



Trail Descriptions:

Night Loop: This 1.3 km loop starts at the Apex warming hut. The majority of the trail is on flat terrain, but also has a gentle rise near the warming hut that can provide some uphill and downhill experience for new skiers. The trail is lit until approximately 10:00 each night during ski season.

Apex: This 2.6 km loop encompasses part of the night loop. This trail is also on gentle terrain which is excellent for new skiers and children. The trail utilizes part of the old Nelson-Salmo highway.

Cottonwood: This 5 km intermediate trail starts at the north end of Apex loop. The trail starts and returns on the old BNR rail grade with two loops at the west end. The loop to the south is challenging with several hills and tight corners.

Beaumont: Beaumont loop, an expert trail, is about 1.5 km long and starts from mid-way around the Apex loop. It has several steep pitches and one or two tight downhill corners.

Busk: This 3.5 km intermediate loop goes through old and young forest, across several creeks, through bogs and beside the Salmo River. A portion of the return trail is on the old BNR rail grade.

Euphrates: This loop, paralleling the Salmo River, is a 2.5 km extension at the south end of the Busk trail. The riverside setting for this trail is beautiful and makes it one of the most popular trails at the NNSC.

Clearwater: Clearwater Forest Service Road is used as a trail and is groomed to about 6.7 km. It is an intermediate/expert trail with several step climbs. There is a return loop at 4.3 km that winds through old growth forest before rejoining the road. There is a small warming shelter located along this loop. There are two other short loops off the road as well. The last 2.4 km, beyond the 4.3 km loop, is strictly an up and back trail, though there are opportunities for several loops in this area. A return ski along the entire length of Clearwater is a total of 13.8 km.

Terrain Garden:

This is a small area, just below the Apex warming hut, also known as "the bumps and jumps". It has been designed for kids to have some fast fun after skiing the trails.

Trail in the Woods:

This short trail, in the woods in the centre of the night loop, was designed for kids to have fun in.

The trails are managed by the NNSC in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts as well as several private landowners in the area.



Trail Etiquette

Good Trail Etiquette makes skiing more enjoyable for all:

- Keep to marked trails- obey all signs - ski in designated areas only.
- The warming huts are user maintained - please remove your garbage.
- Don't "park" on the trail. Move off the trail if you wish to socialize.
- Fill in your sitzmarks!
- During recreational skiing, slower skiers yield to the right when faster skiers are passing. Faster skiers should call out "track" when approaching slower skiers, and should pass on the left.
- Two skiers meeting head on pass to the right of each other.
- If a trail is too narrow to allow safe passage past another skier, wait until the other skier passes.
- Skiers coming downhill have the right of way.
- Try to ensure a safe run out from a downhill section of the trail to avoid slower skiers at the bottom of the trail.
- Leave trails in the same or better condition than you found them in.
- If you need to stop, or if you fall, move off of the trail to allow clear passage for others.
- Do not litter. If you packed it in, pack it out.
- Respect private property.
- It is customary to say a friendly "hello" when passing other skiers.
- Please leave your dog at home - for the safety and enjoyment of all skiers.

The Nelson Nordic Ski Club (NNSC) is located 10 minutes south of Nelson on Highway 6. There are over twenty-five kilometres of trails groomed for both classic and skate skiing. There are lights for night skiing, two warming huts and trails rated beginner to expert.



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Nelson Nordic Ski Club Trail Map

- Nightloop
- Apex
- Cottonwood
- Beaumont
- Busk
- Euphrates
- Clearwater

- Beginner: Apex and Night Loop
- Intermediate: Cottonwood, Busk, Euphrates and Clearwater
- ▲ Advanced: Beaumont

