

SNOWSHOE TRAIL POINTS OF INTEREST AND DESCRIPTIONS



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Points Of Interest

Wolf's Den Shelter and Fire Pit

Distance: .25 Mile (round trip)

Difficulty Level: **Easy**

Wolf's Den is just a hop, skip and a jump from the Chalet. The trail leads you to a cozy covered picnic table and fire pit that is nestled into the side of Squirrel Hill. It is a perfect place to escape those chilly winds!

Start your journey at the Base Loop Trailhead and follow the red Snowstomper blazes.



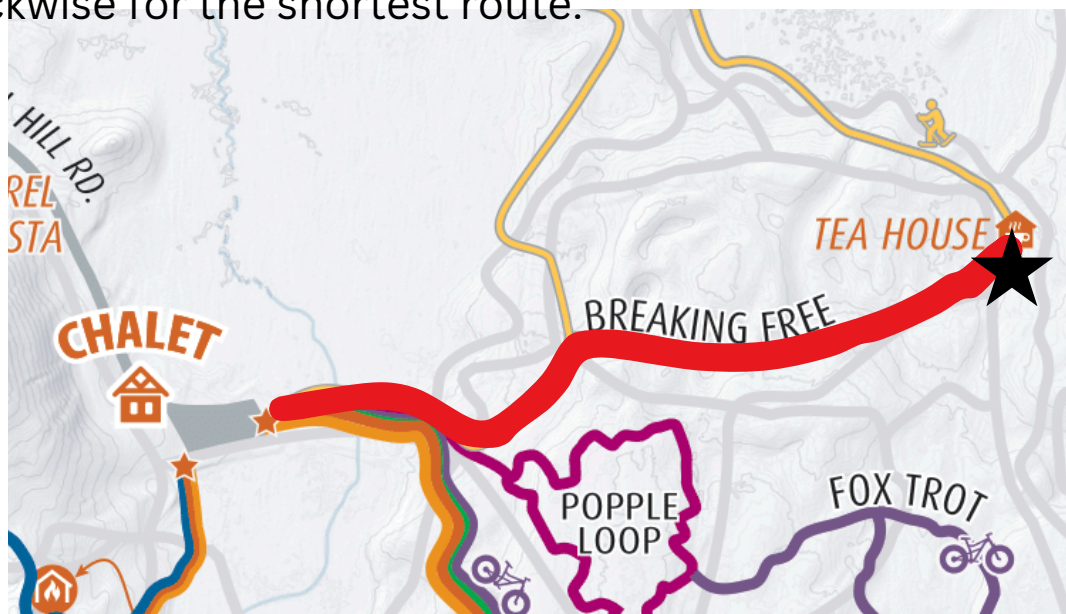
The Tea House

Distance: 1.5 Miles (round trip)

Difficulty Level: Easy

The Tea House is quintessentially cozy! Stop in from 11am-4pm during holidays and most weekends and warm up by the wood-burning stove or grab a table and (for a small donation) sip on some tea or hot chocolate. This Scandinavian-esque cabin is the perfect resting spot for weary travellers. This section of the trail also boasts some of the oldest pine trees in the entire park!

Start at the Parking Lot Trailhead and follow the yellow Breaking Free blazes counterclockwise for the shortest route.



The Beaver Pond

Distance: 1.5 Miles (round-trip)

Difficulty Level: Easy

Wind your way between massive pine trees; listen for the babbling of Yukon Creek; look for tracks of the snowshoe hares that love to share this trail with us. This is another great picnic spot with a table near a large pond made entirely by our industrious friends: the beavers!

