



Fairbanks Winter Trails Challenge 2019-2020

Trails List

Non-Motorized

Ski Only

Multi-Use

Difficulty: * = Easy *** = Moderate ***** = Difficult

- #1. **Chena River Walk @ Griffin Park Downtown** *
 - Griffin Park is in the heart of downtown Fairbanks along the south bank of the Chena River between Golden Heart Plaza on 1st Avenue and the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center on Wendell Avenue. Paved pedestrian path.
- #2. **Indoor Walking Track @ Big Dipper Ice Arena** *
 - Too cold and dark outside but need to get moving? Come to the Big Dipper Ice Arena at 1920 Lathrop Street! Admission is free. Walking track hours can be found at our website: parks.fnsb.us, or call 907-459-1070. Walking and strollers are allowed.
- #3. **Flicker Trail @ Tanana Lakes Recreation Area** *
 - Drive to the park entrance at the end of South Cushman. Find the trailhead parking lot on the right, just after Northlake Lane. Or alternatively, turn right on Northlake Lane and park at the picnic pavilion, first parking on the left. This is a non-motorized trail.
- #4. **Retriever Pond Loop @ Tanana Lakes Recreation Area** *
 - Drive to the park entrance at the end of South Cushman. Find the trailhead parking lot on the right, just after Northlake Lane. Take the trail to the left, past the gate and onto the levee groin (also called Southlake Lane) heading south. To your left (east) you'll find an open pond with a loop. This side of the recreation area is multiple-use.
- #5. **River Park Ski Trail @ Chena Lake Recreation Area** * *
 - In North Pole, follow Laurance Road to enter Chena Lake Recreation Area. Near the end of the road, turn left onto the River Park Road. Follow the signs for trailhead parking on the left. Note: it is the first pullout, no longer at the picnic pavilion. Follow the GREEN trail markers around the BIG loop, almost 6 kilometers long. This is a non-motorized trail.
- #6. **Moose Creek Dam Trail @ Chena Lake Recreation Area** *
 - In North Pole, follow Laurance Road to the East to enter Chena Lake Recreation Area. The levee is the long, tall wall of earth to your right that parallels Laurance Road. Park at one of three locations: Upon entering CLRA on the left, or at a pullout on the right across from the Lake Park Road, or at a pullout at the very end of Laurance Road. This trail is non-motorized.
- #7. **Foxtrot @ Pearl Creek Nordic Ski Park** *
 - Pearl Creek Nordic Park is between Ballaine Road, Auburn Drive and Herreid Road. Nearby parking is at Pearl Creek Elementary off Auburn Drive. These trails are ski only during winter, though a single walking footpath weaves throughout the park.
- #8. **East Ramp @ Birch Hill Recreation Area** * *
 - Parking for the Jim Whisenant Ski Trails is at the Birch Hill Recreation Area and Ski Center, located at 101 Wilderness Drive. These trails are non-motorized and for skiing only during winter.
- #9. **Skyline Ridge Trail @ Skyline Ridge Park** * *
 - From Farmer's Loop Road, get to Cranberry Ridge Road by taking Summit Drive or by taking Skyline Drive to the top of Crestline Drive and turning left. Then follow Cranberry Ridge uphill to Noel Drive. Public access to the park is at the Skyline Ridge trailhead at the top corner of Noel Drive and M.I.A. Street. Parking is limited. This is a non-motorized trail.
- #10. **Lynx Loop @ Salcha Elementary Ski Trails** * * *
 - Parking for the Salcha Ski Trails is at Salcha Elementary, 8530 Richardson Hwy. Please check in at the office if using the trails during school hours. Drugs, alcohol, tobacco and firearms are prohibited on school property. Trails are ski only.
- #11. **Eldorado Creek Trail @ Goldstream Valley Public Use Area** * * *
 - A roadside pullout for trailhead parking is along Ballaine Road about ¾ north past the top of the hill (past Eldorado Road), just before crossing Goldstream Creek. You can also park at a pullout on Goldstream Road across from Buck's Drive. After parking, cross the road and find the lower Eldorado Creek Trail at the end of Buck's Drive. Please respect neighboring private property. Watch for dog teams. Trails in the Goldstream Public Use Area are informally maintained in the winter for multiple-uses.
- #12. **Tanana Valley Railroad Trail @ Goldstream Valley Public Use Area** * * *
 - A roadside pullout for trailhead parking is along Ballaine Road about ¾ north past the top of the hill (past Eldorado Road), just before crossing Goldstream Creek. Watch for dog teams. Trails in the Goldstream Public Use Area are informally maintained in the winter for multiple-uses.
- #13. **Colorado Creek Trail @ Chena River State Recreation Area** * * * *
 - Access these trails in the Chena River State Recreation Area from the Lower Stiles Creek & Colorado Creek trailhead located at MP 31.6 Chena Hot Springs Road. Consider renting the Colorado Creek cabin for a magical winter weekend! Trail guide here: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/maps/comepatrailguide.pdf>

For more information call the Parks and Rec office at 459-1070 or email park@fnsb.us.