

EASTERN IDAHO Snowmobile GUIDE




INSIDE:

- › **TOP AREAS TO RIDE**
- › **SUGGESTED DAY TRIPS**
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A snowmobile is shown from a low angle, driving through a thick layer of snow. The snow is being kicked up, creating a misty spray. The snowmobile has a red and black body. In the background, there are snow-covered evergreen trees and a clear blue sky. The overall scene is bright and crisp, typical of a winter day in a snowy region.

Eastern Idaho's snowmobiling areas are world-famous and for good reason. There is consistent—and deep—snow every winter, jaw-dropping scenery and the ideal mix of on- and off-trail sledding.



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THIS IS SNOWMOBILE TERRITORY

There are few places—even across the snowbelt—that celebrate winter like we do here in Eastern Idaho. We actually enjoy the cold, snow and frostiness that Mother Nature brings.

Mountains soar up to 10,000 feet along the Continental Divide and a winter coat of deep snow envelopes those mountains, as well as many lower elevation locales. And that makes for excellent snowmobiling.

With hundreds upon hundreds of miles of groomed trails and even more ungroomed paths and plenty of off-trail riding, there is something for every skill level, family and horsepower junkie in Yellowstone Teton Territory's snowmobiling areas of **Island Park**, **Teton Valley (the Big Hole Mountains)**, **Idaho Falls (Bone/Bonneville)**, **Swan Valley** and **Kilgore**. The biggest trail system is found in Island Park, where you can ride right from your lodging/accommodations to the trail system and backcountry areas. The Bone riding area is just 30 miles east of Idaho Falls and has the second largest groomed trail area. The Big Hole Mountains, located between Rexburg and Driggs and the Teton Valley, also has hundreds of miles of groomed trails. Kilgore, which hugs the Continental Divide in the northern reaches of Yellowstone Teton Territory, doesn't have a groomed trails system or lodging but does feature dozens of Forest Service and ranch roads where you can ride.

Many of the groomed and ungroomed trails in Yellowstone Teton Territory lead to Eastern Idaho's most famous natural features like Mesa Falls, Big Springs, Mt. Jefferson, Mount Two Top, Red Butte, Thousand Springs Valley and more.

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Island Park

WHERE WINTER REIGNS

Island Park boasts 500 miles of groomed trails. The bulk of them are located east and south of U.S. 20, the area surrounding Two Top Mountain from Targhee Pass to Moose Creek Plateau. Wherever you travel the trails within this area, you have outstanding intersection markers and are never more than 15 trail miles to the nearest food or gas.

HIGHLIGHTS

Targhee Pass, Big Springs (bring some bread to feed the fish), Red Rock Pass, Flagg Ranch, Mesa Falls, Warm River Springs, the old railroad tunnel, Bishop's Mountain Lookout and Henry's Lake.

TRAIL TIP

Ride during the middle of the week. There's less pressure, the trails seem to be in better shape.

MORE TO KNOW

The bulk of the core trails in this system are located east and south of U.S. 20, the area surrounding Two Top Mountain from Targhee Pass to Moose Creek Plateau. Wherever you travel the trails within this area, you have outstanding intersection markers and are never more than 15 trail miles to the nearest food or gas.

WHERE TO RENT

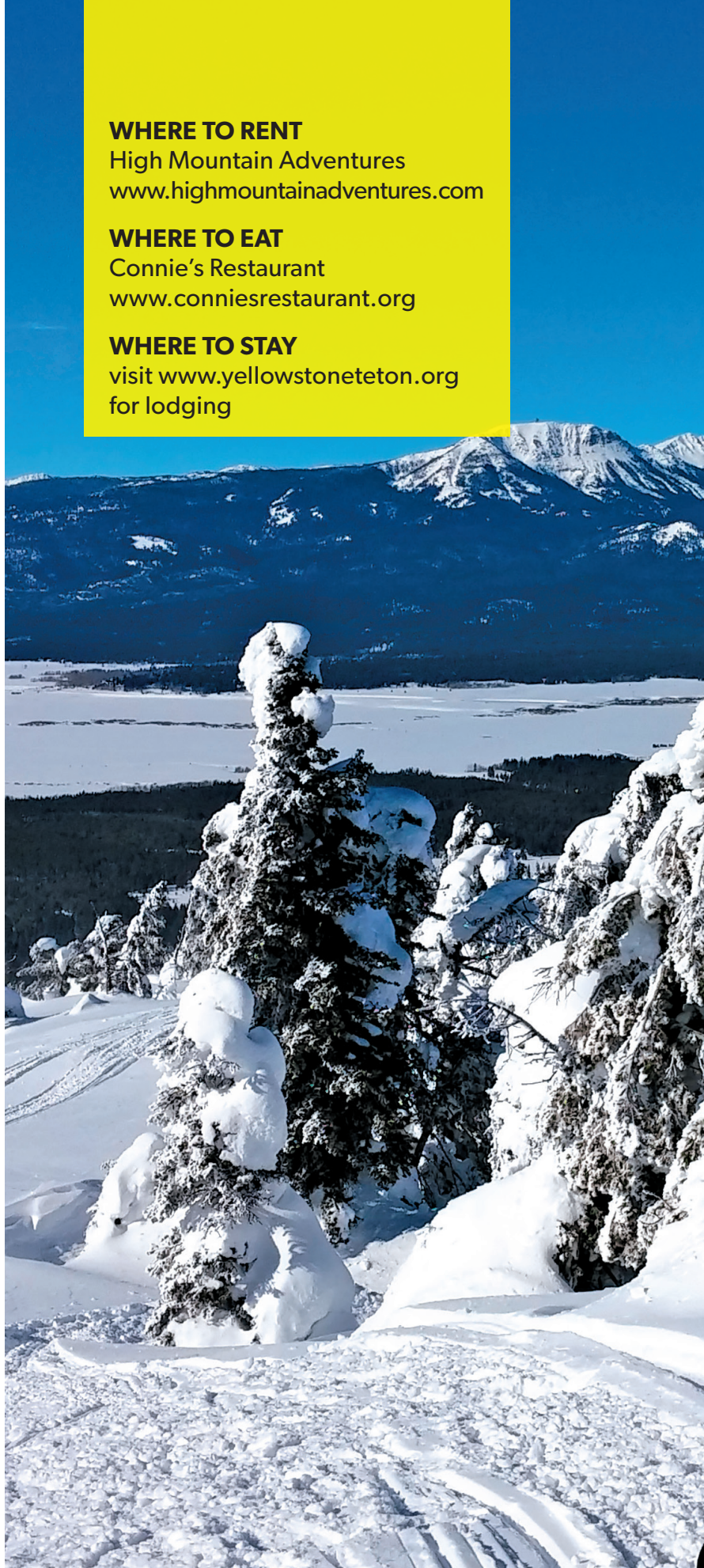
High Mountain Adventures
www.highmountainadventures.com

