



## Hatcher Pass – East Side, Summit Lake and Independence Mine Winter Recreation Conditions

May 6, 2024

Park Facility	Snowmobile Status	New Snow	Ave. Snow Depth	Conditions
Gold Mint Trailhead	<b>CLOSED</b>	1"	28"	<b>Parking &amp; camping fee. No cash accepted.</b>
Gold Mint Trail	<b>NON-MOTOR</b>	1"	28"	Narrow foot/ski pack for first 2 miles. Softer in the afternoon.
Archangel Trailhead	<b>NON-MOTOR</b>	2"	40"	<b>\$ 5 parking fee. Cash only.</b> Last groom of season 5/4.
Archangel Valley	<b>CLOSED</b>	2"	40"	Variable snow depths. Punchy.
Fishhook Trailhead	<b>TRAIL ONLY</b>	3"	41"	<b>Parking &amp; camping fee. No cash accepted.</b>
Independence Mine Bowl	<b>NON-MOTOR</b>	4"	46"	<b>Parking fee. No cash accepted.</b> Ski trail groomed 5/4.
Summit Lake SRS	<b>OPEN</b>	4+"	13-45"	Variable snow depths.
Mile 16 Ski Run	<b>NON-MOTOR</b>	2-3"	2-40"	Beware of hazards hidden in snow.

1-4 inches of new wet snow accumulation on 5/6. Road conditions range from slushy to snow covered above Archangel. Parking areas in similar condition. Beware of ice/snow around fee stations and latrines.

**Hatcher Pass is an AVALANCHE HAZARD AREA**. Forecasts are done for the year, but the avalanches are not. Visit [hpavalanche.org](http://hpavalanche.org) for the latest user observations and view [Current Weather Information](#) to make good backcountry decisions. Always carry a beacon, shovel and probe and continue to practice their use. Avalanche beacon checkers are located at Gold Mint, Fishhook and Independence Bowl fee stations. See attached Avalanche Hazard map for known avalanche paths.

### **SNOWMACHINE INFORMATION: TRAIL ONLY FROM FISHHOOK TO SUMMIT LAKE.**

Fishhook to Summit Lake remains open with traffic restricted to trail only. New snow on 5/6 has covered previously exposed areas of tundra. **It is imperative to stay on trail to protect underlying vegetation. The shortcut from the road crossing up to Summit Lake that cuts the road is particularly vulnerable. Failure to remain on trail could result in an earlier closure.** Conditions will be re-evaluated on 5/10.

Please see the attached map and FAQ for general riding/parking information. Remain within motorized boundaries to reduce conflict with other users. Snowmachines must be currently registered and properly displayed to operate on public lands. Many boundary markers may be buried due to heavy snowfall.

A \$5 day-use fee or annual parking pass is required at most trailheads throughout the area.

2024 Annual Parking and Boat Launch Passes are available online at [AlaskaStateParks.org](http://AlaskaStateParks.org) or in-person at AKtive Soles located at 984 N Meridian Place in Wasilla or 642 S. Alaska St. Suite 100 in Palmer.

Click the link to visit [Alaska State Parks](http://AlaskaStateParks) online for current conditions and for questions, call (907) 745-3975.



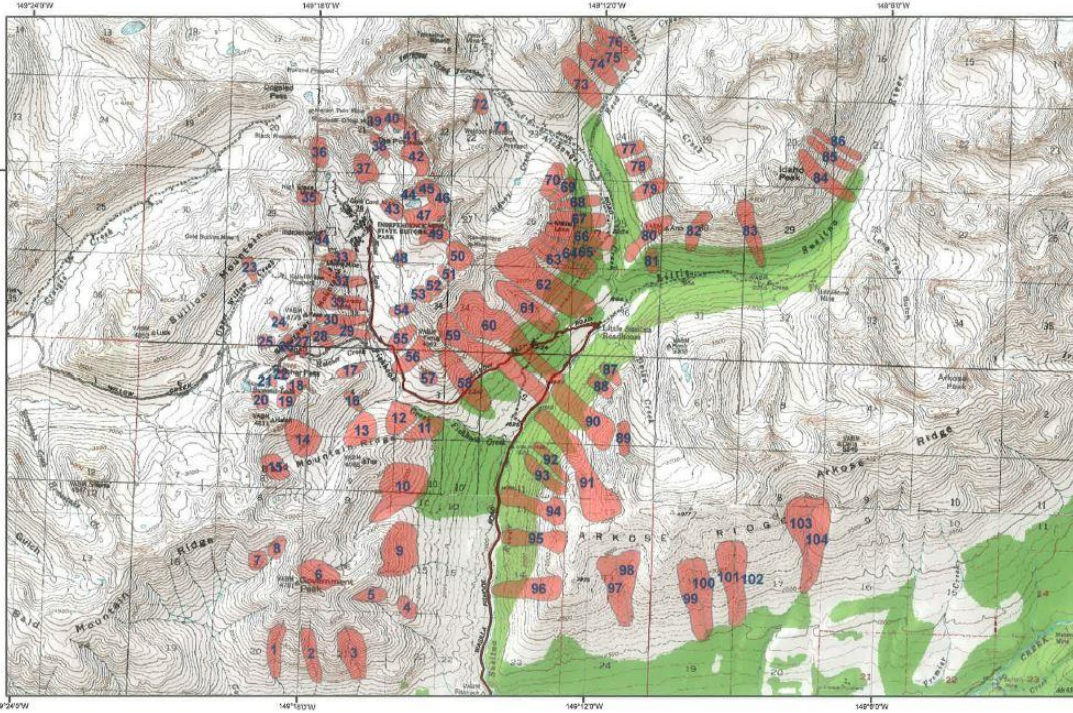
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## AVALANCHE PATHS OF HATCHER PASS AREA, ALASKA

