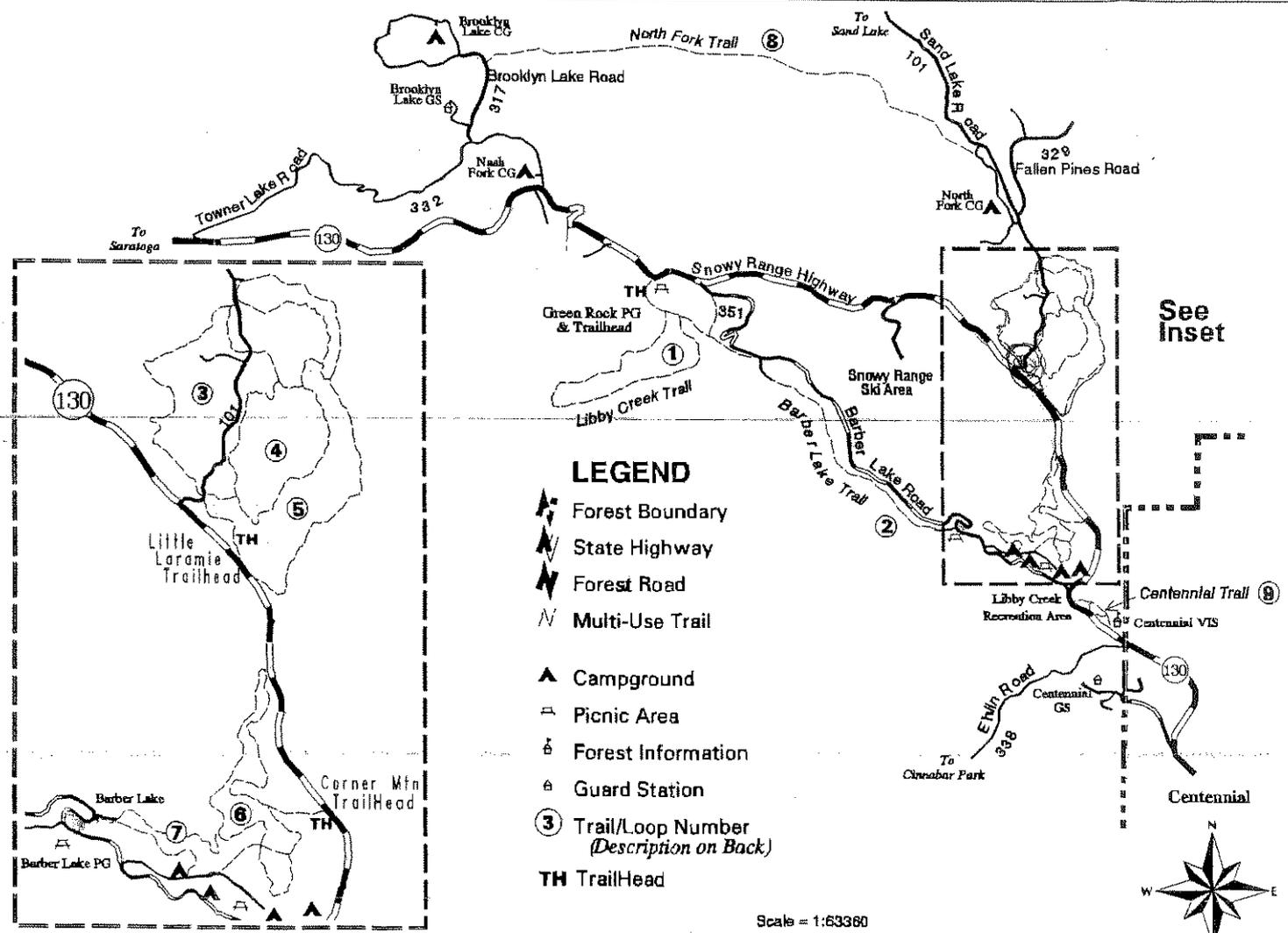


# Lower Snowy Range Trails

## Medicine Bow National Forest - Laramie Ranger District



### LEGEND

- Forest Boundary
- State Highway
- Forest Road
- Multi-Use Trail
- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Forest Information
- Guard Station
- Trail/Loop Number (Description on Back)
- TH** TrailHead