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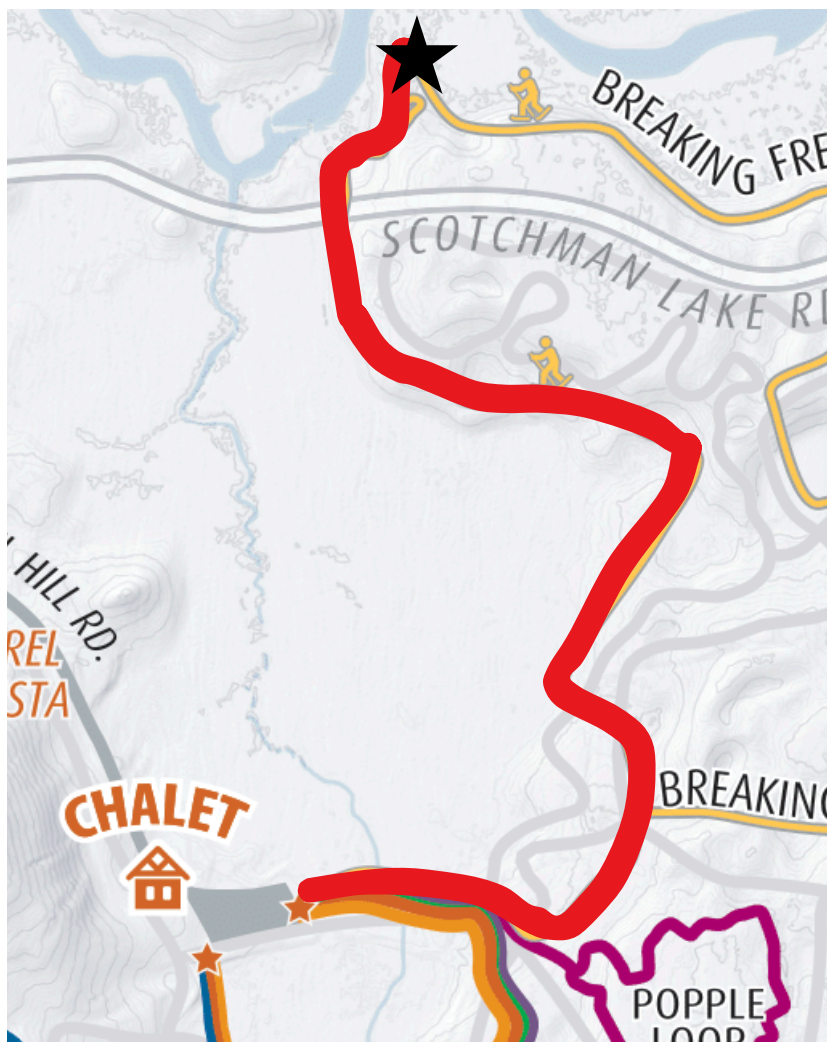
Otter Point

Distance: 2 Miles (round trip)

Difficulty Level: **Easy**

This secluded peninsula extending into the Squirrel River is the jewel of the Breaking Free trail. Named for the furry friends frequently seen here, Otter Point is the perfect place to listen to the sounds of the wilderness.

Start at the Parking Lot Trailhead and follow the yellow Breaking Free blazes clockwise for the shortest route.



Cottongrass Corner

Distance: 2.7 Miles (round trip)

Difficulty Level: **Easy**

A perfect spot to stop on the newest snowshoe loop: Fox Trot! Gaze across the black spruce bog and listen to the wind in the towering pines surrounding this peaceful point of land. Maybe you'll see the Cottongrass seed heads waving in the wind too.

Start at the Parking Lot Trailhead and follow the purple Foxtrot blazes clockwise for the shortest route.



Nature Shelter Trail and Fire Pit

Distance: 3 Miles (round trip)

Difficulty Level: **Easy**

This trailside shelter is a hub of activity! Watch the birds on the feeders, warm up next to the fire, and learn something new from the natural history displays and activities.

Start at the Parking Lot Trailhead and follow the green Nature Shelter blazes counterclockwise for the shortest route.



Land's End

Distance: 3 Miles (round trip)

Difficulty Level: Easy

Looking for solitude? This spot is for you! This narrow peninsula juts out into the Yukon Bog and is one of the farthest points away from a ski trail so you'll have the beauty of the Northwoods all to yourself.

Start at the Parking Lot Trailhead and follow the red blazes counter-clockwise around Snowstomper for the shortest route.



Fire Lookout Tower

Distance: 1 Mile (round trip)

Difficulty Level: Intermediate

Catch your breath and enjoy the views from atop Squirrel Hill! Wander around the base of the historic fire lookout tower (no access to top), watch for soaring eagles, and gaze over the miles of beautiful Northwoods forests.

