



when feasible with a snow shovel.
Please help to create and maintain these connections
to go up and over dangerous snow banks from plowing.
after you to navigate the snow banks without having
"cut through" connections that allow you and others
it is valuable to spend sometime to create a few key
In routes where routes crosses paved and plowed roads,
Think about others future users of snow tracks/trails!

In the Pinecrest area basin, there are no machine
groomed trails to ski or snowshoe on. You must rely
upon creating your own snow trails in the snow or use
the routes from skiers or snowshoer before you.

Creating Cut through connections and building trails for others

When developing a trail after a fresh snow fall, always
develop a 2 user trail that contains a cross country set
of ski tracks and a parallel set for snowshoes, walkers
and dogs. Please always use the appropriate trail for
your use to maximize use of the trail for others.

XC Ski and Snowshoe Trail Etiquette

Pinecrest XC Ski/Snowshoe Network Trails Map - Winter 2026

Instructions:
Welcome to the printed version of the
map available at
PinecrestXCSkiSnowshoe.org

This printed map can also be used on a
smart phone or tablet with GPS navigation
features using the geospatial PDF version
of this map in two different methods.

Both of these methods are listed on the
home page of www.PinecrestXCSkiSnowShoe.org

Method 1 (Requires active Internet)
On-line version of map at
<https://caltopo.com/m/GU1N>

Method 2: Off line GPS once downloaded
Download Geospatial PDF Viewer
Avenza Maps from App Store

mport map from PinecrestXCskiSnowshoe.org website
From home page into App
XCSkiSnowshoe2026map.pdf
(No Internet service needed to view locations)



Crabtree Road - - Make your own tracks

Crabtree Rd.
You can also ski all the way from Dodge To Pinecrest via the
orientation and will melt before the Gooseberry trail options.
If snow is light, avoid the Crabtree trail as it has a west
Creek area is an option not competing for Dodge Parking.
parking at either of these locations can be difficult. Herring
that circles all of Dodge Ridge. On busy weekends,
The Crabtree - Gooseberry loop is a longer 1.1 mile loop
in and out options and back country skiing options.
The Gooseberry trail is a bit steeper but offers various
are options now to go directly from Dodge slopes to Crabtree.

Dodge Ridge Area Trails

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Herring Creek Road

Herring Creek Bridge to North Wall Overlook - +2 mi loop
Herring Creek Rd to Bridge - Ski to Herring Creek 8 mi
Herring Creek Rd / Leland Meadows Loop - 6.3 mi
Routes:

return toward Strawberry too or go off on other FS roads.
wish and turn around and come back downhill. Options to
snowshoe up Herring Creek Road for as many miles as you
pavement underneath. Great for beginners. You can ski or
due to its general open and south/west orientation and
Pinecrest routes but will melt far sooner than other routes
These routes are mostly flatter than Dodge routes or
cleared area off the highway and before the locked gate.
Pinecrest on Hwy 108. Parking is typically limited to a
Creek Rd intersection at Hwy 108, about 3 miles east of
There are several route options that start at the Herring

Herring Creek Rd Routes



Search for
Pinecrest-Trails-Club
on Meetup.com for Winter
or Summer trail events



Crabtree Road offers miles of XC ski options

** For longer treks the Experimental Forest Rd /Crabtree
route is more challenging and has gentle up and down
portions after starting at the Pinecrest Community
Lodge. Another option is to get a ride to Dodge
Ridge and XC ski down Crabtree Rd to PC community Lodge.
Very dangerous to XC Ski on closed Sonora Pass due to
many high speed motorized over snow vehicles.

There are several XC and snowshoe routes in
the Pinecrest area. Most are shorter, flatter for
beginners in XC Ski or snowshoe. Starting in 2026, a
new option is to now park at the Pinecrest
Community Lodge (Old Pinecrest School) and
start and finish your snow adventures here with
a warm space and hot drinks and food. All of these
routes are not groomed or marked but easy to follow or use map.
Some of these routes are short enough to do
several loops for a workout or practice your
technique on flatter area such as the campgrounds roads.
Look for XC Ski cut thrus if available to navigate Pinecrest
roads with plowed snow berms. Help others by creating
these cut thru for other skiers or snowshoers or peds.

Pinecrest Area Routes

Pinecrest XC Ski / Snowshoe Network

(XCSS) - Both XC Ski or Snowshoe okay
(XC) - Cross Country Ski Recommended
(SS) - Recommended for snowshoe only - Steep sections
More details available on individual map pages

Route	Total Distance	Time*
Crabtree/Gooseberry Loop(XC)	9.8 mi	4-5 Hr
Crabtree XC Ski Loop(XCSS)	3.8 mi	2 Hr
Dodge Ridge to Pinecrest - one way (XC)	5.3 mi	2.5 hr
Dodge - South Wall Over look (SS)	3.0 mi	3 hr
Experimental FS Loop (XCSS)	2.6 mi	2 hr
Pinecrest Canyon View Loop (SS)	2.7 mi	2.5 hr
Pinecrest Cabin/Camoground loop (XCSS)	2.0 mi	1.5 hr
Pinecrest Campground Track Loop (XCSS)	1.6 mi	45 min
Pinecrest Community Lodge /Meadow View Campground (XCSS)	15 min	
Pinecrest Lake wanderings (XCSS) - 1m		45 min

-----Herring Creek Area Routes -----
You can continue to use the mostly gentle slope of Herring Creek Rd
to do an in and out route of any length you wish. (XCSS)

Herring Creek/Leland Meadow(XC)	6.35 mi	2.5 hr
Herring Creek and North Wall Overlook (XCSS)	8.0 mi	4.0 hr
Herring Creek In and Out (XC)	8.6 mi	3.5 hr
Herring Creek Ramble (XCSS)	2.3 mi	1.5 hr

* Time is for XC Skiing if suitable for XC and Snowshoe
Add 1.5X for snowshoe times if listed XCSS.