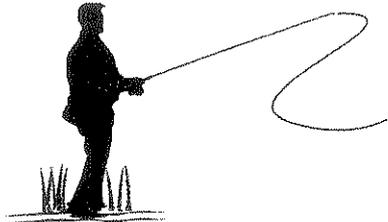
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These trails were originally designed as cross country ski trails but have since been designated as multi-use trails suitable for nonmotorized travel including mountain bikes, hikers, horses, and skiers. Since they were first designated as ski trails, there are some fairly rough sections of trail that may be challenging for summer trail users.

The trails are all accessed from trailheads along the Snowy Range Scenic Byway (Highway 130). There are many trails and roads in the Snowy Range which are suitable for nonmotorized travel, but it would not be practical to list all of the possible routes, so only the more popular trails located along Highway 130 are listed here.



#### ACCESS

##### CORNER MOUNTAIN TRAILHEAD

This trailhead is located 3 miles above the town of Centennial on Highway 130. It accesses the Corner Mountain Loop and Camp Loop and serves as a good place to leave a shuttle vehicle for people using the Barber Lake Trail.

##### LITTLE LARAMIE TRAILHEAD

This trailhead is located just below the intersection of Highway 130 and the Sand Lake Road. It provides access to the Meadow Loop, River Trail, and Lodgepole Loop.

##### GREEN ROCK TRAILHEAD

The Green Rock Picnic Area and Trailhead are located approximately 9 miles above Centennial on Highway 130. It accesses the Libby Creek Trail and Barber Lake Trail.

#### TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

**#1 LIBBY CREEK TRAIL.** This trail begins at the Green Rock Trailhead and is approximately 6 miles long round trip back to Green Rock. The trail follows along the ridgeline of Libby Creek Canyon and then descends to Libby Creek. From there the trail follows along the creek to Libby Falls and then climbs out of the canyon and ties into the Barber Lake Trail. Users can either go back up to Green Rock or proceed down the Barber Lake Trail. It is rated as "most difficult".

**#2 BARBER LAKE TRAIL.** This trail is also rated "most difficult". The trail is almost entirely downhill and does not require a great amount of endurance, but does require skill as it winds its way down an exciting combination of old roads and ski trails. The trail is approximately 4.5 miles long and most users usually leave a shuttle vehicle at Barber Lake or Corner Mountain Trailhead. Very few users attempt to go back up the trail.

**#3 LODGEPOLE LOOP, #4 MEADOW LOOP, AND #5 RIVER TRAIL.** These trails are all accessed out of the Little Laramie Trailhead. They are all interconnected and provide for a number of routes to choose from. Since they are interconnected, it is not practical to give a mileage for each loop. All together there are approximately 9.5 miles of trail. The terrain is mostly rolling with a few short steep stretches, with the overall rating of "more difficult".

**#6 CORNER MOUNTAIN LOOP, AND #7 CAMP LOOP.** These trails are also interconnected trails which offer a variety of routes. There are approximately 7 miles of trail which twist and turn through rolling terrain with several short steep sections. These trails are rated "more difficult".

**#8 NORTH FORK TRAIL.** This trail is accessed from either the Brooklyn Lake Road or Sand Lake Road just above the North Fork Campground. The trail is approximately 4.5 miles in length and is rated "most difficult".

**#9 CENTENNIAL TRAIL.** This trail is accessed from the Centennial Visitor Center at the Forest boundary. This trail consists of a one mile loop and a connector trail to the Libby Creek Campground and Corner Mountain trail system. It is rated as "easiest" and is a good trail for those who don't want a long trip.

#### TRAIL ETHICS

Practice light impact use on all Forest Service Lands so you and your friends can return time and again to rediscover the fresh beauty of the wild. Here are a few basic rules.