### AVALANCHE PATHS

1. Government PK S 1
2. Government PK S 2
3. Government PK S 3
4. Upper Glades
5. Government PK E
6. Seldom Bean Bowl
7. Upper Government PK 1
8. Upper Government PK 2
9. Frostbite Ridge
10. Sunnyvale
11. Fat Bob
12. Torch Light
13. Women's Run
14. Bear Den 1
15. Bear Den 2
16. Hatcher Ridge South
17. Hatcher Ridge North
18. April Bowl
19. April Bowl 2
20. Lake Run
21. Pass Saddle 1
22. Pass Saddle 2
23. Gold Duck Fault
24. W Skyscraper 2
25. W Skyscraper
26. Skyscraper 3
27. Skyscraper 2
28. Skyscraper 1
29. Skyscraper Pk 1
30. Skyscraper Pk 2
31. Eldorado
32. Martin Mill
33. Portal Fault
34. High Grade
35. Friendship Pass
36. Death Traverse
37. Rock Garden
38. Upper Rock Garden
39. Upper Rock Garden 2
40. Pinnacle 1
41. Pinnacle 2
42. Gold Cord Lake 1
43. Gold Cord Lake 2
44. Gold Cord Lake 3
45. Gold Cord Lake 4
46. Rose Blod
47. Rose Wallace
48. Bevilmin Tim's
49. Marmot Chute 1
50. Marmot Chute 2
51. Marmot Chute 3



### AVALANCHE PATHS

52. Marmot Chute 4
53. Lodge Slide
54. W Marmot 1
55. W Marmot 2
56. Fishhook
57. Marmot Gully 3
58. Marmot Gully 2
59. Marmot Gully 1
60. Archangel 1
61. Archangel 2
62. Archangel 3
63. Archangel 4
64. Archangel 5
65. Mabel 1
66. Mabel 2
67. Mabel 3
68. Sidney Creek N
69. Arch Prospect
70. Webfoot Prospect
71. Reed Trail 1
72. Reed Trail 2
73. Reed Trail 3
74. Snowbird
75. Idaho Ridge 1
76. Idaho Ridge 2
77. Idaho Ridge 3
78. Idaho Ridge 4
79. Divide Ridge 1
80. Beaver Dam
81. Gold Mine 1
82. Gold Mine 2
83. Gold Mine 3
84. Idaho Peak SE 3
85. Arkose
86. Arkose Ridge 6
87. Della
88. Arkose Ridge 5
89. Arkose Ridge 4
90. Arkose Ridge 3
91. Waterfall
92. Arkose Ridge 2
93. Arkose Ridge 1
94. Arkose S 1
95. Arkose S 2
96. Arkose S 3
97. Arkose S 4
98. Arkose S 5
99. Arkose S 6
100. Arkose S 7
101. Arkose S 8



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Data Sources: USGS DTM's and DEM's  
Avalanche data referenced from Alaska  
State Parks and Avalanche Mapping  
GPS collection. It does not represent all the  
possible avalanches that could occur.





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## Snowmachine FAQ

### **Where do I park?**

Parking for trucks without trailers is available at Mile 17.5 (just below Hatcher Pass lodge on the left.) Parking for vehicles with trailers Fishhook (large parking lot on the right just past mile 16.) All parking areas are marked with a brown snowmachine sign. **No parking or unloading at Independence Bowl.** (large parking lot past Hatcher Pass Lodge)

### **Why does my snowmachine have to be registered?**

AS 28.39.010: A person may not operate a snowmobile within the state unless the snowmobile has been registered and numbered as required by this chapter.

Snowmachine registration dollars go into the SnowTRAC program which is now administered by the Department of Transportation. Groups around the state, including the Hatcher Pass Snow Riders Club, receive these funds to groom trails and improve motorized access throughout the state. HPSRC has already been out working to mark the trail this season and will begin grooming after equipment maintenance is complete. Groomed trails provide more access to grow the community.

