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CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

BEGINNER (Little or no prior cross country experience)

Aspen Golf Course: For the beginner who has never been on cross country skis before, this is the best place to start. The golf course is flat, tracks are set, and both rentals and instruction are available.

Marolt Property Tracks: A short, flat set of tracks in the field across from the Aspen Golf Course. It is easily accessible by foot from the west end of Aspen.

Snowmass Golf Course: The beginner looking for a little more variety in terrain will find it here, where there are more rolls and hills than the above areas. Tracks are set, and both instruction and rental are available.

Twin Pines: Beginners can experience back-country skiing on this trail in the woods above the Snowmass Golf Course. There are some slight hills and rolling terrain.

Rio Grande Trail: This trail follows the Roaring Fork River offering an ideal and scenic setting for a skier of any level looking for a casual tour. In warmer weather this trail may not be the best. Dogs are allowed on the convenient and popular trail. The trail starts across the street from the Aspen Post Office.

Flynn/Willows: A beautiful, gently rolling tour at the end of the Castle Creek Valley on the Ashcroft Ski Touring track system. Lunch at the Pine Creek Cookhouse is a must when skiing this trail. There is a fee charged for trail use.

Independence Pass Road: For great scenery this road leading southeast from Aspen can be followed for up to 10 miles through the upper end of the Roaring Fork Valley. There are no hills here, just steady, gentle terrain. Dogs are allowed. Be sure to check for avalanche danger before starting out.

Maroon Creek Road: An easy route up the scenic Maroon Creek Valley. If you have enough time and energy the ultimate reward is 6.2 miles up the road- Maroon Lake and the majestic Maroon Bells. Be sure to check for avalanche danger before starting out.

Difficult Campground: A short but pleasant wooded area to explore by the Roaring Fork River east of Aspen. The terrain is very flat.