##### PETS:

Running dogs can harass wildlife and stock, and can cause conflicts with other visitors.

\*Pets must be kept under control at all times.

##### BIKES:

Avoid conflicts between bikers and other users which compromise safety and enjoyment.

\*Ride on open trails only.

\*Control your bicycle

\*Always yield to other trail users.

##### STOCK USE:

\*Stock should be tied off the trail to allow other users to safely pass.

\*Use existing trails

##### TRAIL COURTESY:

\*Those on foot and bike should quietly move off of the trail to allow stock to pass. Loud noises or unnecessary movement can spook stock causing injury to animals or humans.

##### REFUSE:

Keep area litter-free and natural

\*General Rule: **Pack It In Pack It Out**

*Disguise the sight and sound of your passage, leaving no trace that you were even there.*

#### CAUTION

As a user of National Forest system lands, you have a significant responsibility for your personal safety during any activity you might pursue.

The Forest Service does install signs and other information devices at various locations where site conditions warrant. However, the size of the National Forest and the variety of natural and man-made conditions limits placement of signs and other specific warnings and necessitates the use of more general education efforts on inherent dangers.

Hazards are not limited to, but include; changing weather conditions; snow; avalanches; landslides; caves; overlooks; falling tree & limbs; high or rushing water; contaminated water; wild animals; becoming lost or overexerted; hypothermia; mining remnants; excavations; tunnels & shafts; decaying structures and a wide variety of equipment and rapidly changing road and trail conditions. You may be exposed to unreasonable acts of other people. The Forest Service does not manage or control all of these occurrences.

It is your responsibility to know the hazards involved in your activities and to use the proper safety procedures and equipment to minimize the inherent risks and hazards related to your activity.

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## Medicine Bow - Routt National Forest Laramie Ranger District

### LOWER SNOWY RANGE TRAILS



The Medicine Bow Rail-Trail is a non-motorized trail that has been converted from a portion of the abandoned Laramie, Hahns Peak and Pacific Railroad. Construction of trail began in the summer of 2005 and is expected to continue through the fall of 2007.

The Rail-Trail has a hard-packed gravel surface averaging 10 feet wide. Grades and curves are very gentle and suitable for users of varying abilities. The trail is 21 miles from the Pelton Creek Trailhead in the south to the Dry Park Trailhead in the north.

As of the spring of 2007, seventeen miles of the rail-trail have been substantially completed. Those sections are from the Pelton Creek Trailhead to the Woods Creek Trailhead (11 miles) and from the area of Foxpark to the Lake Owen Trailhead (6 miles).

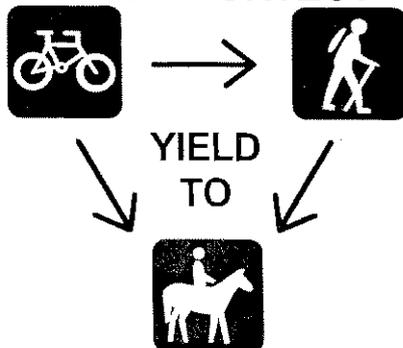
The Pelton Creek, Woods Creek and Lake Owen Trailheads are open for use. All three have accessible vault toilets and picnic tables. Lake Owen has a hand pump for water.

The remainder of the rail-trail and trailheads will be under construction during the summer of 2007. Please be aware that there still may be some construction work at any point along the trail or at the trailheads while the finishing touches are being made.

**The Medicine Bow Rail-Trail was developed in partnership with:**

- Laramie Bicycling Network (Bikenet)
- Cycle Wyoming
- Wyoming Department of Transportation
- Federal Highways Administration
- U.S. Forest Service Century of Service Grant

**TRAIL COURTESY**



Distances Between Trailheads in Miles						
	Pelton Creek	Vienna	Woods Creek	Lincoln Gulch	Lake Owen	Dry Park
Pelton Creek	##	6	11	14	19	21
Vienna	6	##	5	8	13	16
Woods Creek	11	5	##	3	8	11
Lincoln Gulch	14	8	3	##	5	7
Lake Owen	19	13	8	5	##	2
Dry Park	21	16	11	7	2	##



