

Backcountry Code

Presented by Steamboat Lake Snow Club

1. Backcountry winter activities are a privilege – treat others with respect even if the favor is not returned.
2. Know and respect property boundaries for private land, non-motorized areas and designated wilderness. Know before you go!
3. While on the National Forest, control your pets at all times to show respect for others and to protect wildlife. You are a visitor.
4. Always ski and ride within the limits of your abilities. Travel at safe speeds, especially in high traffic areas, and keep to the right.
5. Be prepared to spend the night if you are lost or injured. Always tell someone where you're going and when you'll be back. Carry items to help others if needed.
6. If you opt to ski or snowshoe on a groomed multiple use trail be aware that the trail is a shared resource.
7. Be aware that everyone values untracked powder slopes. Respect and share this critical resource.
8. Always give a friendly wave to other backcountry enthusiasts.

First Aid

In case of an emergency, dial 911. First aid treatment can be provided by all park rangers at the Visitors Center. Rangers can also summon emergency medical services or search and rescue for more urgent care.



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Steamboat/Pearl Winter Recreation Guide

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Non-Motorized Trails

Nordic Touring Center Designed by Dave Mark.

LEGEND

- Steamboat Lake
- Roads
- P Visitors Center
- P Parking
- T Restrooms
- T Ski Touring Center Trails
- T Snowshoe Trail
- T Trailhead

TRAIL DISTANCE

(Miles/Kilometers)

Dutch Hill	1.36 mi/2.19 km
Sunrise Vista Loop	1.58 mi/2.62 km
The Meadows	1.2 mi/1.30 km
Main Street	.2 mi/.3 km
Homestead Meadow	.71 mi/1.4 km
Cross Cut Trail	.89 mi/1.43 km