WHERE TO EAT

Connie's Restaurant
www.conniesrestaurant.org

WHERE TO STAY

visit www.yellowstoneteton.org
for lodging





Elevation

6,600-9,000

Snowfall

229 inches

Groomed Trails

500 miles

Full-Service Town

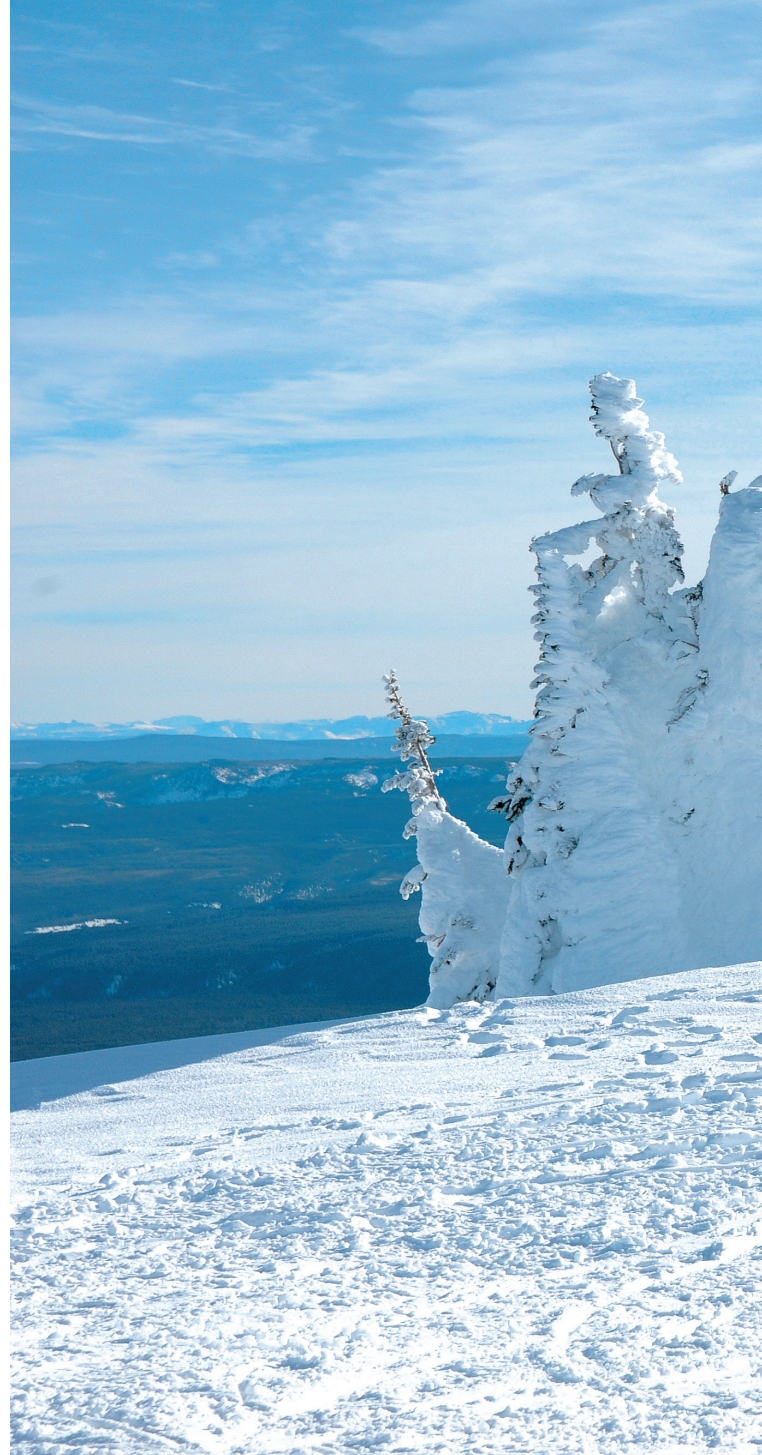
Island Park

Nearest Airport

Idaho Falls (75 miles)

Information

Yellowstone/
Teton Territory
800-634-3246



Island In The Sky

TOP TRAILS | ISLAND PARK

1. BIG SPRINGS

10-MILE LOOP. FAMILY-FRIENDLY.

Big Springs is where the Henry's Fork of the Snake River flows freely out of the ground at such a volume that an actual river begins. The water is pure; the water is clear; and about 120 million gallons of water pours out of the spring each day. Every time a group of snowmobilers stop to feed the fish, the flock of ducks which bob up and down in the waters just below the bridge will paddle up and try to take their cut of the feast.

The Big Springs Loop Trail is about 10 miles long and is always in great condition. It loops from Mack's Inn to Island Park Village (which are actually one mile apart along Highway 20) with Big Springs representing the eastern tip of the loop. This is a must visit for everyone going to Island Park for the first time.