Start at the Base Loop Trailhead and follow the blue Mountain Goat blazes counter-clockwise for the shortest route.



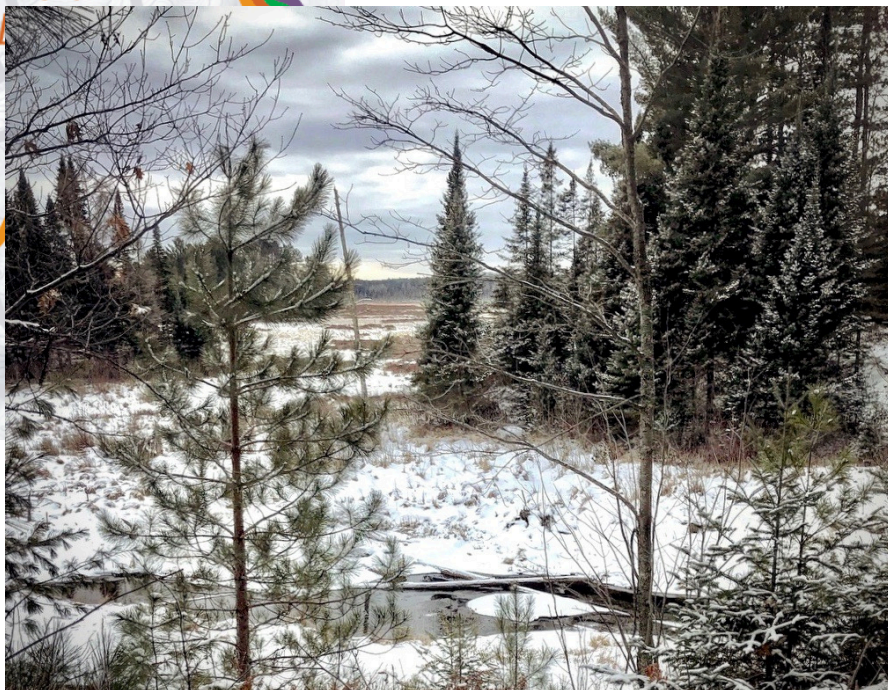
Hygge Ridge

Distance: 2 Miles (round trip)

Difficulty Level: Intermediate

Sit and take in the breathtaking view across the expanse of Yukon Bog. This narrow ridge parallels XC Express ski trail so you can watch skiers zoom by beneath you. Hygge (pronounced Hue-guh) is a Danish word loosely translated to mean a feeling of content, coziness, and charm. So, bring a little hot tea, cookies, and a warm coat and feel a sense of peace and tranquility.

Start at the Base Loop Trailhead and follow the orange Heights blazes for the shortest route.



