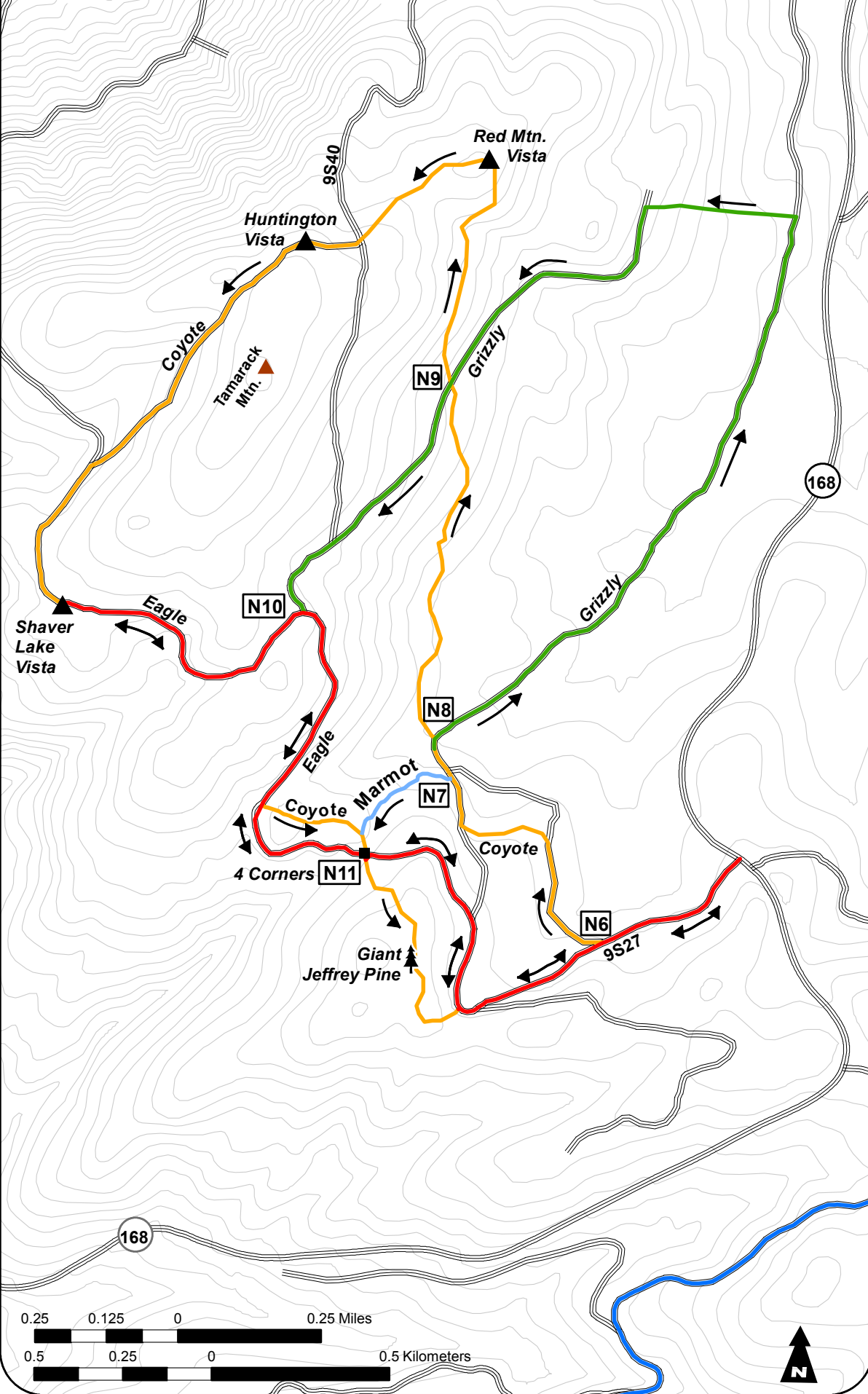
(Easy) 1.5 miles

The trail is located within the Rancheria Campground in the Huntington Lake area on the west side of highway 168. The trail follows the road system in the campground via several short loops and provides access to Huntington Lake.

Skiers should beware of thin ice on the lake.

