



Hatcher Pass - East, Summit Lake, Independence Mine

Winter Recreation Conditions

Current Date: January 18, 2019

Area	Snowmobile Status	New Snow	Average Snow Depth	Ice Depth	Comments
Gold Mint Trailhead	Closed	0"	32"		Parking Fee Required.
Gold Mint Trail	Non-Motor	0"	32+"		Parking Fee Required.
Archangel Trailhead	Closed	0"	32"		Road Closed. Parking Fee Required.
Archangel Valley / Reed Lakes Trail	Closed	0"	32+"		Parking Fee Required. NO PARKING ALONG ROADWAY
Fishhook Trailhead	Restricted	0"	30"		Parking Fee Required. Marked trail only to West Hatcher Pass
Independence Mine Lower Parking Area	Non-Motor	0"	34+"		Parking Fee Required. IMSHP complex was professionally groomed 1-17-19
Summit Lake	Open	0"	27"		SLSRS and West Hatcher are open with trail only restrictions in East Hatcher Pass
Mile 16 and Paradise Ski Runs	Non-Motor	0"	30"		

****Average snow depth recorded is uncompressed.** Snowmobile openings are based on the snowpack's ability to protect underlying vegetation and include: depth measurements, snow density, wind loading, temperatures, forecast, terrain, topography, elevation, and snow base and ice conditions. River and lake ice crossing safety is not implied and at the risk of the individual.

Conditions update:

There is a RESTRICTED snow machine opener from the Fishhook Trailhead to Summit Lake. Users must follow the normal marked route or use the roadway from the mile 17.5 gate to the Summit Lake area. Snow conditions are widely variable with thin snow cover and no base in many areas. Riders use caution to avoid buried hazards.

We are testing an electronic pay station accepting Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and AMEX at the Independence Bowl Parking area. Please print and display receipts face up on your dash board as record of payment. Cash and check payments are still accepted.

Dog owners remember to leash your animals within developed facilities and at trail heads. Always clean up after your pet.

A \$5 day-use fee or annual parking pass is required at most trailheads throughout the area. Please respect private properties adjacent to public land. Please check the Alaska State Parks website or call 745-8950 for current conditions. For current weather, see the Marmot Mountain Weather Station at www.cnfaic.org/wx/wx_site.php?site=marmot.

All snowmobiles must have their current registration tags displayed when used on public lands.

Hatcher Pass is an AVALANCHE HAZARD AREA. For avalanche information: www.hpavalanche.org.

Be sure to take your beacons, shovels and probes with you and be knowledgeable of their use.