



SISTERS COUNTRY
TRAIL GUIDE



THREE CREEK LAKE NORDIC TRAILS

Length: 3-12 miles round trip depending on loops
Elevation High: 6800
Elevation Low: 5200
Difficulty: Easiest to Difficult
Setting:
Season: Winter
Restrictions: No snowmobiles (upper portion of Road 16 is shared with snowmobiles)

Sno-park Permit required

ACCESS TO UPPER THREE CREEK SNO-PARK:

Travel south from Sisters on Three Creek Road (Forest Road #16) for 11 miles to the Upper Three Creek Nordic Sno-park. Road 16 is not plowed on a regular basis and at times access is limited to the Lower Three Creek Sno-park. Portions of the road are steep, narrow and may require tire chains or traction devices.

ACCESS TO LOWER THREE CREEK SNO-PARK:

When snow conditions prohibit road access to the Upper Sno-park, use the Lower Three Creek Sno-park that is on the east side of Forest Road 16, 9.5 miles south of Sisters. To access the trailheads ski up Road 16 for 2 miles to the green gate.

THREE CREEK LAKE TRAIL:

Easiest to Most Difficult. This Nordic trail is located on Road 700 and provides access to Warren's Loop, Nancy's Loop, Jeff View Shelter, Snow Creek Ditch Trail and Three Creek Lake. The climb is long and steady with occasional flat sections, but the scenery and views are beautiful and the return trip is mostly downhill. A ski shelter is tucked in the trees north of the trail 2.3 miles from the Sno-park. On a clear day one can enjoy views of black Butte and Mount Jefferson. Use extra caution after the junction with Road 16 near Three Creek Lake. This portion of the trail is a "Shared Corridor" with snowmobiles and cross country skiers.

WARREN'S LOOP:

More Difficult. Distance around loop is 1.5 miles. This loop is moderately difficult with alternating short steep pitches and flat sections. After leaving the sno-park, ski up Forest Road 700 for about .7 mile. At the top of the hill, 100 yards past the sharp right turn, is a junction and the start of the loop. The loop is located on parts of the Metolius-Windigo trail (Roads 710 and 740). This is the shortest loop in the Three Creek Lake Nordic system. Always follow the blue diamonds even though yellow diamonds may be present along the trail.

NANCY'S LOOPS:

Easiest. Distance around the loop is 1.7 miles. This loop begins about 1/2 mile beyond Warren's Loop and is slightly less difficult. The terrain is flatter, however the loop is longer. Again, there may be yellow diamonds along the trail. Always follow the blue diamonds.

JEFF VIEW LOOP:

More Difficult. This 1 mile trail traverses west from Jeff View Shelter then drops down a slope hill through an opening and onto old logging road that heads back to the east where it intersects with Nancy's Loop.

SNOW CREEK TRAIL:

Most Difficult. The Snow Creek Trail is located on portions of the Metolius-Windigo and starts 4.7 miles up the Three Creek Lake trail at the junction of Forest Road 16 and the road leading to the Park Meadow trailhead. It offers more challenge with varied terrain and views of the Three Sisters. The trail is best skied from the south to the north. The trail roughly parallels part of the Snow Creek ditch then Snow Creek before turning northeast along the Metolius-Windigo trail. Near the north end you will tie in with Nancy's Loop. The total round trip distance from the Sno-park up Three Creek Lake trail and down the Snow Creek Trail is about 9 miles. Follow the blue diamonds even though you may see yellow diamonds along the horse trail.



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