**Cross-country ski trails are
marked with BLUE
diamond-shaped markers.**

Coyote Cross Country Ski Trails





CALTRANS HIGHWAY INFORMATION NETWORK (CHIN)
To help motorists stay informed about changing road conditions, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) created the Caltrans Highway Information Network (CHIN). For up-to-the-minute information while visiting the SNO-PARKS, visitors may contact CHIN at 800.427.7623. CHIN is updated as road conditions change and is voice-activated for safety and convenience.

SNO-PARK Recreation in California



Guide to SNO-PARKS in California

The SNO-PARK program

provides winter recreation at locations along the Sierra Nevada. Distinctive **SNO-PARK** brown highway signs located along highways identify the SNO-PARKS.

Each SNO-PARK provides visitors access to snow-cleared parking lots and sanitation facilities. The sites can accommodate self-guided activities such as snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and general snow play. Snow conditions determine accessibility and opportunities available at each site.

SNO-PARKS are open seasonally between November 1st and May 30th. Visitors are required to display a parking permit for each vehicle parked at a SNO-PARK. Check the website for a current list of vendors, or call the OHMVR Division at 916.324.4442.



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- #### Winter Recreation Ethics
- Respect the rights of all winter recreationists.
 - Park your vehicle considerately; do not block access or impede traffic.
 - Keep to the right on trails, and yield to traffic moving downhill.
 - Do not block the trail when stopping.
 - Use caution when approaching and overtaking other recreationists.
 - Respect designated areas, trail-use signs, and established ski tracks.
 - Do not disturb wildlife or damage vegetation—respect the outdoors.
 - Stay out of areas posted as closed, and respect private property.
 - If you pack it in, pack it out.
 - Your recreation activities should be determined by your equipment, abilities, terrain, weather, and traffic in the area.
 - Recognize that your judgment and actions directly affect the sustainability of the activities you and others enjoy.
 - Pick up after your pet.

- #### Communicate Your Travel Plans
- ✓ Before you leave home, notify friends and/or family of your planned travel route, how long you expect to be gone, and your planned time of return. Always communicate any changes to your travel plans.
- #### Winter Safety Checklist
- ✓ Identification/emergency medical information
 - ✓ A cell phone, two-way radio, and/or money for a pay phone
 - ✓ Extra food (non-perishable) and water
 - ✓ Layered, winter-appropriate clothing (avoid cotton), gloves, beanie or other cap, insulated/waterproof footwear
 - ✓ Sunscreen, lip balm, sunglasses/goggles
 - ✓ Blankets (space blankets or wool)
 - ✓ Current and relevant maps for the area you're visiting
 - ✓ Compass, knife/saw, snow shovel, waterproof matches/fire starting implement, rope/cord
 - ✓ Fully charged flashlight and extra batteries
 - ✓ Stocked first aid kit, flares, and an emergency whistle

SNOW SAFETY



CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS
OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE
RECREATION DIVISION





California SNO-PARK Sites

1. YUBA PASS

Located on the south side of Highway 49 at Yuba Pass. **Contact:** Tahoe National Forest, Sierraville Ranger District - (530) 994-3401.

GPS: 39°37'1.20"N, 120°29'23.10"W



2. DONNER SUMMIT

Located on the south side of I-80 at the Castle Peak exit beyond Boreal Inn. **Contact:** Tahoe National Forest, Truckee Ranger District - (530) 587-3558.

GPS: 39°20'23.54"N, 120°20'38.25"W



3. BLACKWOOD CANYON

Located on the west side of Highway 89, three miles south of Tahoe City. **Contact:** Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit - (530) 543-2600.

GPS: 39°6'50.77"N, 120°9'30.12"W



4. TAYLOR CREEK

Located on the south side of Highway 89, just north of Camp Richardson Road. **Contact:** Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit - (530) 543-2600.

GPS: 38°55'56.95"N, 120°3'27.61"W



5. ECHO LAKE

Located on the north side of Highway 50 at Echo Lake Road. **Contact:** Eldorado National Forest, Placerville Ranger District - (530) 644-2324.

GPS: 38°49'26.63"N, 120°2'2.69"W



6. HOPE VALLEY

Located on the south side of Highway 88 at Blue Lakes Road. **Contact:** Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Carson Ranger District - (775) 882-2766.

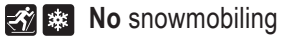
GPS: 38°44'53.70"N, 119°56'23.34"W



7. CARSON PASS

Located on the south side of Highway 88 near Carson Pass. **Contact:** Eldorado National Forest, Amador Ranger District - (209) 295-4251.

