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RECOMMENDED LOOPS

- **BIG BEN-JAMES JOY LOOP**
Beginner - Nice, wide trails, gently rolling terrain and well marked for easy navigation. The perfect first ski of the season for green trail lovers. It is also the preferred loop for the first excursion after a beginner lesson.
3.1km
- **BIG DOG LOOP**
Beginner/Dog - Tire your four footed friend out with this one as you circumnavigate Lake Van Norden Meadow. The entire loop is gently rolling, winding from meadow to forest and back again. Take Snoops to Lincoln Highway, make the turn at the East end of the meadow on Summit Crossing, back to Snoops and then Bill Patterson to get you back to West End Hut. Finish on Snoops to the parking lot.
10km
- **THE PERIMETER LOOP**
Expert - With the addition of Bill Patterson West, our dream of starting from Summit Station and sking the outer most margins of the resort in one continuous go with no backtracking became a reality. Start down Mirkwood and never look back. This loop has it all, killer climbs, ripping descents, twists and turns, views, huts, you can even stop at Sugar Bowl for nosh and a cocktail when you're a little over three quarters of the way around.
38.1km
- **PALISADE-YUBA LOOP**
Beginner/Intermediate - This is the classic Summit Station loop, green with a pleasant hint of blue. Pressed for time but want a ski that checks all the boxes: ups, downs, transitions, flats, scenery? Here it is. Take Yuba Gap to Maintenance Road for an easier return climb back home.
8km
- **SNOW MOUNTAIN-CASTLE PASS LOOP**
Intermediate - There are lots of ways to start this loop, we decided on Maintenance Road, a staff favorite. Nothing but descending and turning all the way to the beginning of Snow Mountain, which starts out gently then climbs in three big stair steps up to the Hut. A rolling, curving stretch brings you to Castle Pass, then it's climb, climb, climb. A nice downhill with some beautiful turns returns you to Half Hitch then Reindeer, and back on Big Ben for a cool down.
11.1km
- **RAZORBACK LOOP**
Expert - This has GOT to be the most skiing packed into under fifteen kilometers here at the Gorge. Warm it up on Big Ben; get it rolling on the twists and transitions of Reindeer. Bomb down a 30 percent + grade on Sterling's Canyon to Silverado and begin an almost continuous climb up to a literal razorback ridgeline. Admire the view, then buckle up for a spectacular, nearly uninterrupted descent all the way to lower Pine Marten. Then start a rolling climb up Timberline that brings you back to the road crossing and the final leg burner up the wall on Summit Connection.
13.8km
- **HAWKS RUN FAST DRAW LOOP**
Intermediate Snowshoe - This is our longest Snow Shoe Only loop. It descends gradually from Summit Station along the power lines to a spectacular meadow, and then winds in and out of the trees to the junction with Fast Draw for the return trip. The route is snow mobile groomed and well marked. We would rate this loop as intermediate, with a couple of fairly steep pitches on the return leg. Come enjoy the solitude, scenery and a quality workout.
4.1km

Distances listed are estimated for the entire loop, start-to-finish.

SODA SPRINGS
EXIT #174

SEE OPPOSITE SIDE FOR SUMMIT TRACK INSET

VAN NORDEN
TRAILHEAD
6,772 ft.












SUMMIT STATION
6,983 ft.

Palisades Peak
7,559 ft.

Rowton Peak
7,524 ft.

SUGAR BOWL
LODGE
6,883 ft.

TRAIL MAP SYMBOLS

-  Easiest
ski & snowshoe, no dogs
-  Easiest
ski & snowshoe, dogs allowed
-  More Difficult
ski & snowshoe, no dogs
-  Most Difficult
ski & snowshoe, no dogs
-  Snowshoe-only
no skiers, no dogs
-  Information
-  Restrooms
-  Cafe Facilities
-  Beer & Wine
-  Lodging
-  Parking
-  SKI PATROL
-  Warming Hut
-  Vista Point
-  Total Point-to-Point Trail Distance
-  Total Out-and-Back Trail Distance
-  Trail Beginning/End
-  Caution Steep Downhill
(arrow points in direction of downhill, not indicating direction of travel)
-  Closed Area

All trails allow two-way travel.

PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU SKI

This trail map represents the maximum trail potential in its entirety. Please visit royalgorge.com or call Royal Gorge at (530) 426-3871 for the current day's grooming report. Please familiarize yourself with our Trail Rules and Etiquette on the reverse side and abide by all posted safety information.

TRAIL PASSES & CONDITIONS

BEFORE purchasing a trail pass and going skiing, please read the information on this map carefully and check weather and trail conditions. All trails may not be open (especially during adverse conditions) and grooming quality can be affected by temperature, wind, rain and falling snow. Weather Reports and Trail Conditions are available at royalgorge.com, trailheads and where trail passes are sold. Royal Gorge reserves the right to close trails and trail systems due to adverse snow and weather conditions.

