

WINTER SPORTS RATINGS

Here is the listing of snowshoe and ski tours and the ratings according to difficulty. All mile numbers are ROUND TRIP, from beginning to end. Unless otherwise noted, all trips are in the BACKCOUNTRY. These types of trips may be rated 'Not too difficult' (NTD), but more often are rated 'Moderate' (MOD), or 'Most difficult' (MSD). They more likely encounter avalanche paths, and generally cross areas with steeper terrain. Avalanche beacons and shovels are strongly recommended for these type of trips, and may be required by the trip organizer (see trip descriptions). Typical examples are Powder Park of Catherine's Pass. A trip labeled TOUR is one which mostly follows along a groomed trail, or above an un-groomed road surface and generally has a gentler grade, and less risk of encountering avalanche paths. These types of trips are often rated NTD, but occasionally are rated MOD, or even MSD to length. Avalanche beacons are recommended on a more selected basis. Typical examples are Beaver Creek, or Norway Flats. 'Ski mountaineering' (SKI-MTN) is a rating for difficult trips which, in addition to snow gear and avalanche beacons, include boot climbing on exposed terrain and require self-arrest skills. The rating is determined by the most difficult technical requirement of the trip. For example, Pink Pine is short, but it is quite steep, so it is rated MSD.

* **Avalanche knowledge is a prerequisite for winter travel.** A new rating category for AVALANCHE AWARENESS has been compiled by the Winter Sports Committee to help you assess the relative risk for each trip. Legend- **A!** - trip crosses major avalanche path and/or multiple avalanche paths; **A** - trip crosses known avalanche path; **M** - trip involves minimal risk of avalanches.

EL and NTD RATINGS

| LOCATION | ROUTE | | RATING- * | MILES | VERTICAL | COMMENT |
|----------|--|----------|-----------|-------|----------|---------|
| Daniels | Telephone Hollow | | EL-NTD M | 3.0 | 300 | Tour |
| Wasatch | Albion Basin Road | EL-NTD M | 3.0 | 600 | | Tour |
| Wasatch | Mill Creek Road to Elbow Fork | EL-NTD M | 3.0 | 680 | | Tour |
| Wasatch | Willow Lake | NTD M | 3.0 | 800 | | |
| Wasatch | Lake Mary | NTD A | 3.0 | 910 | | |
| Daniels | Doe Knoll | | EL-NTD M | 5.0 | 300 | Tour |
| Wasatch | Green's Basin from Spruces | NTD M | 4.0 | 1000 | | |
| Wasatch | Lower Mineral Fork | NTD A | 4.0 | 1000 | | |
| Uintas | Smith & Morehouse Canyon to Ledgefork Campground | NTD M | | 6.0 | 400 | Tour |
| Daniels | Foreman Trail | NTD M | | 4.0 | 900 | Tour |
| Daniels | Telemark Hill | NTD M | | 5.0 | 1000 | Tour |
| Uintas | Bench Creek | NTD M | | 7.0 | 600 | Tour |
| Wasatch | Catherine's Lake | NTD A | 4.4 | 1200 | | |
| Wasatch | Silver Fork from Lodge | NTD A | 5.0 | 1280 | | Tour |
| Wasatch | Lower White Pine Canyon | NTD A | 5.0 | 1400 | | |
| Wasatch | Catherine's Pass from Alta | NTD A | | 5.0 | 1500 | |
| Wasatch | Dog Lake | NTD A | 6.0 | 1400 | | |
| Daniels | R Fork Little Hobble Creek to Valle | NTD M | | 7.0 | 1150 | Tour |
| Wasatch | Days Fork to Second Meadow | NTD A | 6.0 | 1600 | | |
| Uintas | North Fork of Provo River | NTD M | | 8.0 | 600 | |
| Uintas | Beaver Creek Trail | EL-NTD M | | 10.0 | 600 | Tour |
| Wasatch | Snake Creek Canyon | NTD+ A | 7.0 | 1800 | | Tour |
| Wasatch | Mill Creek Road to Turn-Around | NTD+ M | 10.0 | 1500 | | Tour |

MOD RATINGS

| LOCATION | ROUTE | | RATING- * | MILES | VERTICAL | COMMENT |
|----------|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------|-------|----------|---------|
| Uintas | Weber Canyon Road | MOD M | | 16.0 | 600 | Tour |
| Wasatch | Butler Fork to Overlook | MOD A | 3.0 | 1500 | | |
| Wasatch | Brighton to Twin Lake Pass | MOD A! | 4.0 | 1300 | | |
| Wasatch | Grizzley Gulch to Twin Lakes Pass | MOD A! | 4.0 | 1320 | | |