2. TWO TOP

DEEP SNOW. INTERMEDIATE-EXPERT.

Two Top is shared between Island Park and West Yellowstone (Idaho and Montana) as the state border runs along the ridge and works its way south to Wyoming. Thousands of snowmobilers wind their way up the trails and across the east-facing slope to the top of the southern peak to catch a glance at the area from its 8,710-foot elevation.

The snow is deep, the drifts are plentiful and the cross country riding opportunities can challenge all skill levels. On a clear day you can see all of Island Park, the West Yellowstone area and into Yellowstone National Park. The Tetons are also visible. On a snowy day you are lucky to see your hand in front of your face ... so stay close to the trail markers.

3. BLACK CANYON

LONG SEASON. ALL LEVELS WELCOME.

This is where the first snow of the season starts to collect and lasts late into the spring. The trailhead is about a mile west of Big Springs and works its way east to the edge of the Yellowstone National Park boundary before paralleling the Montana border back to the north and dropping into the Big Springs Loop about a half-mile north of Big Springs.

Although the trail riding accommodates all skill levels, the off-trail riding is for more experienced mountain riders. When it comes to deep powder, Black Canyon is geographically situated to collect the snow. With the large area, there are plenty of play areas for everyone.

Idaho Falls

LOCALS CALL IT: BONE/BONNEVILLE

Eastern Idaho's 1,000-square-mile-plus riding area offers some of the best groomed trails in the world, a variety of terrain that ranges from high mountain deserts to alpine, from sagebrush and quaking aspen to pine trees. You have peaks and valleys, rolling hills and abrupt canyons, access roads and obscure trails. Eastern Idaho offers something for everyone. Groomed trails create a friendly snowmobiling "highway" system that allows access to the four corners of the remote area.

HIGHLIGHTS

Scenic vistas include Caribou Mountain, Commissary Ridge, Willow Creek and beyond. Enjoy a day observing wildlife (there are plenty of moose throughout the area, as well as deer, elk, coyotes, rabbits, fox and wolves) or have a relaxing ride with a picnic where you roast hot dogs as you appreciate some beautiful vistas on a nice winter day.

TRAIL TIP

Need to recharge yourself with a mid-ride rest? There are warming huts located near Blackfoot Reservoir, Lava Creek and Caribou Guard Station.

MORE TO KNOW

Your normal season at Bone starts sometime in December ... usually after the second or third big storm moves through eastern Idaho. March and April riding is restricted to only those diehards willing to fight to get to the snow and with enough local knowledge to understand how to access the higher elevations.