DO NOT SKI OFF GROOMED TRAILS! Grooming machines may be operating on trails at any time, please be alert and use caution. Trails close promptly at 4:00pm daily and reopen at 8:30am the next morning.

RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY: Royal Gorge operates on private, leased and US Forest Service lands. Participants are required to remain on designated trails only. Please respect private property & no trespassing signs during winter and summer.

**TO REPORT A ROYAL GORGE EMERGENCY,
CALL (530) 426-3871.**

Topographic Contour Interval = 40ft.



NORTH AMERICA'S LARGEST
CROSS COUNTRY SKI RESORT

NOT ALL TRAILS GO DOWN

With more than 140 kilometers of groomed trails ranging from “take it easy” to “feel the burn,” there’s plenty of fun for everyone at every level at Royal Gorge Cross Country Ski Resort. Our cross-country skiing is among the best in the US, now with options for snowshoeing or skiing with your dog on our state-of-the-art trail system. You can enjoy the stunning Pacific Crest views and fresh air either from the trail or while sipping a hot beverage or having a bite to eat on the Summit Station deck.

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RESORT SERVICES



A full suite of resort services are offered at Royal Gorge's Summit Station. Trail passes, rentals and lessons may be picked-up inside along with a retail shop for your various needs. Stop in to warm up by the fireplace and chat with our friendly staff or grab a bite to eat in the Café which serves up fine soups and chilis, organic wraps, deli sandwiches, homemade cookies along with an assortment of local beer and wine. The fish tacos are a local's favorite.



THE HOTEL
AT SUGAR BOWL

With old-world charm and a hint of European flair, the Sugar Bowl Hotel offers a unique and memorable mountain getaway. Slopeside accommodations in a classic high-alpine lodge are just steps from the lifts and cross-country trails. Park your car in our garage, have your luggage loaded onto a personal gondola and get ready to be whisked away to the only snowbound village in America. Amenities include the classic Dining Room, inviting Belt Room Bar, Village Espresso and the Sporthaus fitness center.

Visit sugarbowl.com/hotel for room descriptions, rates and seasonal deals or call toll free (866) 843-2695.



SNOWSHOE RULES AND ETIQUETTE

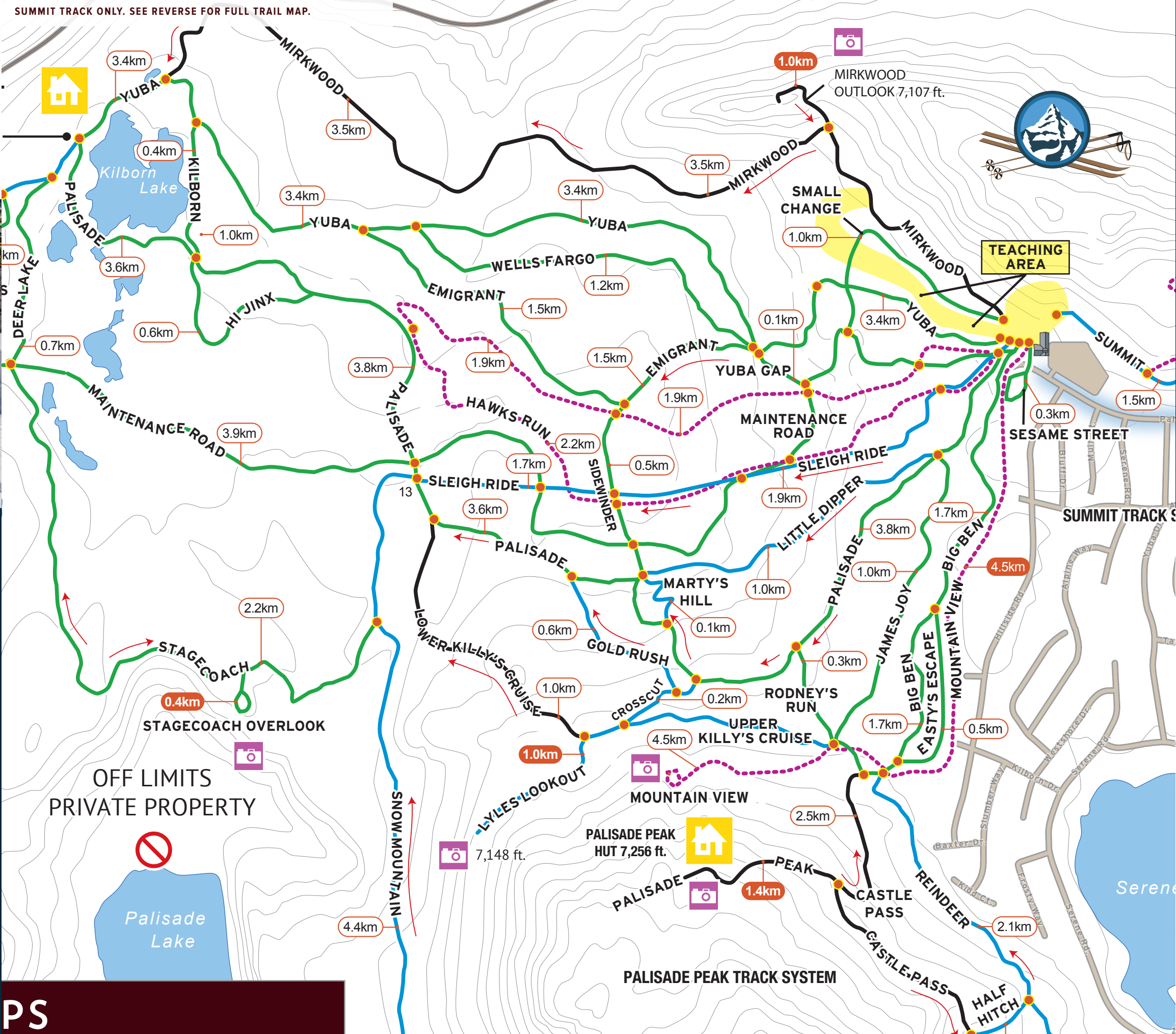
- Stay to the sides of the trail
- Step off the trail when taking breaks
- Yield right-of-way to faster or uphill traffic
- Snowshoe single file