**Trail Use**

- Observe the system of courtesy yielding shown to the left.
- Avoid trail usage after heavy rains and during snowmelt.
- Mileages are approximate and should be used for general reference purposes only.
- Dogs are permitted on the trail, however the following must be observed in order to continue this privilege:
  - Dogs must be leashed or under voice control at all times.
  - It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that their dog does not interfere with other users' safety & enjoyment.
- Trailhead logbooks are for management and reference purposes. They are only checked for your return if someone reports you missing.
- The section of rail bed through the area of Foxpark is not open for public use. Please use Forest Roads 512 and 517 to avoid the private land.

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**MEDICINE BOW RAIL-TRAIL**



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National Forests

**Laramie Ranger District**  
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**Season Pass or Day Use**  
**Parking Fee Required at**  
**Developed Trailheads**



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# FOLLOW THE TRACKS ON THE MEDICINE BOW RAIL-TRAIL

## SUSTAINING RESOURCES

Follow the tracks of the Laramie, Hahns Peak, and Pacific Railroad, and learn how it hauled timber, coal, and cattle to support the livelihood of early loggers, miners and ranchers. The Medicine Bow National Forest still supports diverse wildlife, wetlands, forests, grazing lands, natural and historic features, and recreation opportunities.

Please help protect these resources for future generations.

### TRAIL ETHICS

- ✗ Motorized vehicles are prohibited on the trail.
- ✗ Stay on trail to reduce erosion.
- ✗ Control dogs by leash or voice.
- ✗ Pick up after your dog.
- ✗ Respect private property and closures.
- ✗ Leave structures and artifacts intact for future visitors to enjoy.
- ✗ Avoid introducing noxious weeds - check your bike for "hitchhikers."

### BE AWARE

#### WEATHER:

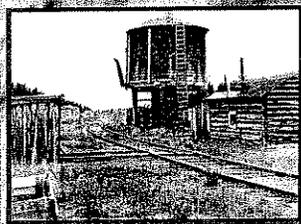
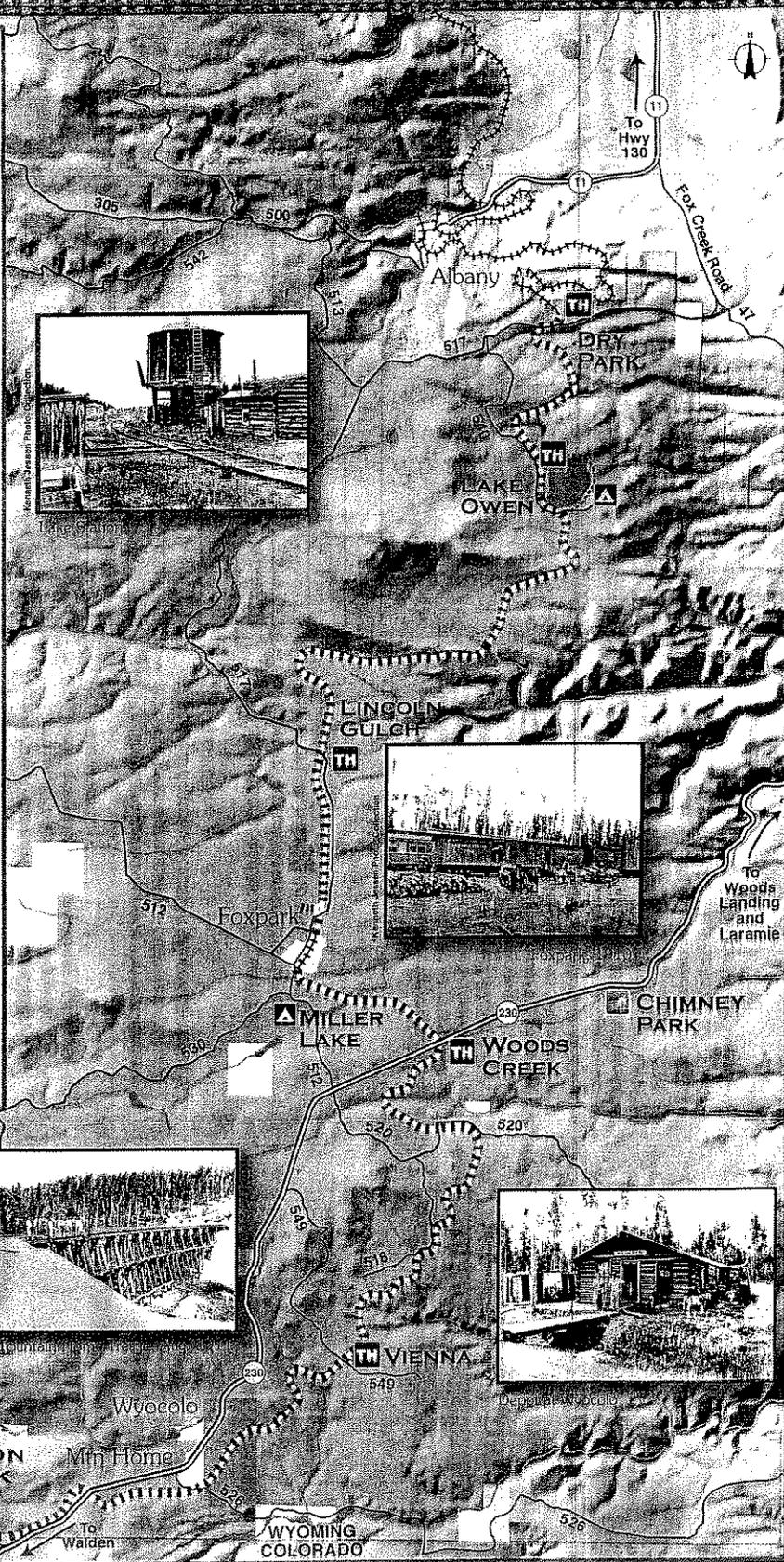
Clear, sunny days can quickly turn to afternoon thunderstorms. For your safety, carry raingear. Snow is possible any time of year.