WHERE TO BUY

Action Motor Sports
www.actionmotor.com

VISITOR CENTER

Eastern Idaho Visitor
Information Center
www.visitidahofalls.com

WHERE TO STAY

visit www.yellowstoneteton.org
for lodging





Elevation

5,000-9,000

Snowfall

100-150 inches

Groomed Trails

400 miles

Full-Service Town

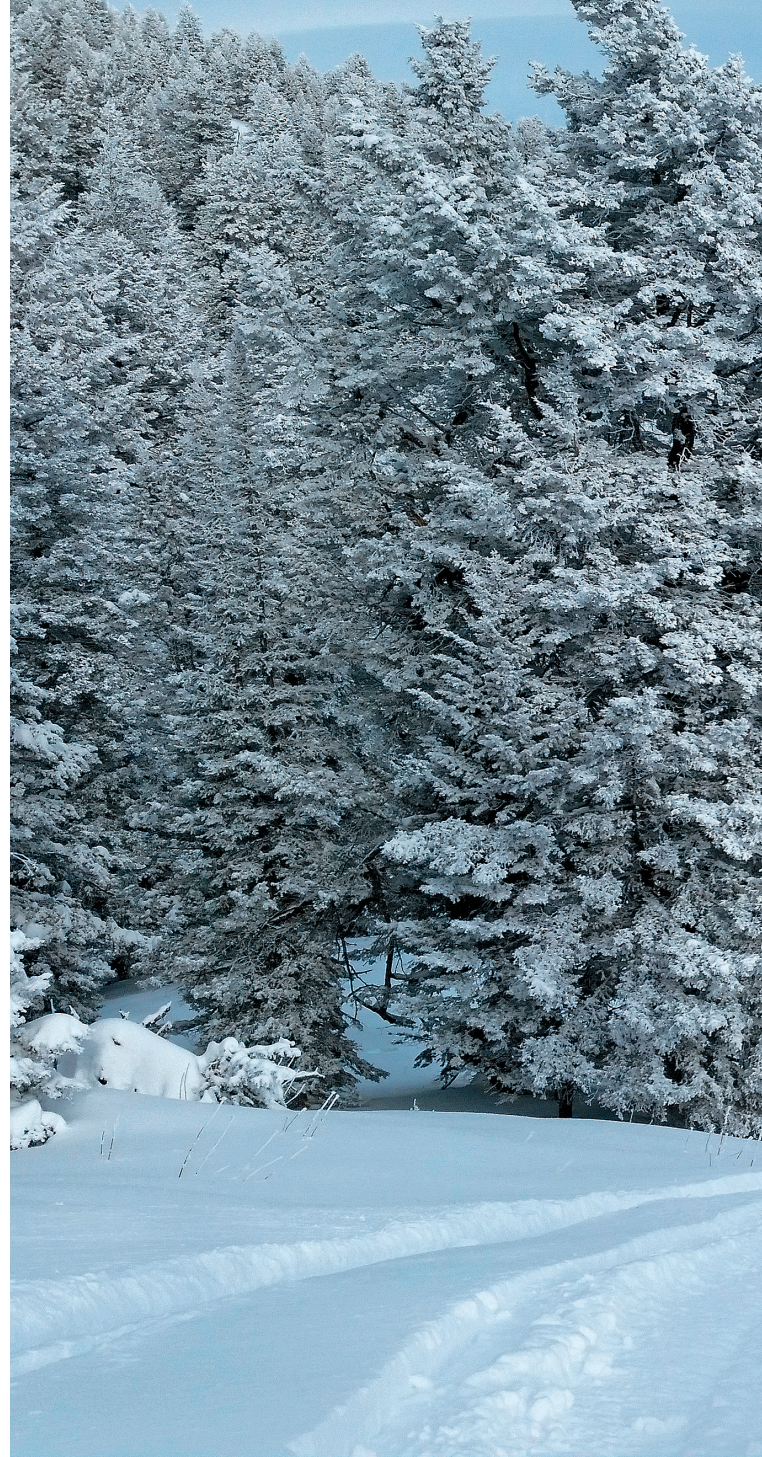
Idaho Falls

Nearest Airport

Idaho Falls

Information

Yellowstone/
Teton Territory
800-634-3246



Riding up the Creeks

TOP TRAILS | IDAHO FALLS

1. BROCKMAN CREEK

DEEP SNOW. CHALLENGE YOURSELF.

The most direct way to access Brockman Creek from Idaho Falls is at the Bone area trailhead. Brockman is about 25 miles southeast and is where the snow tends to stack up for some of the area's best riding opportunities. However, you can also cut across the King Creek trail and come in from Dan Creek, Sawmill or Skyline Ridge.

Brockman features outstanding cross country riding with a combination of patchy pines and quaking aspen trees, tight drainages and rolling hills that allow you to be as ambitious as you desire.



2. McCOY CREEK

30-MILE TRAIL. COLD TEMPS.

The most direct access to the McCoy Creek Trail is from Alpine, WY, off Highway 89. The trailhead is located on the upper end of Palisades Reservoir and parallels the southwest edge of the reservoir for about seven miles until it crosses where McCoy Creek feeds into the reservoir.

Much like Fall Creek, this is a tight drainage so it tends to hold cooler temperatures due to its protection from the sun. The total length of the trail is about 30 miles to where it connects to Brockman and Long Valley trails on the west end. Much like all the other trails, there are plenty of options you can take to peel off on inner loops to diversify your ride.

Teton Valley

LOCALS CALL IT: BIG HOLE MOUNTAINS

They may not be big and flashy, but the Big Holes are full of fun. All of the groomed trails—280 miles in all—are on the northwest side of the mountains, and are accessible from a number of trailheads/parking areas. On good snow years you can ride in from the towns of Rexburg or Driggs, which have snowmobile trails to the high country.

HIGHLIGHTS

Thousand Springs Trail is a great hillclimbing area with plenty of off-trail riding and boondocking through the trees and drainages. Along the windswept ridge that leads to Red Butte, you get some amazing 360-degree views of the Big Holes and beyond.

TRAIL TIP

One loop you won't find on any groomed snowmobile trail map is about three miles south of the Bitch Creek trestle. The trail—labeled the Jackpine Loop—heads east toward the Idaho/Wyoming border, then loops back to the west into Idaho.

MORE TO KNOW

The mountains are bordered by several highways: U.S. Highway 26 (and the Snake River) on the south, U.S. Highway 20 on the west and Idaho Highway 33 on the east. Idaho Highway 31 snakes through on the mountains' southeast flank.

WHERE TO RENT

Teton Valley Adventures
www.tetonvalleyadventures.com

WHERE TO EAT

The Royal Wolf
www.theroyalwolf.com

WHERE TO STAY

visit www.yellowstoneteton.org
for lodging

Elevation
4,000-9,000

Snowfall
100 inches

Groomed Trails
280 miles

Full-Service Town
Rexburg, Driggs

Nearest Airport
Idaho Falls (25 miles)

Information
Yellowstone/
Teton Territory
800-634-3246





Teton Valley Adventures

TOP TRAILS | TETON VALLEY

1. RELAY RIDGE

CHALLENGING. SCENIC.

You can access this challenging and scenic trail from the west, from South Canyon Creek Road and then heading southeast on Warm Creek/Relay Ridge Rd (FR 219). From that junction, the trail steadily climbs from the high desert/ranch land into the forested mountains until you come out on top and out of the trees. You continue south on Relay Ridge Road and to the east you'll see the Teton Mountains in all their splendor.

For more experienced riders, you can drop off Relay Ridge to the west (on FR 233) and pick up FR 328 and head back to South Canyon Creek Road at Kirkham Hollow. The drop off is not for the faint of heart. Alternatively, you can head back north along Relay Ridge to the Radio Tower Junction (FR 219 and FR 208) and head east to continue riding in the Big Holes.



2. RED BUTTE

8,108 FT ELEVATION. 360-DEGREE VIEWS.

Again, accessing the trail system from the west side, we take FR 218 and go east to Moody Swamps/Meadow and then turn right on FR 651 and ride to the “bathroom.” There is a parking area here and, well, a vault bathroom. There is a trail that heads into the trees toward Red Butte (elevation 8,108 feet) and Thousand Springs Trail. The last few miles are on an ungroomed forest service road that can get pretty interesting at times, but fun to ride.

Thousand Springs Trail is a more mellow area near Red Butte and doesn't require hero skills to ride. There are a lot of play areas here as well as some great hillclimbing. And when you're sitting on top of Red Butte, you get a 360-degree view of the surrounding mountains with no obstructions, as you're on one of the tallest peaks in the entire area.

3. GREEN CANYON

HOT SPRINGS. EASY ACCESS.

You can drive a car to Green Canyon Hot Springs, even in the winter, but what is the fun in that?

