

BACKCOUNTRY TRAIL MAP



YOU WILL NEED A BIGGER MAP

Pocahontas County has seen a lot of recent growth in its already extensive trail network, and is now offering truly big ride options. So extensive, the region has been crowned a Silver Level Ride Center by IMBA. Local brown-powder chasers get rowdy on the Tea Creek trails, and families love to explore the more mellow options around Green Bank and the various rail trails for scenic excursions.

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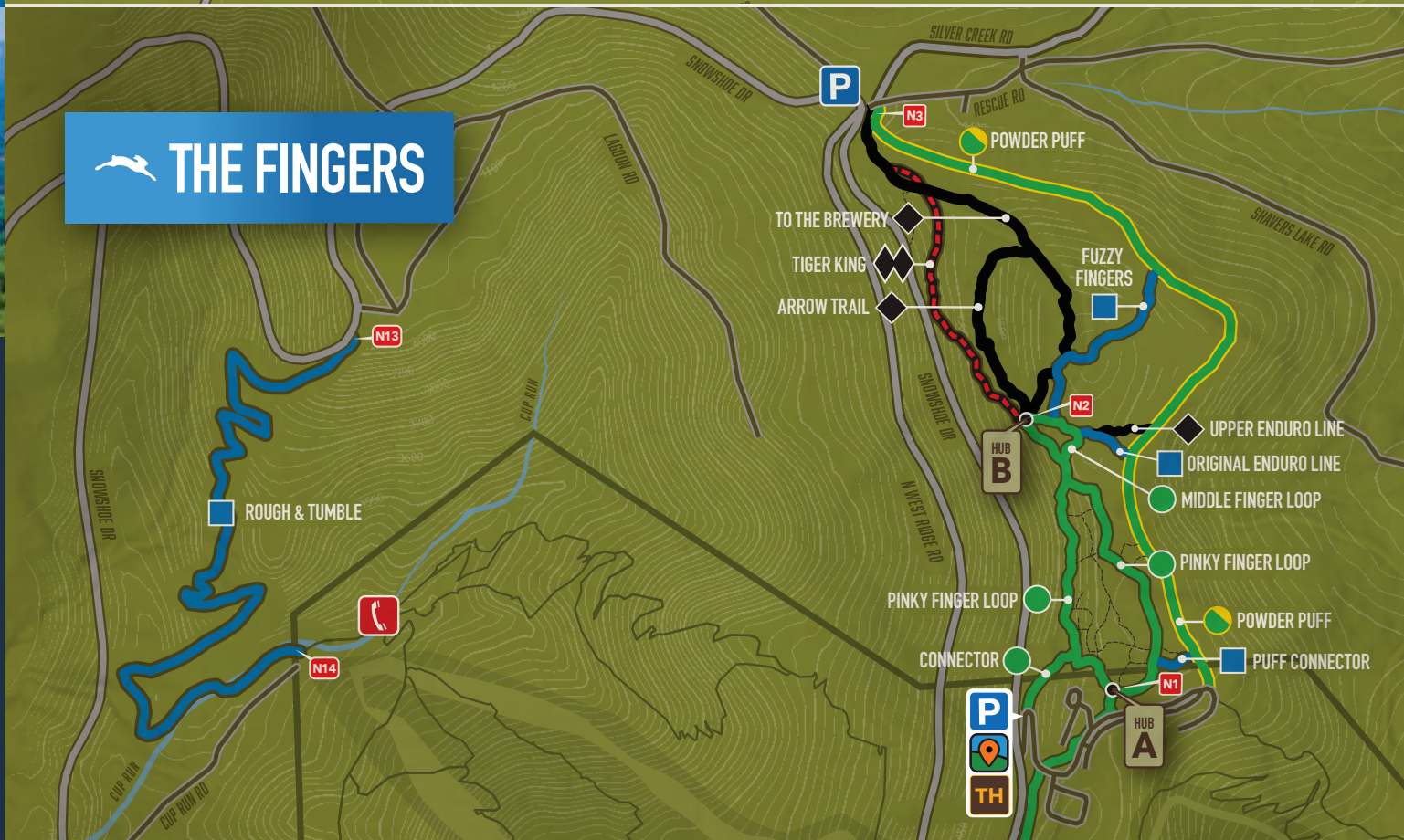


THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Please learn, practice, and pass on Leave No Trace outdoor skills and ethics. Following these principles will help protect precious backcountry resources. For more information on Leave No Trace, call 800.332.4100, or visit LNT.org.

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SL SHAVERS LAKE Trail: One of Snowshoe's most family-friendly hiking options, this 1.6-mile loop trail circles Shavers Lake with minimal elevation change along the way. The Lake Trail offers spectacular views of the Snowshoe Basin as well as ample opportunities to see wildlife. To access the trail, take the Ballhooter Lift down to the lake, and look for the trailhead to your right.

CM 6000 STEPS or BAIL OUT to the FIRE TOWER: Perched high atop Cheat Ridge, the Snowshoe Fire Tower offers breathtaking 360-degree views. And there is more than one way to get there: Bail Out and 6,000 Steps are the two top options for hikers. Bail Out is the shortest route, but also the most strenuous, climbing quickly from the Lake Trail straight up the ridge to the fire tower. 6,000 Steps follows an old rail grade, climbing gradually from the bottom of the Soaring Eagle Lift to the Cheat Mountain Ridge Trail. Combine both trails for an epic 3+ mile loop.



All directions start and are measured from Snowshoe Village's main parking lot.

CHEAT MOUNTAIN RIDGE TRAIL
Head South on Snowshoe Drive for .08 miles to the Top of the World. The trail starts to the South of the Soaring Eagle Lodge.
 Park at Top of the World.