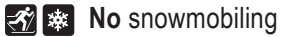
GPS: 38°41'42.72"N, 119°59'22.50"W



8. MEISS MEADOW

Located on the north side of Highway 88 near Carson Pass. **Contact:** Eldorado National Forest, Amador Ranger District - (209) 295-4251.

GPS: 38°41'46.81"N, 119°59'30.28"W



9. IRON MOUNTAIN

Located on the north side of Highway 88 at Mormon-Emigrant Trail Road. **Contact:** Eldorado National Forest, Amador Ranger District - (209) 295-4251.

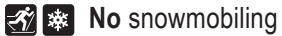
GPS: 38°37'44.19"N, 120°12'49.87"W



10. ROUND VALLEY

Located on Highway 207, just north of Highway 4. **Contact:** Stanislaus National Forest, Calaveras Ranger District - (209) 795-1381.

GPS: 38°29'5.69"N, 120°1'10.63"W



11. LAKE ALPINE

Located at the winter closure gate on Highway 4. **Contact:** Stanislaus National Forest, Calaveras Ranger District - (209) 795-1381.

GPS: 38°28'54.20"N, 120°1'2.46"W



12. SPICER

Located on the south side of Highway 4 at Spicer Road. **Contact:** Stanislaus National Forest, Calaveras Ranger District - (209) 795-1381.

GPS: 38°25'44.44"N, 120°4'38.01"W



13. HIGHWAY 108

Located at the winter closure gate on Highway 108, east of Strawberry. **Contact:** Stanislaus National Forest, Summit Ranger District - (209) 965-3434.

GPS: 38°16'1.47"N, 119°59'30.31"W



14. BALSAM MEADOWS

Located on the north side of Highway 168, east of Shaver Lake. **Contact:** Camp Edison - (559) 841-3113 or (559) 684-3571.

GPS: 37°9'33.79"N, 119°14'33.84"W



15. TAMARACK

Located on the south side of Highway 168, east of Shaver Lake. **Contact:** Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District - (559) 855-5355.

GPS: 37°9'45.02"N, 119°12'8.50"W



16. COYOTE

Located on the north side of Highway 168, east of Shaver Lake. **Contact:** Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District - (559) 855-5355.

GPS: 37°10'3.20"N, 119°12'22.92"W



17. EASTWOOD

Located on the east side of Highway 168 at Huntington Lake Road. **Contact:** Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District - (559) 855-5355.

GPS: 37°15'21.04"N, 119°9'39.10"W



18. HUNTINGTON LAKE

Located on the west side of Huntington Lake Road, three miles from Eastwood SNO-PARK. **Contact:** Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District - (559) 855-5355.