A popular snowmobile ride is to start on the west side (or east side for that matter) of the Big Holes and ride over to Green Canyon Hot Springs and soak and swim at the hot springs. You can park your sleds at the resort and change in Green Canyon's dressing rooms. You can access the hot springs from several different directions (east, west or south) on snowmobile and your ride can be as long or short as you'd like.

Kilgore

A HIDDEN GEM OF EASTERN IDAHO

NO SERVICES AVAILABLE

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Whether you're headed north 90 minutes on Highway 20 or north 90 minutes on Interstate 15, both lead you to higher elevation where the snow stacks deep throughout the winter. So the question is whether you're looking for groomed trails or unmarked, mostly untouched snow. You can ride parallel to the Yale-Kilgore Road, where terrain permits and drop on the road when needed due to terrain restrictions.

HIGHLIGHTS

Scenic vistas abound in this area, which is also rich in resident wildlife. Depending on your riding style, there are also plenty of long open meadows that allow for smooth sailing.

TRAIL TIP

Most of the cross country riding is located northwest of Kilgore toward Baldy Mountain. Other than a few ranch houses, there's not much sign of civilization in these parts—so bring your own food and fuel.

MORE TO KNOW

Once you get two miles west of Sheridan Reservoir, you can make a loop over to Antelope Valley where snow seems to collect during the winter. The Centennial Mountains border to the north of the trail and open meadows on private lands border the south side of the trail. There are an abundance of open areas for playing and exploring.



CLOSEST TOWNS

Dubois, ID
Island Park, ID

WHERE TO STAY

visit www.yellowstoneteton.org
for lodging

Swan Valley

**OUTSTANDING
TRAILS JUST EAST OF
IDAHO FALLS**

Below Palisades Dam and part of Idaho Falls and Bonneville County, this scenic valley lays on the South Fork of the Snake River. If time allows, drive along the dam and reservoir to Alpine and Jackson Hole Wyoming for more fun.

HIGHLIGHTS

Before or after you head out stop in for some great dining and spirits at Snake River Roadhouse, Angus Restaurant or the South Fork Inn & Grille in Irwin. A local favorite is Melvin Brewing and Elk Refuge in nearby Alpine, WY.

TRAIL TIP

Fall Creek is for Advanced Level Riding and the only access from Swan Valley. Easier access options can be found on the Rexburg side.

MORE TO KNOW

Popular trails are Bone to Alpine, Brockman and Skyline, Wolverine and King Canyon. These wide groomed trails lead you to the great playgrounds of Eastern Idaho. To aid your comfort, there are three warming huts located along the trail system. These also hook into the Grey's River Wyoming Trail System.

CLOSEST TOWN

Swan Valley, ID

WHERE TO STAY

visit www.yellowstoneteton.org
for lodging

LEGEND

-  RIDING AREA
-  NATIONAL FORESTS
-  AIRPORTS
-  SKI AREAS
-  POINTS OF INTEREST
-  LODGING



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To plan your trip, visit:
www.yellowstoneteton.org

For an interactive map with snowmobiling trails visit:
www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/activities/snowmobiling



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IDAHO SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION LAW

Residents are required by law to register their snowmobile and purchase validation stickers each year on or before Nov. 1. The sticker (or certificate of number as it's called in Idaho) is valid until Oct. 31 of the following year.

The following information comes courtesy of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. It includes information for non-residents of Idaho who wish to bring their sled to the state to ride.

HOW DO I NUMBER A NEW OR USED SNOWMOBILE?

A snowmobile must be numbered before it leaves the premises of a snowmobile dealer/retailer at the time of sale. The purchaser of a used snowmobile, which has been previously issued a certificate of number, must transfer the certificate of number within 15 days of the sale. Applications for an Idaho title must be filed at the nearest county assessor's office. Idaho Code 67-7103. Visit parksandrecreation.idaho.gov for more information.

HOW DO I RENEW MY SNOWMOBILE CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER?

The easiest way to renew your snowmobile certificate of number is to go online (<https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/node/68>). You may also renew at your local DMV or a designated vendor. Vendors for eastern Idaho are listed here.

HOW LONG IS MY STICKER VALID?

For one year. All certificates of number are valid from November 1 to October 31 of the following year. Idaho Code 67-7103.

DO I HAVE TO NUMBER MY SNOWMOBILE IF I AM A NOT A RESIDENT OF IDAHO?

Idaho requires all out-of-state snowmobilers to purchase a nonresident snowmobile user certificate. The certificate is available at authorized snowmobile registration vendors. It is good for a period of one year. Short-term certificates are not available. Non-residents may designate their certificate fees to the county snowmobile program of their primary use.



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EASTERN IDAHO SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION STICKER VENDORS

