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CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Although there are no developed or maintained trails for Nordic skiing on the Blanco District, there are ample opportunities for the cross country skier. Most of the trails on the District receive enough snow to allow for good skiing throughout the winter. Many of the roads are also excellent cross country trails. The trails entering the Flat Tops Wilderness cross zones of extreme avalanche danger as they near the escarpment. Please be aware of this and other hazards associated with winter activities.

A suggested route for beginning skiers might be the Marvine Trail. Consult the Hiking, snowmobiling, and sight-seeing sections of this guide for more information on specific areas suitable for this activity. Or call the Blanco Ranger District at (970) 878-4039.

SNOWSHOEING

Snowshoeing is not a popular activity on the Blanco Ranger District even though miles of trails and roads and thousands of accessible acres are available to enjoy this recreation opportunity. All trails that enter the Flat Tops Wilderness have extreme avalanche danger as they near the escarpment. Be aware of this and other hazards associated with wintertime activities.

A suggested route for beginners is up the Lost Creek Trail or Marvine Trail. For more information on specific roads and trails, consult the hiking and sight-seeing sections of this guide. Or call the Blanco Ranger District at (970)878-4039.

There are four nice area's for skinning, snowshoeing and cross country skiing.

**Big Ridge Trail # 1820
Difficult**

16.5 miles Moderate use

More



Marvine Trail # 1823 Difficulty	11.5 miles	Heavy use	Moderate
South Fork # 1827 Difficulty	26 miles	Heavy use	Moderate
Ute Creek # 1824 Difficulty	10 miles	Moderate use	Moderate

Please be aware of your surrounding and use caution at all times.

Never go out alone and let others know where you are and when you are to return.