DIFFICULTY

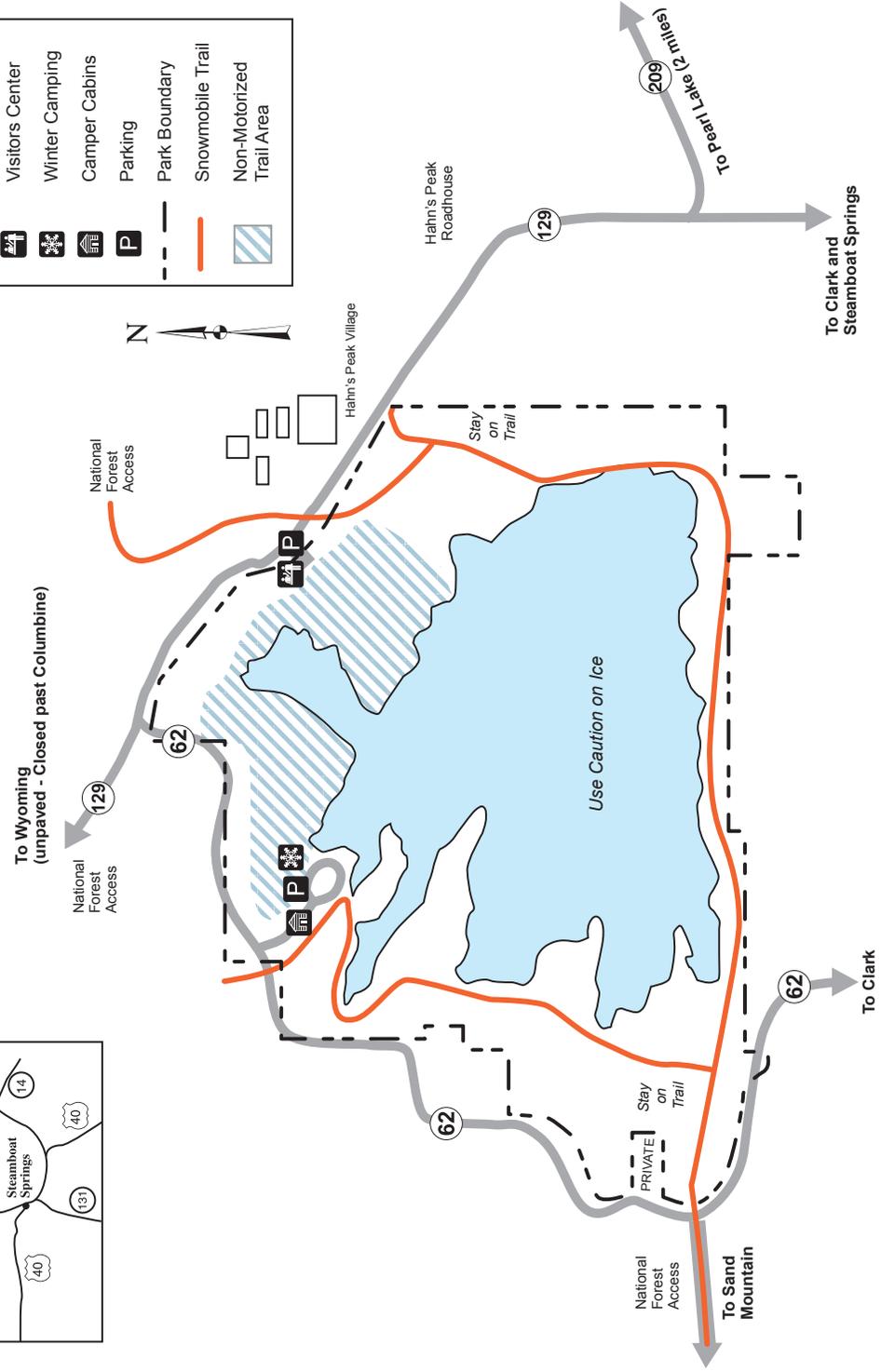
- Beginner
- Intermediate

Multiple Use Trails

LEGEND

- Steamboat Lake
- Roads
- Visitors Center
- Winter Camping
- Camper Cabins
- Parking
- Park Boundary
- Snowmobile Trail
- Non-Motorized Trail Area

LOCATION MAP



Welcome

During the winter months Steamboat Lake and Pearl Lake State Parks take on a whole new personality. With over 300 inches of snowfall, winter recreationists immerse themselves in snowmobiling, snowshoeing and classic Nordic and skate skiing on groomed trails. The Steamboat Lake Ski Touring Center is located at over 8000 feet of elevation and offers some of the best early and late season snow in Colorado. Trails within the park are groomed as needed, and offer breathtaking views of the surrounding peaks. For those in search of a quiet getaway far from the crowds, Steamboat Lake and Pearl Lake State Parks are a true winter oasis, while still only 26 miles from the amenities offered in nearby Steamboat Springs.

Passes and Permits

All vehicles entering Steamboat Lake State Park are required to display a valid Colorado State Parks pass on their vehicle windshield. Both daily and annual passes are available and may be purchased at the Visitors Center and self-service dispensers. The Aspen Leaf annual pass is available to Colorado seniors 64 and older at a discounted rate. There is no additional fee to use the nordic trails.

❄️ Winter Camping

Fourteen electric hookups are available in the Marina parking lot during winter months on a first come, first served basis. Basic non-electric camping is also available. Camping permits and valid vehicle passes are required for all campers.

🏠 Cabins and Yurts

Ten camper cabins at Steamboat Lake are reservable through the Steamboat Lake Marina at 970-879-7019 or at www.steamboatlakemarina.com. Coin operated showers and flush toilets are available for cabin guests year round. Heated yurts are available year round at Pearl Lake. In the winter the yurts are accessible only by snowshoe, ski or snowmobile. From approximately the last week in October until Memorial Day, the road to access the yurts is closed due to snow. The trail into the yurts is approximately 0.5 mile long. There is no drinking water available at the yurts during the winter months and cooking is not permitted inside Yurt #16 is pet friendly. A 10.00 pet deposit per day is required.

🎣 Ice Fishing

Steamboat Lake offers excellent opportunities for ice fishing during the winter months. Lures or bait can be used with no size limits on the daily bag limit of four fish. Pearl Lake is restricted to flies and lures only and the bag limit is two fish over 18 inches. Ice conditions can vary, so please use caution.

🏂 Snowmobiling

While a portion of the park is designated for non-motorized travel, snowmobilers can ride the remainder of the park or access the Routt National Forest and over 145 miles of groomed trails. Motorized trails are marked with orange poles. Avoid non-motorized trails marked with blue poles and watch for private property boundaries.

🎿 Ski Touring Center

Several areas within Steamboat Lake are zoned "non-motorized" in winter and feature a network of groomed ski trails. The trails are well marked with blue poles and are suitable for beginner to intermediate classic and skate skiers. Pearl Lake offers cross-country skiers a pristine backcountry powder experience.

👤 Snowshoeing

A well marked snowshoe trail offers spectacular views of the winter landscape at Steamboat Lake. The trail begins at the Steamboat Lake Visitors Center and winds through a forest of lodgepole pine.

🐾 Pets

Pets must remain on a leash at all times to keep wildlife, other park visitors and your dog safe. A leashed dog shows other trail users proper courtesy. Please clean up after your pet.

Steamboat Lake Snow Club

The Steamboat Lake Snow Club makes the groomed trails at Steamboat Lake possible. The Snow Club is a nonprofit group committed to multiple use winter recreation within the area. Stop in at the Visitors Center to make a donation or to become a member.