DUBOIS

Clark County MVD | 224 W. Main St. | Dubois

IDAHO FALLS

IDPR South Region HQ | 4792 Commerce Circle, Ste. B | Idaho Falls

Action Motor Sports | 1355 E. Lincoln Rd. | Idaho Falls

Sportsmans Warehouse | 2909 S. Hitt Rd. | Idaho Falls

Bott Yamaha | 100 Maple St. | Idaho Falls

BLM – Upper Snake Field Office | 1405 Hollipark Dr. | Idaho Falls

Bonneville County Rec Dept. | 605 N. Capital | Idaho Falls

Bucks Gas and RV | 3781 Swan Valley Hwy. | Irwin

Precision Performance | 2199 N. Woodruff | Idaho Falls

Palisades Ranger District | 3659 E. Ririe Hwy. | Idaho Falls

Jones Motorsports | 3145 N. Yellowstone Hwy. | Idaho Falls

Cabela's | 3693 S. 25th East | Ammon

ISLAND PARK

Robins Roost | 4150 N. Big Springs Rd. | Island Park

I P Adventures | 3342 N. Hwy. 20 | Island Park

Elk Creek Station | 3974 N. Hwy. 20 | Island Park

REXBURG/ST. ANTHONY

Fremont County MVD | 151 W. 1st N. Ste. 3 | St. Anthony

Performance Motor Sports | 64 N. Hwy. 20 | Ashton

Ashton Quick Stop | 921 N. Hwy. 20 | Ashton

C & C Supply | 125 E. 3rd S. | St. Anthony

Madison County MVD | 134 E. Main | Rexburg

Rexburg Motor Sports | 1178 University Blvd. | Rexburg

Pure Adrenaline Sports | 2048 W. Hwy. 33 | Rexburg

Mother Hibbards Country Store | 15 N. 12th W. | Rexburg

Valley Wide Co-op | 1175 W. Main | Rexburg

Moody Powder Pushers | 759 Barney Dairy Rd. | Rexburg

RIRIE/RIGBY

Ron's Tire and Motorsports | 1440 E 1500 N | Terreton

Napa Auto Parts | 130 W. Osburn St. | Ririe

Bob's Kwik Service | 412 Farnsworth Way | Rigby

Hillview Sinclair | 233 Swan Valley Hwy. | Ririe

Gateway Service | 365 W. Ririe Hwy. | Ririe

Jefferson County MVD | 210 Courthouse Way | Rigby

TETON VALLEY

Teton County MVD | 150 Court House Dr. | Driggs

Corner Drug | 10 S. Main St. | Driggs

Teton Valley Adventures | 98 E. Little Ave. | Victor

WEST YELLOWSTONE, MONTANA

Corner Cenex | 136 N. Canyon | West Yellowstone

Yellowstone Arctic Yamaha | 208 Electric St. | West Yellowstone

ALPINE, WYOMING

Town of Alpine Visitor Center | 121 Hwy. 89 | Alpine, WY

Snowmobile Safety

Snowmobiles are really unlike most other powersports vehicles and definitely unlike the car or pickup you drive and because of this difference, special care and safety should be taken to have an enjoyable ride.

Snowmobile safety includes a variety of things, such as wearing the proper snowmobile clothes, using the right gear, being avalanche aware, making sure someone knows where you're riding/going and the list goes on.

The International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (www.snowmobile.org) has come up with a comprehensive list of items to consider before venturing out on a snowmobile. The list and suggestions are part of ISMA's The Safe Riders! Safety Awareness Program.

So let's dig into what The Safe Riders! Program suggests.

Snowmobiling is fun, but it's work, too. It challenges the body and mind, and that's part of the reason you're so relaxed at the end of a day of snowmobiling. While you are riding, the wind, sun, glare, cold, vibration, motion and other factors work together to affect both driver and passenger.

Yes, there's plenty of challenge awaiting you as you drive your snowmobile into the winter wonderland. Alcohol magnifies and distorts those challenges and can quickly turn an enjoyable outing into a situation that's hazardous for you and others.

AS A SAFE RIDER, YOU:

- **KNOW YOUR ABILITIES AND YOUR SNOWMOBILE'S CAPABILITIES AND DON'T GO BEYOND THEM**
- **KNOW YOUR RIDING AREA**
- **CONTINUE LEARNING**
- **KEEP YOUR MACHINE IN TOP SHAPE**
- **KNOW THAT ALCOHOL AND SNOWMOBILING SIMPLY DO NOT MIX**
- **SAFE CROSSING**
- **DRESS APPROPRIATELY**
- **TAKE A FRIEND**
- **FILE A PLAN**
- **TAKE EXTRA FOOD, WATER**
- **REMEMBER THE BASIC HAND SIGNALS**



Medical Resources

HOSPITALS/CLINICS

ASHTON

Ashton Medical Clinic

23 South 8th Street

208-652-3396

www.ashtonmemorial.com/services/ashton-medical-clinic

DRIGGS

Teton Valley Hospital

120 East Howard Ave.

208-354-2383

www.tvhcare.org

IDAHO FALLS

Air Idaho Rescue Dispatch

800-247-4324

Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center

3100 Channing Way

208-529-6111

<https://eirmc.com>

Idaho Falls Community Hospital

2327 Coronado St.

208-528-1000

www.idahofallscommunityhospital.com

Mountain View Hospital

2325 Coronado St.

208-557-2700

www.mountainviewhospital.org

ISLAND PARK

Island Park Medical Clinic

3765 US Hwy. 20

208-558-7766

www.ashtonmemorial.com/services/island-park-medical-clinic

JACKSON, WY

St. John's Medical Center

625 E Broadway Ave, Jackson, WY

307-733-3636

www.tetonhospital.org

REXBURG

Madison Memorial Hospital

450 East Main Street

208-359-6900

www.madisonmemorial.org

WEST YELLOWSTONE, MT

Community Health Partners

11 Electric St, West Yellowstone, MT

406-646-9441

*Limited Hours



8 Top Tips for Avalanche Safety

BAD CHOICES CAN LEAD TO SHORT LIFESPANS

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Most western snowmobilers recognize the inherent dangers of riding in extreme terrain. But just because there is a risk doesn't mean you have to be foolish in your actions. There are specific things snowmobilers can do to greatly reduce exposure to avalanche danger.

1. AVOID SLOPES OVER 30 DEGREES, which are under increased pressure for the snow to slide down to more level terrain.

2. AVOID TERRAIN TRAPS—areas where you have no escape path, like the bottom of a canyon

3. KEEP TRACK OF WHAT'S ABOVE YOU. If you can see the top of the slope, you can see the early stages of a slide when there's still time to react.

4. NEVER CUT TRACKS ABOVE ANOTHER SNOWMOBILER.

5. LOOK OUT FOR SLIDE CONDITIONS, like fresh/wet snow on old dry snow, high winds moving snow, fresh snow after extreme cold and dry weather patterns, etc.

