

Description of the Main CTSC Dixon Trails

Jackrabbit Loop: Suitable for beginner skiers. About 1 km long. Trailhead is across the road (south) and to the west (right, when looking from the clubhouse). Be careful – there are two entry points into the bushes – the one going to the right is part of Trail 1. Take the one to the left that climbs a somewhat steep hill. This first climb is the only challenging climb, and there's one long, but not steep, downhill. The Jackrabbit Loop simply moves counter-clockwise around the bushes and circles back to the pond across from the clubhouse near where you started. **NOTE 1:** A few meters from the start of the Jackrabbit Loop is a practice hill that runs clockwise. We encourage beginners to practice going up and down the loop on this practice hill to gain confidence before hitting the actual trails. **NOTE 2:** If you are looking for less-challenging terrain, the first km of Trail 1/2/3 is mostly in a wheat field (but you do have to navigate one fast downhill and one good climb right at the beginning). And of course, our groomed trails on the golf course in Humboldt are another option as there are no significant climbs or downhills there.

Trail 1: Suitable for intermediate skiers or beginner skiers who are not afraid to tackle lots of climbs and downhills. About 5.5 km long. Trailhead starts at the northeast corner of the clubhouse. The first 1.5 km travel through relatively flat field with the exception of two hills. Continue along until you hit the junction of Trail 1 and 2/3 and take a left turn which heads east towards the clubhouse. Cross the road and enter the bushes just south of the road but before the Jackrabbit Loop. The next 4 km travel through rolling terrain with some moderate hills. This trail sometimes parallels the skating trail. Eventually the trail doubles back to end just across the road south of the clubhouse. A spectacular view of the surrounding area is possible from Bald Butte (location of old unused ski ramp).

Trail 2: Suitable for intermediate skiers and advanced skiers. The **shortcut to the Log Cabin route** would be suitable for beginner skiers who are not afraid to tackle lots of climbs and downhills. The full trail is about 9 km long. Trailhead is also at the Northeast corner of the clubhouse and travels the 2 km to the junction of Trail 1 and 2/3. At this junction please take the right hand trail and proceed west and eventually north around Trail Lake. The trail heads to a fence line where you will find the shortcut to the Log Cabin (sharp right). The shortcut takes 4 km off the route. Staying on Trail 2, you will come to another fence line and see the junction of Trail 2 and Trail 3 which is approximately 4 km from the trailhead. Take the right hand trail at this junction and head northeast until it joins with Trail 3 on the return trip to the clubhouse. Soon after the junction you will encounter Grouse Mountain which is one of the larger hills on the CTSC trails. This hill provides a nice rush as you head down. Please feel free to walk down beside (but not on) the trail if you feel this hill is beyond your skiing capabilities. This trail continues east then winds back up a long hill to the Log Cabin. This is an excellent spot to enjoy snacks or a picnic lunch with a very scenic view of the surrounding hill sides including Mount Carmel and the statue of Mary the mother of Jesus visible 10 km straight west. This is also a warm sunny spot as it faces south. From the Log Cabin, Trail 2 winds south and east through more rolling terrain as you approach the clubhouse.

Trail 3: Suitable for advanced skiers. About 13 km long. Trailhead is also at the northeast corner of the clubhouse. Take Trail 2 as discussed above until you get to the junction of Trail 2 and Trail 3 north of Trail Lake. Trail 3 heads west through rolling terrain and bush and eventually north where you will encounter two significant hills (Whistler Mountain, Big White Mountain). These hills should be respected and quite often a slower route down is offered. Please take the slower route if you feel these hills are beyond your skiing capabilities, or if the trail conditions are fast. Eventually Trail 3 joins back up with Trail 2 and you are on your way towards Grouse Mountain and the Log Cabin. Due to the distance and the advanced level hills, it is recommended that you don't ski this trail alone, or without proper preparation including appropriate equipment.

Skating Trail: CTSC offers a 3.7 km skating trail. This trail starts just across the road south of the clubhouse at the same point as the Jackrabbit loop. Start the skating trail heading west and immediately turn left up the hill. The trail then heads south towards the bottom of Bald Butte and further south to parallel Trail 1 on the west and south ends. The skating trail then loops north just east of Moose Meadow and heads gradually back towards the clubhouse over rolling terrain. The trail ends at the starting point just south of the clubhouse. Please try not to ski on the groomed classic tracks as the trail overlaps Trail 1.