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CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING MODERATE

High School Tracks: Rolling terrain with set tracks used both by skaters and diagonal striders for enjoyment or race training. An easier loop here can be used by beginning skiers. These tracks are located just west of Aspen.

Deception Meadows: One of the most scenic and enjoyable trails in the Snowmass area. There are moderate hills. A good combination of woods and meadows give this route an excellent variety of skiing experiences.

Bushwacker: A short, scenic, winding loop in the trees above the Owl Creek Trail with some rolling terrain.

Owl Creek Trail: This trail connects Aspen and Snowmass Village through the beautiful Owl Creek Valley. The trail offers rolling meadows, wooded sections and good vistas of the valleys and surrounding mountains. There are a few moderate hills but most of the trail is relatively flat and wide. The section from Tiehack to the Aspen Cross Country Center is for experts only so most skiers begin or end at Tiehack or West Buttermilk.

Aspen Club Tracks: Although these tracks are generally being squeezed out by development, they are very convenient. They are located within walking distance from the east end of Aspen.

River Run: The favorite run at Ashcroft Ski Touring is primarily a narrow track in the woods next to Castle Creek. This trail creates a unique and wintry experience for skiers. There is a fee charged for trail use.

10th Mountain Trail: A beautiful run through aspen trees along the side of the valley at Ashcroft from the King Cabin to the Pine Creek Cookhouse. You seldom meet other skiers here.

Richmond Hill: The highest elevation on the list with the best views of the Elk Mountain Range and the surrounding valley. Take the Aspen Mountain Gondola (for a fee) to the top of Aspen Mountain. The Richmond Hill ridge runs to the south.

Pearl Pass Road: The road heads off into the backcountry from Ashcroft. The steady grade from the valley floor to the pass makes the going a little difficult but the surrounding mountains make up for the climb.

Hunter Valley: A relatively easy tour in the quiet, majestic Hunter Valley along Hunter Creek. This is the closest cross country trail that lets you escape our urban congestion.

Governement Trail: A wooded, scenic trail between West Buttermilk and Snowmass is not tracked by machine and receives little traffic from skiers. It has more variety than any of the other trails.