6. PACK AN AVALANCHE BEACON—a small device you wear on your body that transmits a signal that can be received by another avalanche beacon up to 50 yards away.

7. PACK A PROBE AND SHOVEL. Use the probe to find the exact location of the person buried, and the shovel to remove the snow and extract the victim.

8. STUDY UP! A great source of information and avalanche conditions can be found at www.avalanche.org.



The Sled That Suits You

SHORT TRACKS vs. LONG TRACKS

Although most area snowmobile dealers offer a full line of mountain sleds for deep snow riding, we happen to live in an area where there's more than 1,000 miles of groomed trails available within a two-hour drive. Mountain sleds are great for cross country conditions ... but they can sometimes fall short on groomed trails.

There are two myths about western snowmobiling. First, all snowmobiles must have maximum horsepower. Second, all snowmobiles must have maximum track.

It's true that there's no replacement for displacement. But if you are not into powering up the steepest and deepest slope, even a 400-class (engine size) snowmobile will haul you down the trail at 50 mph.

Also, shorter tracks can handle the twisty, tight-turning trails much better than longer tracks.

A mountain sled (usually something with a minimum of a 600-class engine and 154-inch track length) is optimum for cross country riding. Leaving the packed trails and choosing your own route through mountain meadows or ungroomed trails is one of the West's big allures. Many area snowmobilers look to the 800-850cc models with tracks exceeding 163 inches as the most popular choice for this style of riding.

These sleds are not only the most popular with new sled sales, but they tend to drive the used sled market as being readily available.

Some have found the 600-class sled is a little easier to handle and a lot more reliable and enjoyable to ride. You're not hanging on for dear life, but rather feeling like you're in better control of your snowmobile.

Trail sleds (shorter tracks) are very prevalent in the Midwest where trail riding and lake riding are the only options. But when these Midwestern snowmobilers vacation out West, they get along just great ... until they venture from the trail and end up buried in three feet of snow.

Trail sleds tend to have the technology embedded in the suspension and handling. Mountain sleds tend to have the technology embedded in light-weight parts and aggressive tracks.

So if you're debating on what kind of snowmobile you should purchase, honestly assess your riding style and lean toward the snowmobile which will serve your needs most frequently. If you mostly enjoy riding trails, you may as well ride a sled that will give you the best performance for your riding style.

You might also try renting (see the rental section in this guide) a sled to see which size best suits you.

Eastern Idaho Snowmobile Dealers

SNOWMOBILE DEALERS

ASHTON

Performance Motor Sports
64 North Highway 20
208-652-7738
www.pnspolaris.com

IDAHO FALLS

Action Motor Sports
1355 East Lincoln Road
208-522-3050
www.actionmotor.com

Bott Yamaha

100 Maple Street
205-522-1700
www.bottsales.com

Precision Boats

2199 North Woodruff Avenue
208-529-0520
www.precision-performance.com

ISLAND PARK

Island Park Adventures
3342 North Highway 20
208-558-7581
www.islandparkadventures.com

REXBURG

Rexburg Motor Sports
1178 University Blvd.
208-356-4000
www.rexburgmotorsports.com

TERRETON

Ron's Tire & Motorsports
1432 East 1500 North
208-663-4684
www.ronstireandmotorsports.com

SNOWMOBILE RENTALS

DRIGGS

Teton Valley Adventures
47 S. Main Street
208-354-2233
www.tetonvalleyadventures.com

ISLAND PARK

High Mountain Adventures
4141 Sawtelle Peak Road
208-558-9572
www.highmountainadventures.com

Island Park Adventures

3342 North Highway 20
208-558-7581
www.islandparkadventures.com

Lakeside Lodge

3857 Lakeside Drive
208-558-9770
www.lakesidelodgeandresort.com

SNOWMOBILE PERFORMANCE SHOPS

BoonDocker

2379 Heyrend Way, Idaho Falls
208-542-4411
www.boondockers.com

MTNTK Performance

950 West 4th North, St. Anthony
208-652-0122
www.mtntkperformance.com

Dad's Motorsports

2323 North Quail No. 4, Idaho Falls
208-522-8286
www.dadsmotorsports.com

Jones Motorsports

3145 N. Yellowstone Hwy., Idaho Falls
208-523-8977
www.jonesmotorsports.com

Racin' Station

60 South 1st East, Driggs
208-354-2777
www.theracinstation.com

Starting Line Products

746 Iona Road, Idaho Falls
208-529-0244
www.startinglineproducts.com



Snowmobile Associations/ Clubs

Idaho State Snowmobile Association
www.idahosnow.org

Fugowee Snowmobile Club
Island Park
www.fugoweesnowmobileclub.org

Moody Powder Pushers
Rexburg

Mountain River SnoRiders
Idaho Falls

Sno-Roamers Snowmobile Club
Swan Valley/Irwin

Targhee Ridge Runners
Ashton

For the most current contact information for the local clubs, visit the state snowmobile website, navigate to the “Resources” tab, then “Club Finder” and then go to Region 9 Clubs.



Got Snow? Let's Go!

5 EVENTS IN THE YELLOWSTONE TETON TERRITORY YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

JANUARY

Snowscapes, Driggs

www.driggssnowscapes.org

Professional and amateur sculpting teams work their magic on large blocks of snow to create amazing pieces of art. The event takes place at the Driggs City Plaza.

JANUARY

Wild Wild West Winterfest,

Island Park

208-558-7755

Join in for a variety of events for all ages, including a snowmobile parade, fireworks and more.

JANUARY

Scout & Shoot, Rexburg

208-356-6399

Sponsored by the Moody Powder Pushers snowmobile club, this is one of the most unique events in all of snowmobiling, taking slidders on a marked course in the mountains where they stop at pre-determined locations to test their marksmanship with guns, darts or slingshots.