#### HIGH ALTITUDE SICKNESS:

This trail is over 9,000 feet elevation. Drink plenty of water. Watch for symptoms: Headache, nausea, shortness of breath, loss of appetite and insomnia. Descend immediately if these symptoms persist and seek medical advice.

#### WILDLIFE:

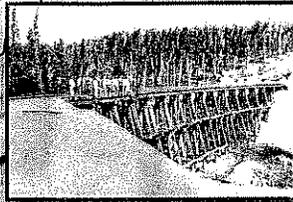
Respect wildlife. Never approach or feed any wild animal. Be aware of your surroundings and monitor young children. Wildlife you may see include: moose, mountain lion, black bear, elk, deer and antelope.



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Woods Landing and Laramie

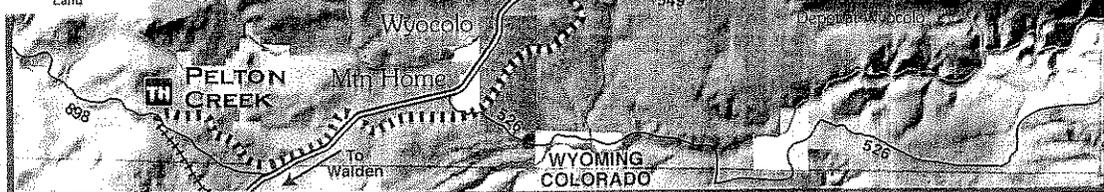


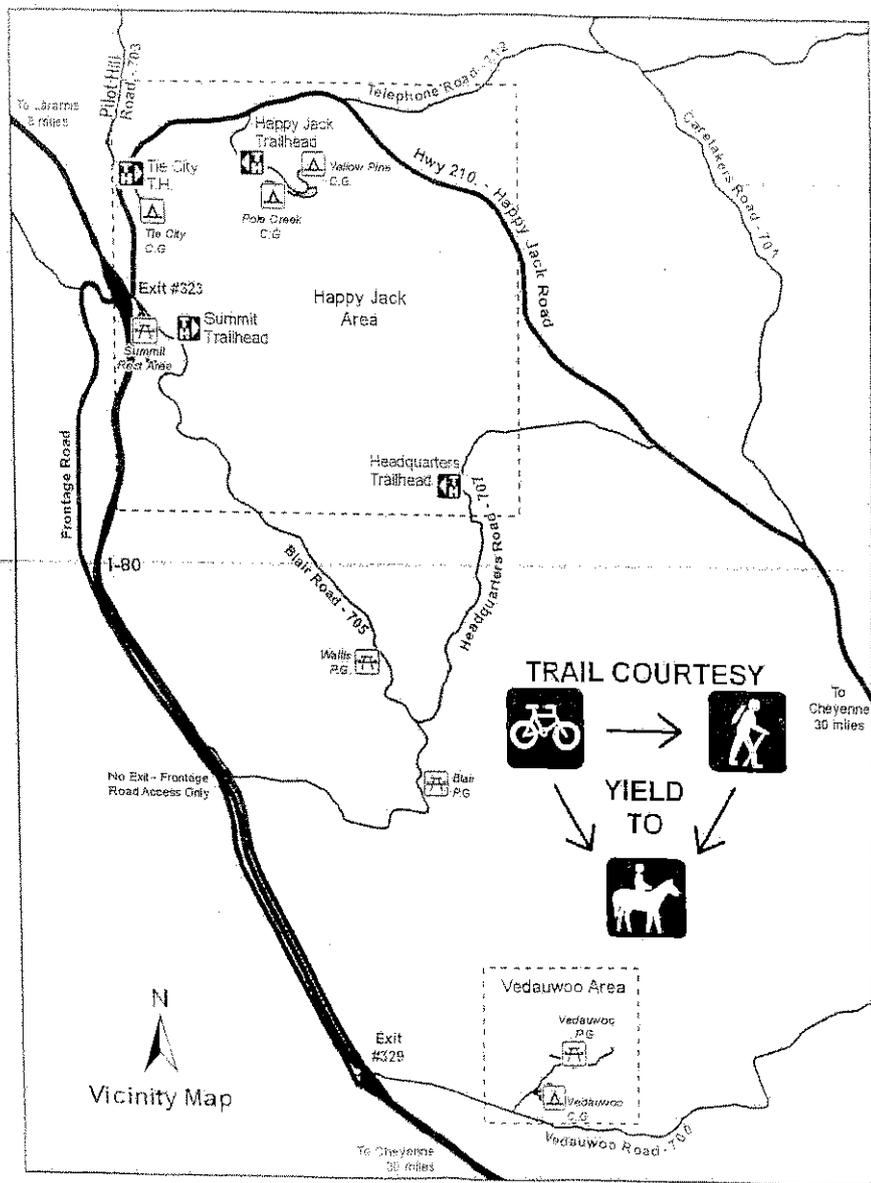
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Depot at Woodco

- SYMBOLS
- Forest Road
  - State Hwy
  - Rail Trail
  - Historic Rail Line
  - Streams
  - Hiking Trail
  - ▲ Campground
  - Trailhead
  - Winter Trailhead
  - Forest Land
  - State Land
  - Private Land





### TIPS & ETIQUETTE

- Always be on the lookout for other users, especially around blind corners or steep hills.
- Ride in control & allow faster riders to pass.
- Observe the system of courtesy yielding shown on the vicinity map to the left.
- Do not cut switchbacks; stay on established trails.
- Avoid trail usage after heavy rains and during snowmelt. Do not ride off-trail around obstacles.
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# POLE MOUNTAIN