Visit <https://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/reg/snow.htm> or your local DMV for more information about how to register a snowmachine.

### **Where can I ride? See attached map. All areas in red are non-motorized.**

Fishhook to Summit Lake is open providing access to the West Side of Hatcher Pass. Follow the trail markers from Fishhook and either continue to Hatcher Pass Lodge (private property) or cross the road to follow Willow-Fishhook to the West Side.

### **What can I ride?**

A snowmachine is defined by regulation as a self-propelled vehicle that:

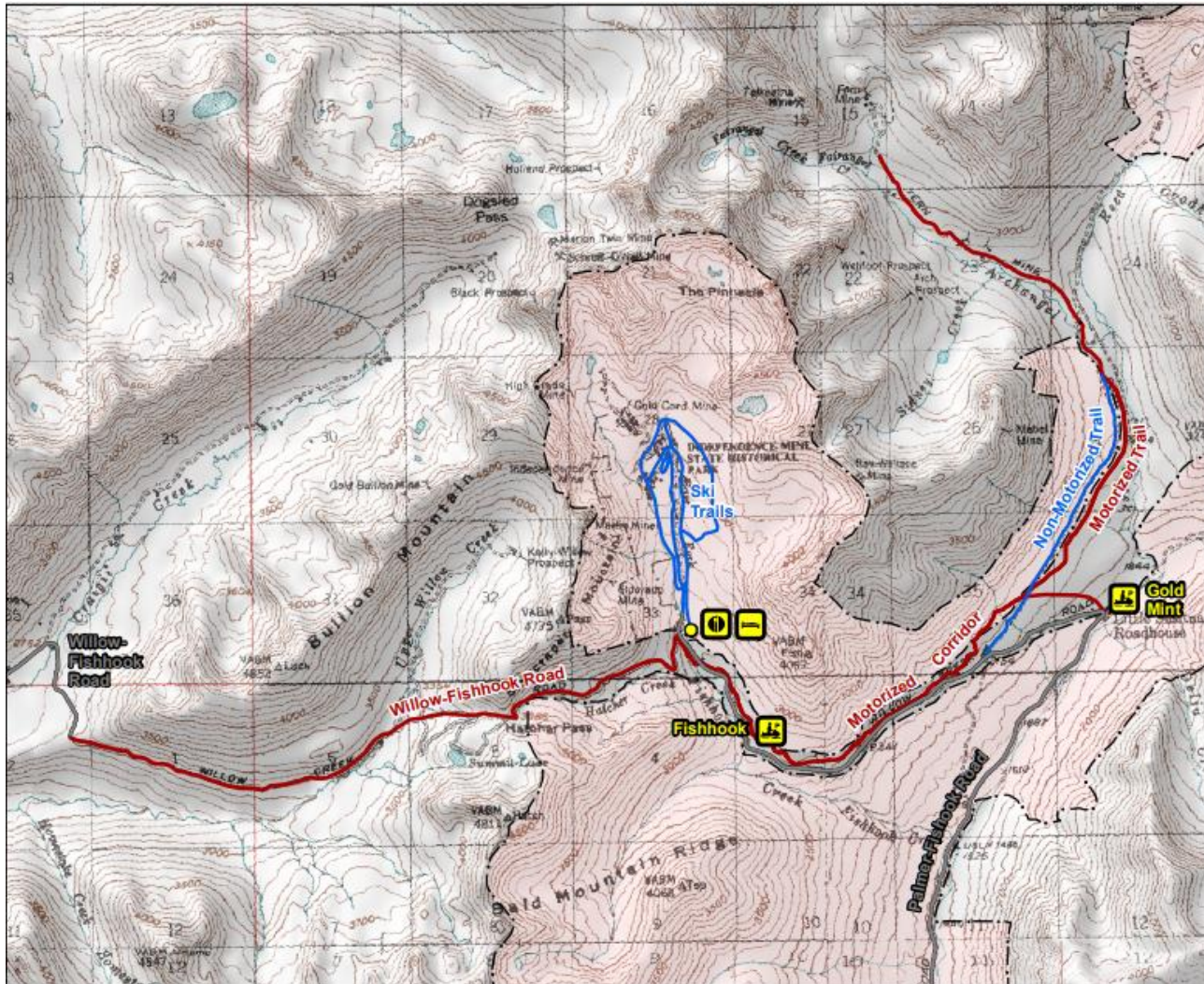
- is primarily designed or altered for travel on snow or ice;
- has a curb weight of not more than 1,500 pounds;
- is not more than 72 inches wide;
- is supported in part by skis, belts, or cleats;





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This map represents Snowmobile Trails Advisory Council (SnowTRAC) approved trails. These trails are groomed using snowmobile registration funds.

This map is provided for reference only, and is not intended as a navigation aid.

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For more information visit:  
[dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/groompl.htm](http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/groompl.htm)  
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