HOW TO USE THIS MAP

To navigate North America's largest cross country resort a map is essential so you can maximize your day while enjoying over 140km spread across 6,000+ acres of pristine landscape. The trail network in its entirety can be found on the reverse side plus an expanded view of the Summit Track trail network can be found to the right. Additionally, several recommended loops are detailed for those just getting to know Royal Gorge.

- Distances provided on the map are for the total distance of the named trail indicated by —
- Ten out-and-back trails are included on the map. — indicates the total distance you will travel heading out to the point and returning on that trail.
- The contour interval of the topographic map is 40'.
- All trails at Royal Gorge are intended for two-way traffic, — indicates a steep downhill, not direction of travel.
- Snowshoeing is permitted on all Royal Gorge trails, however several popular trails are designated as snowshoe only routes. If using a route not indicated by — please remain to the side of the trail so as not to disturb the grooming for skate/stride participants.
- There are more than 20 kilometers of dog-friendly trails in the Van Norden Track System which allows you to skate, classic or snowshoe along with your canine. These trails are marked by —



WARMING HUTS

Eight warming huts are scattered across the 6,000 acres of Royal Gorge's pristine trail network. Stop in to get out of the cold, relax and take in the views.



Horseshoe Hut	27.5km out-and-back, accessed from Summit Station.
Devil's Outlook Hut	12.8km out-and-back, located in the Devil's Peak Track, accessed from Summit Station.
Palisade Peak Hut	5.3km out-and-back, accessed from Summit Station.
Snow Mountain Hut	11.3km out-and-back, accessed from Summit Station.
Hellman Hut	10km out-and-back, accessed from Summit Station.
West End Hut	1.8km out-and-back, accessed from Van Norden Trailhead.
Bogus Basin Hut	8km out-and-back, accessed from Van Norden Trailhead.
Merrill Family Hut	3.5km out-and-back, accessed from Van Norden Trailhead.

TRAIL RULES AND ETIQUETTE

- Trails are open 8:30am – 4:00pm. All trails within the Royal Gorge System are two-way trails. Do not ski trails when they are designated closed on the trail report.
- Obey all signs and posted warnings. Choose trails based on your ability and fitness.
- All trail users (skiers, snowshoers and dogs) must have a valid trail pass or season pass to be on the trails.
- Maintain control of your speed and direction at all times. Be able to stop or avoid other people, objects or dogs.
- When merging into a trail or starting down a hill, look uphill and yield to others. In all other instances, stay to the right-hand side of the trail.
- Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible to others.
- If you encounter grooming equipment step off the trail and make eye contact with the driver.
- Prior to using any lift, you must have the knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely. Do not cross any surface lift track except at designated points.
- Snowshoers, please stay on designated snowshoe trails or to the outside of ski tracks.
- Help maintain the integrity of the striding tracks by not skating or snowshoeing over them.
- Report accidents and injuries to Royal Gorge staff, or call (530) 426-3871.



DOG RULES AND ETIQUETTE

- All trail users and their dogs must have a valid trail pass or season pass to be on the trails.
- Dogs must remain on designated dog trails at the Van Norden Track System only. No dogs are permitted inside Lodges.
- Dogs must be on leash at all times in parking lots and at trailheads.
- Please pick up dog waste and dispose of plastic bags in designated "Doggie" waste receptacles provided at the Van Norden Trailhead, Merrill Family Hut and West End Hut. You are responsible for your dog's waste.
- Once away from the trailhead, obedient dogs under close voice command shall be off-leash to eliminate entanglement. Skijoring, being pulled by a harnessed dog, is not permitted.
- Please leave aggressive and disobedient dogs at home. Unruly dogs will be asked to leave.