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| Wasatch | Tom's Hill | MOD | A | 4.0 | 1600 | | | |
| Wasatch | Bill's Hill | MOD | A | 3.4 | 1800 | | | |
| N. Wasatch | Little Dell-Affleck Park-Big Mtn | MOD | M | 11.0 | 1320 | | | Tour |
| Wasatch | Catherine's Pass from Brighton | MOD | A! | 5.0 | 1500 | | | |
| Wasatch | USA Bowl | MOD | A | 4.0 | 1800 | | | |
| Wasatch | Powder Park (Near)(South) | MOD | A | 4.0 | 1800 | | | |
| Uintas | Yellow Pine Trail | MOD | M | 7.0 | 2400 | | | |
| Daniels | Main Canyon -Murdock Hollow | MOD | M | 10.0 | 1400 | | | Tour |
| Daniels | Strawberry Peak | MOD | A | 10.0 | 1700 | | | Tour |
| Uintas | Little S. Fork-Willow Hollow Loop | MOD | M | 10.0 | 2000 | | | |
| Daniels | Clyde Creek- Mud Creek Loop | MOD | M | 14.0 | 1000 | | | |
| Stansbury | Deseret Peak Bowl | MOD | A | 9.0 | 2800 | | | |
| Wasatch | Big Water via Dog Lake | MOD | A | 6.4 | 1400 | | | |
| Wasatch | Alta to Brighton via Twin Lakes P | MOD | A! | 8.0 | 1320 | | | |
| Uintas | Smith Morehouse C. to Erickson B. | MOD | A | 15.0 | 1200 | | | |
| Uintas | Murdock Basin | MOD | M | 15.0 | 1400 | | | |
| Uintas | Upper Setting Road | MOD | M | 12.0 | 2300 | | | Tour |
| Uintas | Norway Flats Road | MOD | M | 12.0 | 2530 | | | Tour |
| Uintas | Red Pine Canyon to Mud Lake Flat | MOD | A | 14.0 | 2235 | | | |
| Wasatch | Lake Desolation | MOD | A | 8.0 | 1900 | | | |
| Wasatch | Brighton to Alta via Catherine's P | MOD | A! | 10.0 | | | | |
| Wasatch | Red Pine Lake | MOD | A | 8.0 | 2000 | | | |
| Uintas | Soapstone to N. of Iron Mine Mtn | MOD | M | 14.0 | 2240 | | | |
| Uintas | Shingle Creek | MOD | M | 14.0 | 2460 | | | |
| Wasatch | Green's Basin Peak | MOD | A | 6.0 | 2380 | | | |
| Wasatch | Meadow's Chutes | MOD | A! | 6.2 | 2380 | | | |
| Wasatch | Reynold's Peak | MOD | A | 7.0 | 2100 | | | |
| Wasatch | Little Water via Dog Lake | MOD | A | 7.4 | 2100 | | | |
| Wasatch | Powder Park (Middle) | MOD | A | 7.0 | 2200 | | | |
| Wasatch | Day's Fork to Upper Cirque | MOD+ | A! | 8.0 | 2000 | | | |
| Wasatch | Bear Trap to Lookout | MOD+ | A | 7.0 | 2400 | | | |
| Wasatch | Powder Park (Far)(North) | MOD+ | A | 8.0 | 2040 | | | |
| Wasatch | Upper Red Pine Lake | MOD+ | A! | 7.0 | 2400 | | | |
| Wasatch | Montreal Hill | MOD+ | A! | 7.0 | 2700 | | | |
| Heber | Main Canyon (Wallsburg to Strawb) | MOD+ | M | 15.0 | 3650 | | | |
| Wasatch | White Pine Lake | MOD+ | A! | 9.0 | 2400 | | | |
| Uintas | Windy Ridge | MOD+ | A! | 7.6 | 3200 | | | |
| Wasatch | Alta-Brighton-Alta | MOD+ | A! | 9.0 | 2800 | | | |