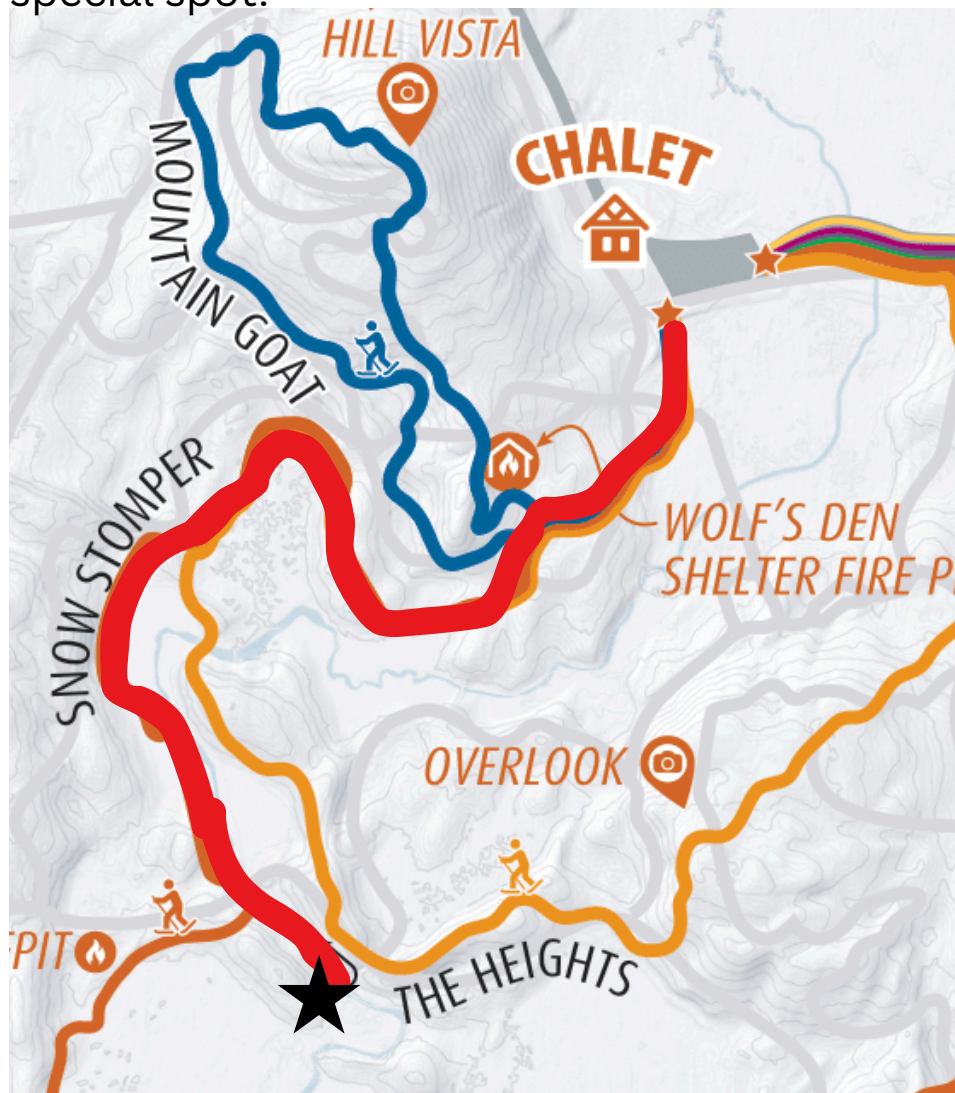
Secret Squirrel Point

Distance: 2 Miles (round trip)

Difficulty Level: [Intermediate](#)

This secluded picnic table is located on the wooded edge of the Yukon Bog. This is one of the oldest sections of snowshoe trail in the park with “Secret Squirrel” being the precursor to “Snowstomper”. With stunning views of both the bog and of Yukon Creek, Secret Squirrel Point is a wonderful spot for a private lunch date.

Start at the Base Loop Trailhead and follow the red Snowstomper blazes for the shortest route. Find the out and back spur that leads you to this special spot!



Yukon Vista Fire Pit

Distance: 2.5 Miles (round trip)

Difficulty Level: Intermediate

This is a popular spot for skiers and snowshoers alike. Enjoy the magnificent view across Yukon bog while lounging in the rustic covered bench or warm your hands by the fire. Fire starting materials are always available in the wood shelter near the fire pit.

Start at the Base Loop Trailhead and follow the red Snowstomper blazes for the shortest route.



Jeremy's Vista

Distance: 3.5 Miles (round trip)

Difficulty Level: **Intermediate**

Dedicated to the memory of Jeremy Richie, this lovely overlook sits high upon a ridge and offers a commanding view of Yukon Bog. Listen to the wind sigh through the impressive stands of red and white pine. At one of the farthest snowshoe trail points away from the chalet, this is a great place for quietude and contemplation.

Start at the Base Loop Trailhead and follow the red Snowstomper blazes for the shortest route.



The Island

Distance: 4.6 Miles (round trip)

Difficulty Level: Intermediate

For the more adventurous folk who want to tackle our longest snowshoe loop, this spot is for you! Take advantage of the picnic table to rest and refuel for the remainder of your journey. This island sits in the middle of the Yukon Bog and features some of the best views of black spruce bogs in the park.

Start at either trailhead and follow the red Snowstomper blazes. It's about equal distance from either side.

