



# Snowshoeing Trail Report

**Friday, December 20, 2024**

There is not much snow in the woods, but the Snowshoe Trails are open for hiking. You will not need snowshoes, but sturdy hiking boots are recommended as the ground is pretty firm. Micro spikes are not generally needed but may help in a few places.

Be sure to check out the new East Side Snowshoe Trails. To get to the new trails start on the Blue Trail by the base of the Hurricane Triple chair lift. Follow the trail a short distance and you will see signs on the left for the new East Side Trails. A Green Trail will take you across Craney Pond Rd. and on to Goodwin Rd. (by the red house). This is a public road, but not marked. Please don't go down the private driveway. Follow Goodwin Rd. about ¼ mile. You will see a fine stone foundation on the left with a historical plaque denoting "The Site of the First Rope Walk in Henniker". Just after this on the right the New East Side Snowshoe Trail enters the woods.

The trail starts as Green (Easy), turns to Blue (Moderate) and then Black (Difficult). A future Green trail will take you back to Craney Pond Rd and the old Blue Trail, but is not yet completed. The Blue Trail continues straight and eventually takes a right (the Black Trail continues straight) and crosses Craney Pond Rd. and reconnects to the original Blue Trail. From there you can go left on the Blue Trail to the Cascade Basin or right and return to the lodge. After the Blue Trail turns right, the Black trail continues straight and takes you back across Craney Pond Rd and to the old Blue Trail that you started on. From there you can again go left on the Blue Trail to the Cascade Basin or right and return to the lodge.

Please note that these new trails are not yet on the trail maps.

There is no fee for using the Snowshoe Trails at Pats Peak. If you chose to snowshoe or hike on the ski trails, please be aware of skiers and riders, and follow Pats Peak's "Uphill Travel" policy", found in The Mountain/Services section of our Website:

[patspeak.com/the-mountain/services/uphill-travel](https://patspeak.com/the-mountain/services/uphill-travel)

A map of the Snowshoe Trails can be found on the Pats Peak website under: The Mountain/Services/Snowshoeing:

[patspeak.com/the-mountain/services/snowshoeing](https://patspeak.com/the-mountain/services/snowshoeing)

Be sure to tell someone where you are going and when you will be back, dress in layers, and bring high energy snacks and plenty of water.

This is a carry in/carry out site. Please carry out what you carry in. and please be respectful of surrounding private property.

A limited supply of snowshoes are available for renting in the Pats Peak Rental Shop.