SHAVERS LAKE
Descend the Ballhooter Chairlift, or drive North on Snowshoe Drive for 1.9 miles to the turn-off for Shavers Lake Road, and continue down to the lake.
 Park in the Village main lot and take Ballhooter Lift to the lake or park at the end of Shavers Lake Road.

THE FINGERS
Drive North on Snowshoe Drive for 0.6 miles, and turn right at Powderidge Drive. Choose one of the several trailheads along this road.
 Park in the first hairpin turn on Powderidge Drive.

SUPERCARGE YOUR ADVENTURE



OUTDOOR
ADVENTURES

Snowshoe's Outdoor Adventures, located near the Expedition Station in the Village, will get you set up with eBikes, side by sides, and horses, so you can explore even farther.

Call 304.572.5477 or visit them at the Adventure Outpost.

SKIING IS JUST THE BEGINNING

During the winter, Snowshoe's backcountry offers ample amounts of adventure and exploration by snowmobiles, side by sides, horses, and more.

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RIDE RESPONSIBLY

- Be observant: terrain features may change due to weather or usage.
- Stay in control: anticipate blind corners and be ready to stop in order to avoid people or obstacles.
- Be prepared: always carry a small bike repair kit, first aid supplies, a map or GPS, water or filtration device, and food.
- Have an emergency plan in place and always let somebody know where you are riding and when you expect to be back.
- Remember, you are unlikely to have cell phone service during your ride.
- Respect other outdoor enthusiasts: most trails that are open to bikes are also open to hikers and horseback riders.
- Always wear a helmet. Dress appropriately and be prepared for inclement weather. Blaze orange clothing is recommended during hunting season.
- You are responsible for your own safety. Be aware that trail ratings are classified relative to the local area and may not be standardized.



SILVER CREEK



ADVENTURE SAFELY

BE PREPARED

Many of Snowshoe's backcountry trails are in remote areas, often without cell phone service. The backcountry trails are not patrolled nor maintained daily. Be observant of potential obstacles and hazards. Hike or ride with a partner.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Never approach or feed wildlife. Confrontations are best handled by staying calm and backing away slowly.



FEATURED TRAILS



ENCHANTED FOREST: As the name implies, the Enchanted Forest is a magical trail, full of mossy rocks, roots, and native growth that follows a remote ridge. To access the trail, start by traversing the ski slopes on Black Run Road for approximately 2 miles to the beginning of Enchanted Forest. Follow the trail for another 1.1 miles before either turning around and heading back the way you came or descending the Headset Adjustment ridge and linking back to Black Run Road via Lower Beaver Dam, for a 6.3-mile loop.



THE AIRPORT: Located on the backside of the Silver Creek area, this hike serves up some wild and wonderful panoramic views of Snowshoe, Slatyfork, and beyond. From the Silver Creek trailhead, take Airport Runway to the top of Silver Creek. Continue through the trees past the Ski Patrol shack behind the Flying Eagle lift until you pop out on top at the Airport. After you take in the view, return via Upper Beaver Dam, and then circle back to where you started via Black Run Road for a 3.3-mile loop.



TRAILHEAD ACCESS

All directions start and are measured from Snowshoe Village's main parking lot.

SILVER CREEK BASE

Head North on Snowshoe Drive for 1.6 miles. Turn right at Silver Creek Parkway, and stay left at the next intersection. Continue for another 0.6 miles to the Silver Creek base. Turn left into the main parking area.

Park at the main Silver Creek parking area in front of the Silver Creek Lodge.

AIRPORT RIDGE

Follow the directions above to the Silver Creek Base, and walk back on the road (Silver Creek Parkway), to the main intersection with Snowshoe Drive. Airport Ridge Trail begins North of the intersection behind a gate.

Alternatively, get dropped off directly at the trailhead, and buy your driver a drink afterward.

Park at the main Silver Creek parking area in front of Silver Creek Lodge.

LEGEND



You Are Here Kiosk



Trail Head



Phone



Lookout



Hut



Hub Location



Beginner Trail



Intermediate Trail



Advanced Trail



Gravel Roads



Parking



Medical



Pump Track



Gun Range



Camping



Emergency Location



Beginner Trail ORV / OHV Shared Use (Please use caution)



Intermediate Trail ORV / OHV Shared Use (Please use caution)



Expert Trail



Paved Roads

MOUNTAIN BIKER'S RESPONSIBILITY CODE
Mountain biking involves risk of serious injury or death. Your knowledge, decisions and actions contribute to your safety and that of others.

ALWAYS:

1. **STAY IN CONTROL.** You're responsible for avoiding objects and people.
2. **KNOW YOUR LIMITS.** Ride within your ability. Start small and work your way up.
3. **PROTECT YOURSELF.** Use an appropriate bike, helmet and protective equipment.
4. **INSPECT AND MAINTAIN YOUR EQUIPMENT.** Know your components and their operation prior to riding.
5. **BE LIFT SMART.** Know how to load, ride and unload lifts safely. Ask if you need help.
6. **INSPECT THE TRAILS AND FEATURES.** Conditions change constantly; plan and adjust your riding accordingly.
7. **OBEY SIGNS AND WARNINGS.** Stay on marked trails only. Keep off closed trails and features. Ride in the direction indicated.
8. **BE VISIBLE.** Do not stop where you obstruct a trail, feature, landing or are not visible.
9. **LOOK AND YIELD TO OTHERS.** Look both ways and yield when entering or crossing a road or trail. When overtaking, use caution and yield to those ahead.
10. **COOPERATE.** If involved in or witness to an incident, identify yourself to staff.

Know and Follow the Code. It is Your Responsibility.

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