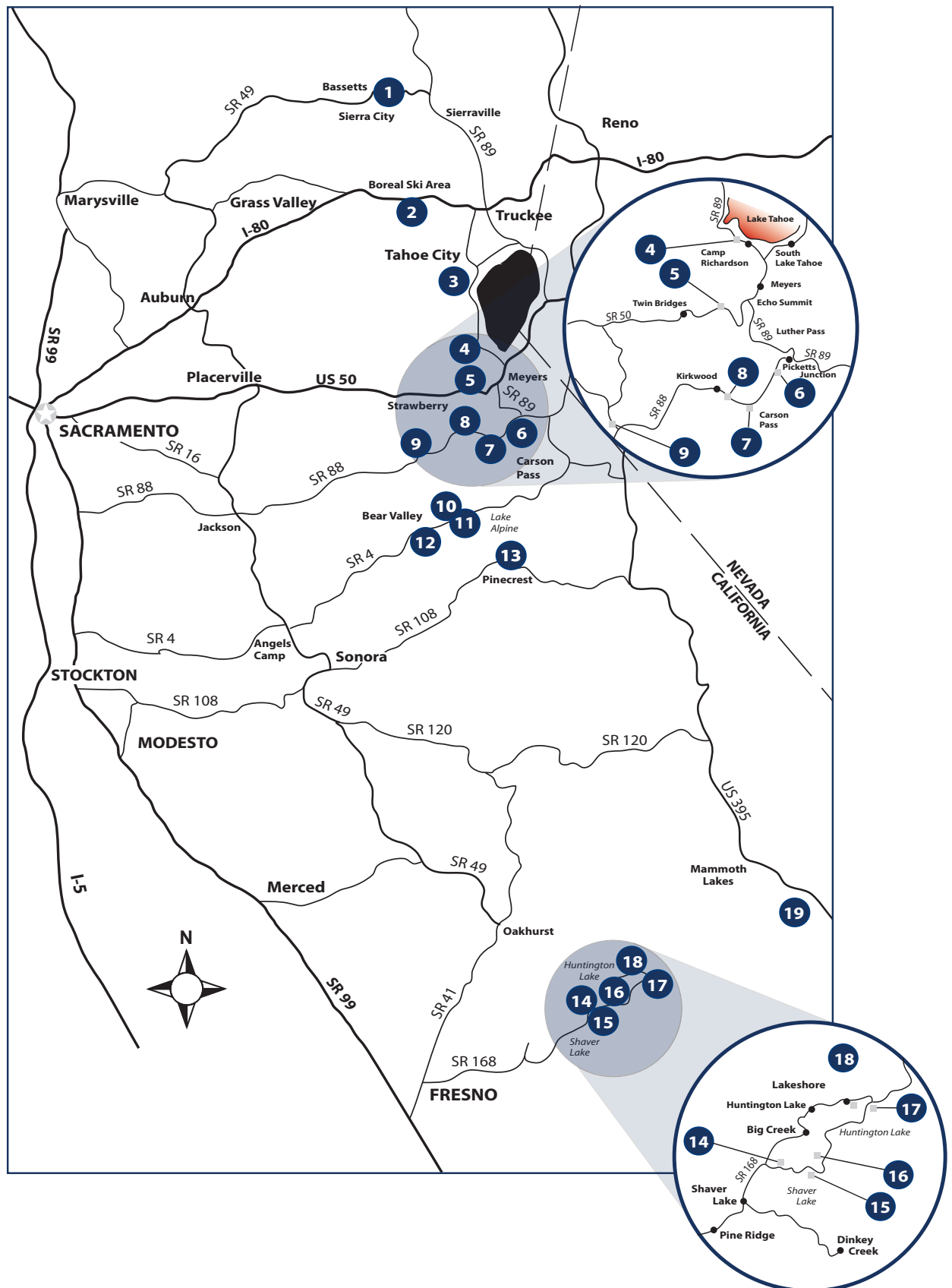
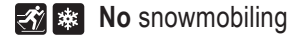
GPS: 37°15'5.30"N, 119°10'27.23"W



19. ROCK CREEK

Located on the west side of Highway 395 at Rock Creek Road. **Contact:** Inyo National Forest, White Mountain Ranger District - (760) 873-2500.

GPS: 37°29'40.18"N, 118°43'3.39"W



RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES

- Cross-country Skiing
- Dog Sledding
- Snowmobiling
- Snow Play

WILDERNESS CORPS / SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST
 WINTER PROGRAM (OSV) VOLUNTEER TIMESHEET

TO BE COMPLETED AFTER ALL WORK - submit to tbrockman@wildernesscorps.com

Project Location: <i>(Name and number)</i>			
Project Date(s):	Forest Service Oversight:	Volunteer Project Lead:	
USFS Employee Name: <i>(worked with)</i>		Did you go in/out Service?	Yes or No
Project Description: <i>(What you did and why you did it)</i>			
Project Details: <i>(Trees cleared, amount of trash collected, amount of rock moved, etc.)</i>			

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Printed Name	Date(s) Worked	Hours Worked	Group Affiliation	Signature
			Wilderness Corps	
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Wilderness Corps
2018/2019 Winter Program

GEAR LIST

- DOT approved Motorcycle helmet (open Face)
- Goggles for Snow
- Sunglasses
- Boots (waterproof boots)
- Snow Pants (Duluth Trading Company)
- Warm Winter Jacket
- Technical base Layers
- Snow Shovel (required)
- Snow Shoes (recommended)
- traction devices - Recommended
- Winter Gloves with base layer gloves & gloves for riding Snow Machines (grip on palm and reenforced thumbs) and leather work gloves for trail work.
- USFS Jacket Provided by SNF - subject to availability
- GPS (standalone or app on your phone with offline maps pre-downloaded and extra battery)

- **If you choose to stay at the staff shack, you will need:**
 - Snow Shoes to get from the car to the cabin
 - Traction Devices - For use walking anywhere
 - Sleeping Bag, Travel Pillow, Food/Water, dry clothes
 - Games, Book
 - It has electricity