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## CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING & SNOWSHOE TRAILS

(Metric conversions on reverse side)

<u>TRAILS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ONE-WAY</u>	<u>ELEVATION GAIN</u>
Difficult Trail	Indep. Pass	3.0 mi./Difficult	8,160-9,500
Express Creek Road to Taylor Pass	Castle Creek	5.5 mi./Mod.-Diff.	9,422-11,928
Government Trail	Snowmass Creek	9.8 mi./Moderate	9,200-9,450
Hunter Valley Trail	Red Mountain	3.3 mi./Easy-Mod.	8,300-9,000
Independence Pass Rd.	Indep. Pass	11 mi./Easy	8,800-9,600
Kobey Park	Woody Creek	6 mi./Varies	8,600-10,989
Maroon Creek Road	Maroon Bells	11 mi./Easy	7,903-9,800
McClure Pass	Marble	4.5 mi./Moderate	8,700-10,000
Montezuma Basin Road	Castle Creek	8 mi./Difficult	9,728-12,600
Pearl Pass Road	Castle Creek	8 mi./Difficult	9,728-12,705
Richmond Hill Road	Castle Creek	8 mi./Difficult	11,212-11,928
Rio Grande Trail	Aspen	5 mi./Easy	7,900-7,600
Smuggler Mountain Rd.	Aspen	6 mi/Moderate	7,900-10,700

**ETHICS/REGULATIONS:** Before you go out check into available routes, their condition, ownership of land, posted area, regulations that apply and the following rules:

- \* **Respect private property.** Ask permission before entering.
- \* **Avoid disturbing wild animals** by staying out of elk and deer wintering areas. Detour if you spot wildlife.
- \* **BEWARE OF AVALANCHES!** Avalanches may occur at any time during the winter. Avoid mountainous terrain after heavy snowfalls or prolonged periods of high wind. Stay on the windblown side of ridges. Avoid crossing steep hillsides and entering narrow, steep canyons.
- \* Remember to notify a responsible person of your travel plans.

**PACK IT IN—PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!**

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Difficult Trail	Indep. Pass	4.8 km./Difficult	2487-2896 m
Express Creek Road to Taylor Pass	Castle Creek	8.9 km./Mod.-Diff.	2872-3636 m
Government Trail	Snowmass Creek	15.8 km./Moderate	2804-2880 m
Hunter Valley Trail	Red Mountain	5.3 km./Easy-Mod.	2530-2743 m
Independence Pass Rd.	Indep. Pass	17.7 km./Easy	2682-2926 m
Kobey Park	Woody Creek	9.7 km./Varies	2621-3349 m
Maroon Creek Road	Maroon Bells	17.7 km./Easy	2409-2920 m
McClure Pass	Marble	7.2 km./Moderate	2652-3048 m
Montezuma Basin Road	Castle Creek	12.9 km./Difficult	2965-3840 m
Pearl Pass Road	Castle Creek	12.9 km./Difficult	2965-3872 m
Richmond Hill Road	Castle Creek	12.9 km./Difficult	3417-3636 m
Rio Grande Trail	Aspen	6.4 km./Easy	2408-2316 m
Smuggler Mountain Rd.	Aspen	9.7 km./Moderate	2408-3261 m