Mammoth Lakes
Blue Diamond Nordic Routes
Third Edition
Winter 2019

These marked, un-groomed ski and snowshoe routes were established by the US Forest Service in the early 1980s. They have been renewed by the Range of Light Group, Sierra Club, in partnership with the US Forest Service.

Enjoy and protect our winter forest as you explore using these maps.

#1 Knolls Route*
Intermediate

Access: 1.5 mi north on Scenic Loop Rd. from Hwy. 203

This route crosses Mammoth Knolls to Shady Rest Park. Highlights of the route are an old growth Red Fir forest and some peak views of surrounding mountains. It crosses groomed snowmobile route “B” a few times before descending to Shady Rest Park. There is a 0.2 mi spur to the south facing “town overlook”.

Approximate mileage: 5.0 mi

#2 Connector Route*
Intermediate/Advanced

Access: Across from the start of the Knolls Route on Scenic Loop Rd., or start across from north end of snow play parking

This route connects the Knolls with the Inyo Craters route. Steep terrain can be avoided by creating your own switchbacks.

Approximate mileage: 1.3 mi

#3 Inyo Craters Route*
Beginner/Advanced

Access: Inyo Craters parking off Scenic Loop

This route starts on snowmobile route “B” and after a short distance intersects with the Blue Diamond route. The route goes through gentle terrain to two volcanic craters with lakes. The last part of the route is a steep ascent to the Inyo Craters.

Approximate mileage: 1.3 mi

#4 Earthquake Fault Route*
Intermediate/Advanced (If icy)

Access: Hwy. 203 (1.8 mi from stop light)

This route is a 1.6 mi gradual climb to spectacular views of the San Joaquin Ridge ending at snowmobile route “C”. Follow “C” for 3.1 mi to Inyo Craters Route or continue to Scenic Loop Rd.

Approximate mileage: 4.7 miles

#5 Obsidian Dome Route
Beginner/Intermediate

Access: Exit west off Hwy. US 395, 8 mi north of Mammoth Lakes

These two scenic loops branch off of a road that is groomed intermittently by the USFS.

Approximate mileage: Route 5A: 0.65 mi
Route 5B: 1.4 mi

Note: All mileages are one way

Turquoise Diamonds correspond with Blue Diamond Nordic Routes map. Dark Blue Diamonds mark intermittently-groomed trails, and are not part of our Blue Diamond Nordic Routes map.

*Limited Parking
Mammoth Blue Diamond Nordic Routes

LEGEND
- Blue Diamond Route
- Groomed Snowmobile Routes A-K
- Shared Ski/Snowmobile Route
- Paved Roads
- Parking Area
- Ski Trail
- Snowshoe Trail
- Snowmobile Trail
- Scenic View
- Route Mileage Marker
- Contour Interval 50 feet

Inset Map: Obsidian Dome Routes

1. Knolls Route
2. Connector Route
3. Inyo Craters Route
4. Earthquake Fault Route
5. Obsidian Dome Routes

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