NOVEMBER

Idaho Snowmobile Show, Boise

www.snowest.com/snowshows/home

This is the biggest snowmobile expo in Idaho, featuring a number of exhibitors from eastern Idaho. The show features all the new snowmobiles and related gear you'll need to get set up to ride.



Snowmobile Racing Heats Up Eastern Idaho

Snowmobile racing has been around ever since the second snowmobile was made.

The snowmobiles are quite a bit different these days than in days of yore, but the racing is every bit as intense as it has ever been and it doesn't matter the age—from youngsters to vintage racing.

We all know all forms of snowmobile racing are weather-dependent, so just to be safe, check the website listed with each race association and see if any adjustments had to be made to the respective race schedules.



INTERMOUNTAIN SNOXCROSS RACING www.imrsnocross.com

DEC. 14-15

Island Park Snocross, Island Park, ID

JAN. 4-5

Island Park Snocross, Island Park, ID

JAN. 18-19

Island Park Snocross, Island Park, ID

FEB. 7-8

Driggs Snocross, Driggs, ID

FEB. 22-23

Island Park Snocross, Island Park, ID

MAR. 13-15

West Yellowstone Snocross, West Yellowstone, MT

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SNOWMOBILE HILLCLIMB ASSOCIATION www.rmsha.net

MAR. 18-22

World Championship Snowmobile Hillclimb, Jackson, WY

APR. 18-19

Crazy Horse Hillclimb, Grand Targhee/Alta, WY

XMR RACING

www.xmr-racing.com

MAR. 13-15

Intermountain Xtreme Spring Fling, West Yellowstone, MT





Food For Thought

GREAT DINING IS CLOSE TO GREAT SNOWMOBILING

Snowmobilers like to eat. It's just that simple. And often when we go riding, we're on the snow from mid-morning until late in the afternoon. So somewhere along the line we like to take nourishment.

When it comes to restaurants, every town or city in Yellowstone Teton Territory has a solid list of places to eat. That's great if you choose to have that big meal before you start your ride or wait until the end of the day, after you've gotten cleaned up, to chow down.

But let us offer some other suggestions depending on where you choose to go riding.

If you head north toward Island Park, one of our favorite stops is at **Dave's Jubilee Market** on Highway 20 in Ashton. Although it is mostly a supermarket, its deli has a broad assortment of dishes, including fried chicken, that we like to pick up for our lunch on the trail.

Since Island Park is such a popular destination in the Yellowstone Teton Territory, there are several other restaurants we frequent during

the course of the winter. **Connie's**, at Island Park Village, tends to be your good old-fashioned restaurant that offers lunch and dinner ... and is a good place to get out of the snow and relax. Or you can hit the **Lakeside Lodge & Resort** that offers the best burgers and bar menu around.

If you're looking for something a little different, **Café Sabor** has some of the best Mexican food anywhere. And if you want something fancy, the **Lodgepole Grill at The Pines** at Island Park is a great place.

Now if you're heading east to ride, although the country is more remote and accommodations are few and far between, there are some restaurants that are worth going a little out of your way to try out.

First, if you're riding the Madison County trail system (the Big Holes), you have to swing by Heise Hot Springs and try **Heise Pizza**. Not only does the menu include world famous pizza, but also has salads and sandwiches to

please any taste bud. If you're in the mood for barbecue, stop into **Big Hole Barbecue** in Victor.

A little farther east along Highway 26, in the Palisades area, the **Snake River Roadhouse** features soups, salads and burgers. It also has some signature dishes that include pizza, pastas, salmon and steak.

Even farther east at Alpine, WY, the **Flying Saddle Resort** features a steakhouse that offers first-class dining after a long day of riding.

So whether you visit our snowmobile trails to the north or to the east, there are some great places to satisfy any appetite after a long day of riding.



Eastern Idaho Resources

VISITOR CENTERS/ CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Ashton Chamber of Commerce
512 Main St., Ashton
208-652-3355
www.ashtonidaho.com

Eastern Idaho Visitor Information Center
355 River Parkway, Idaho Falls
208-523-1010

Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce
365 River Parkway, Idaho Falls
208-523-1010
www.idahofallschamber.com

Island Park Area Chamber of Commerce
Island Park
208-558-7755
www.islandparkchamber.org

Rexburg Area Chamber of Commerce
167 West Main Street, Suite 2,
Rexburg
208-356-5700
www.rexburgchamber.org

Rigby Chamber of Commerce
Rigby
208-745-8111
www.rigbychamber.com

Ririe Community Chamber of Commerce
Ririe
www.ririechamber.com

St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce
420 North Bridge St. Suite C,
St. Anthony
208-624-4870
www.stanthonychamber.com

St. Anthony Tourist Information Center at Idaho Art Lab
2355 South Yellowstone Hwy.,
St. Anthony
208-932-0893

Teton Regional Economic Coalition
60 South Main Street, Driggs
208-354-2500
www.discovertettonvalley.com

Yellowstone Teton Territory
167 West Main Street, Suite 2,
Rexburg
800-634-3246
www.yellowstoneteton.org

FEDERAL, STATE GOVERNMENT CONTACTS

Caribou-Targhee National Forest
208-524-7500
www.fs.usda.gov/ctnf

Island Park Forest Service
208-558-7301
www.fs.usda.gov/detail/ctnf/about-forest/offices

Ashton Forest Service
208-652-7442
www.fs.usda.gov/detail/ctnf/about-forest/offices

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
208-334-4199
www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov

National Park Service
www.nps.gov

Bureau of Land Management
www.blm.gov/id

TRANSPORTATION

Idaho Falls Regional Airport
2140 North Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls
208-612-8221
www.idahofallsidaho.gov/181/airport

LODGING

There are a wide variety of motels/hotels, lodges, cabins, resorts and other accommodations scattered across the region. Visit www.yellowstoneteton.org and click on the "Lodging" tab.