MSD RATINGS

| LOCATION | ROUTE | | RATING- * | MILES | VERTICAL | COMMENT |
|----------|--|-----|-----------|-------|----------|---------------|
| Wasatch | Pink Pine | MSD | A! | 2.0 | 1000 | Short & Steep |
| Wasatch | Cardiff Pass | MSD | A! | 2.0 | 1400 | Short & Steep |
| Wasatch | Flagstaff Mountain | MSD | A! | 2.8 | 2000 | Short & Steep |
| Wasatch | Cardiff Pass to. Big Cottonwood C | MSD | A! | 5.0 | Traverse | 1400 u 2800 d |
| Wasatch | Silver Fork via Brighton Twin Lakes | MSD | A! | 6.0 | Traverse | 1460 u 2400 d |
| Wasatch | Day's Fork to Big Cottonwood C. | MSD | A! | 5.5 | Traverse | 2000 u 3200 d |
| Wasatch | Mary Ellen | MSD | A! | 9.2 | 1820 | |
| Wasatch | Soldier Fork | MSD | A | 9.0 | Traverse | 1600 u 2800 d |
| Wasatch | Tuscarora- Wolverine | MSD | A! | 8.0 | 2100 | |
| Wasatch | Alexander Basin via Butler to Log H | MSD | A! | 7.0 | Traverse | 2600 u 3100 d |
| Wasatch | Silver Fork Crest | MSD | A! | 8.0 | Traverse | 2200 u 3400 d |
| Wasatch | Maybird Canyon | MSD | A! | 6.5 | Traverse | 2440 u 3000 d |
| Wasatch | Porter Fork | MSD | A! | 7.0 | Traverse | 2200 u 3400 d |
| Wasatch | Lake Blanche to Big Cottonwood C | MSD | A! | 8.0 | Traverse | 2600 u 4600 d |
| Wasatch | Mineral Fork from Alta | MSD | A! | 7.0 | Traverse | 2900 u 3500 d |
| Wasatch | Gobbler's Knob via Butler | MSD | A! | 7.0 | 3140 | |

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| Wasatch | Mt. Raymond via Butler Fork | MSD A! | 7.0 | 3140 | | |
| Wasatch | Major Evans | MSD A! | 9.2 | 2700 | | |
| Wasatch | Wilson Fork | MSD A! | 11.0 | Traverse | 2600 u | 3800 d |
| Wasatch | White Pine from Alta | MSD A! | 10.8 | 2700 | | |
| Stansbury | Victory Mountain | MSD A! | 10.0 | 3800 | | |
| Uintas | Hoyt Peak via Swift's Canyon | MSD A | 14.0 | 3530 | | |
| Uintas | Hoyt Peak via Hoyt Canyon | MSD A | 14.0 | 3601 | | |
| Stansbury | Deseret Peak from Guard Station | MSD A! | 12.0 | 4500 | | |
| Uintas | Norway Flats to Smith Morehouse | MSD+ A | 18.0 | 2680 | | |
| Uintas | Weber River to Norway Flats | MSD+ A | 20.0 | 2800 | | |
| Daniels | Currant Creek Peak | MSD+ A | 21.0 | 2800 | | |
| Wasatch | Triple Traverse- Alta to Toll Canyon | MSD+ A! | 16.0 | Traverse | 5700 u | 7600 d |
| Uintas | King's Peak (length!) | MSD+ A | 36.0 | 6800 | | Very long |

SKI-MTN RATINGS

| LOCATION | ROUTE | RATING- * | MILES | VERTICAL | COMMENT |
|----------|------------------------------------|------------|-------|----------|------------------|
| Wasatch | Mt. Superior | SKI-MTN A! | 6.0 | 2700 | |
| Wasatch | Pfeifferhorn via White Pine Canyon | SKI-MTN A! | 10.0 | 3700 | |
| Wasatch | Superior and Monte Carlo from Alta | SKI-MTN A! | 10.0 | 4810 | |
| Wasatch | Twin Peaks via Broad's Fork | SKI-MTN A! | 10.0 | 5100 | |
| Wasatch | Box Elder peak from Dry Fork | SKI-MTN A! | 12.0 | 5600 | |
| Wasatch | Pfeifferhorn from Dry Creek | SKI-MTN A! | 12.0 | 5630 | |
| Wasatch | Mt. Nebo from Mona | SKI-MTN A! | 14.0 | 6700 | |
| Wasatch | Bells Canyon Supertour Traverse | SKI-MTN A! | 14.0 | Traverse | 3500 u 5700 d |
| Wasatch | Lone Peak via Supertour Route | SKI-MTN A! | 16.0 | 5854 | |
| Wasatch | Timpanogos from Timpooneke | Ski-MTN A! | 22.0 | 6500 | |

Editorial Note: Snowshoe and Ski ratings above are listed in order of difficulty, according to this algorithm:

Difficulty = (M) + (3K). M is the round trip miles including tenths, if any. K is the thousands of feet of altitude gain including tenths, if any. For example: Catherine's Lake at 4.4 miles round trip and 1200 feet of altitude gain:

$$\begin{aligned} & (M) + (3 \times K) \\ & (4.4) + (3 \times 1.2) \\ & (4.4) + (3.6) = 8.0 \end{aligned}$$

If the outing is labeled as a TOUR, factor the difficulty answer by (0.6). Example: Foreman Trail at 4 miles length and an altitude gain of 900 feet calculates as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & (M) + (3 \times K) \times (0.6) \\ & (4) + (3 \times .9) = 6.7 \\ & (6.7) \times (0.6) = 4 \end{aligned}$$

Localized trail conditions may vary throughout the season and affect the actual difficulty on any given day (e.g. trail breaking, icy, bare spots, wind, warm, cold).