## Summer Trails



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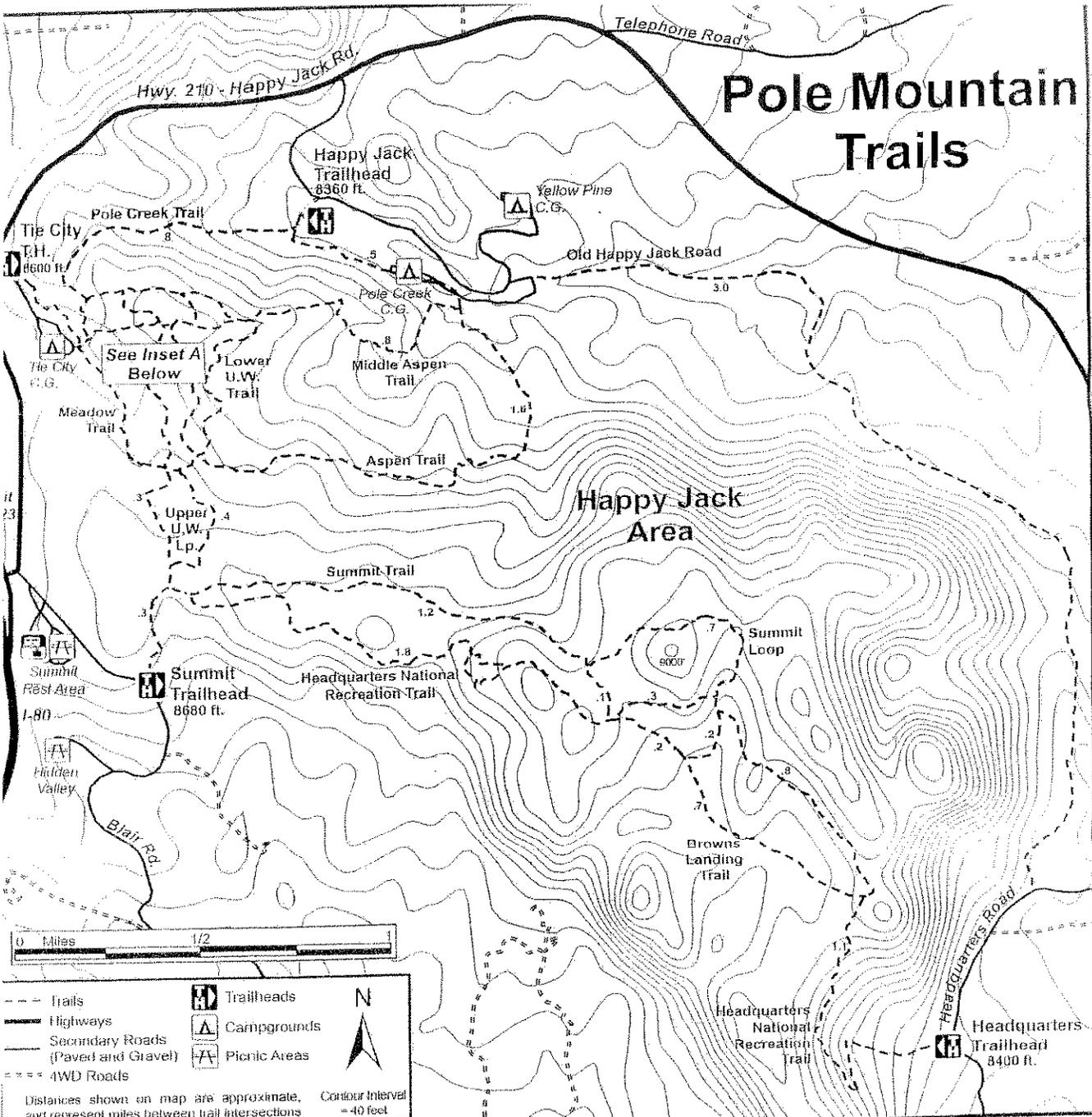
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# Pole Mountain Trails



--- Trails	Trailheads	N
== Highways	Campgrounds	
--- Secondary Roads (Paved and Gravel)	Picnic Areas	
--- 4WD Roads		

Distances shown on map are approximate, and represent miles between trail intersections. Contour Interval = 40 feet.

