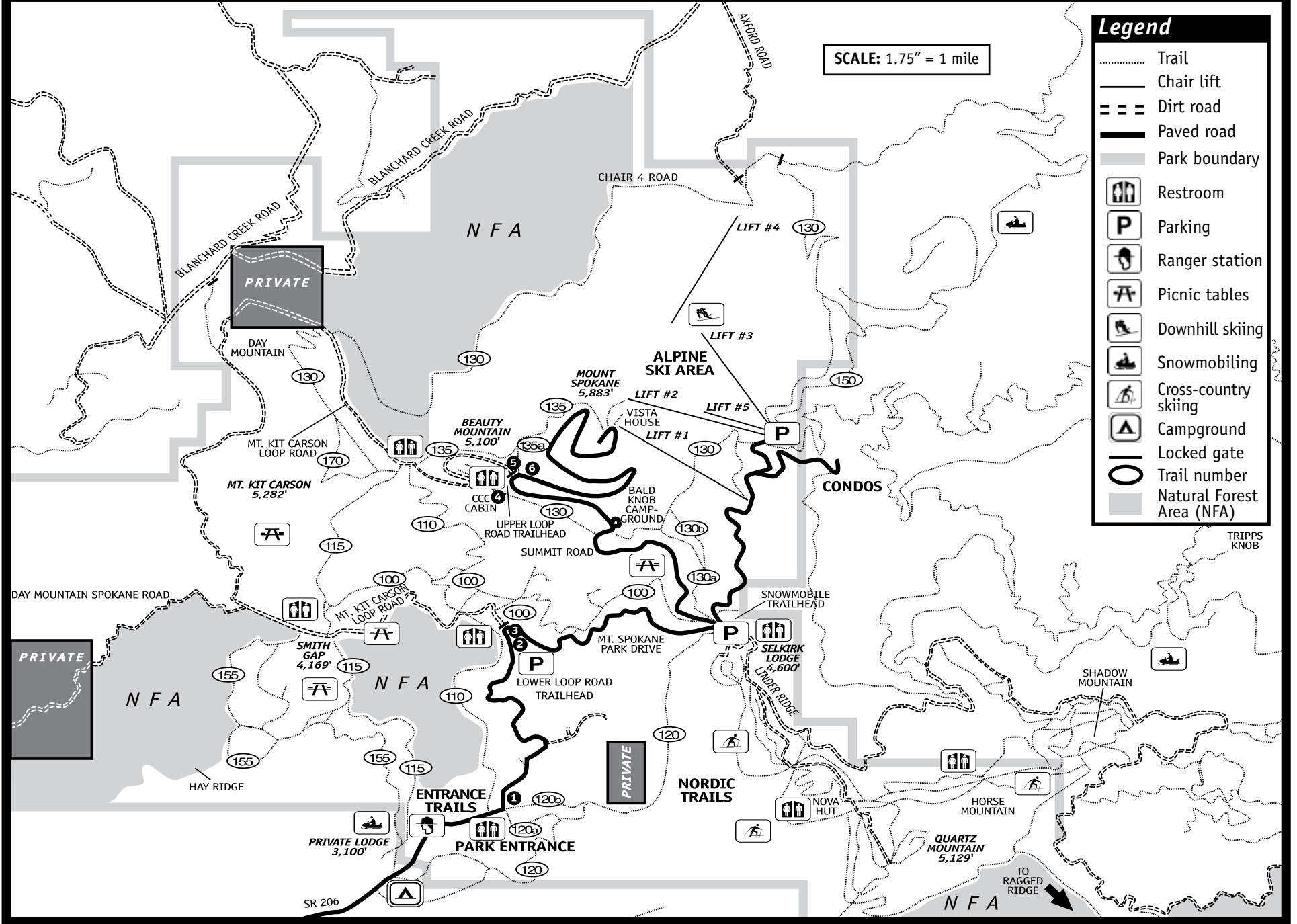


Mount Spokane State Park



Trails

All trails are multi-use during the summer, except where signed. The following are popular short trails for winter and summer. For a more extensive trail guide, contact the park office or visit www.mountspokane.org.

- 1 Entrance Loop Trail** – 1.5 miles roundtrip; moderate in difficulty. Begin east of the main park entrance and walk up Trail 120b (wide and fairly steep in places), along a peaceful tributary of Deadman Creek. Turn right on Trail 120 and head back down to the starting point on Trail 120a. Excellent snowshoeing route.
- 2 Hay Ridge Loop** – 4.5 miles roundtrip; moderate in difficulty. Start at the Lower Mount Kit Carson Loop Road (Loop Road) parking lot and take Loop Road west to Smith Gap (vault toilet and picnic table here). (Note: This makes a good turn-around point for a nice short hike.) Pass three stream crossings and three picnic tables. Continue on Loop Road a short distance past Smith Gap, and turn left on Trail 155. Follow Trail 155 as it gradually winds its way back to Loop Road. Do not confuse the main trail with three old logging roads that head left and uphill off of Trail 155. These side trails lead to the high point of Hay Ridge.
- 3 Burping Brook Loop** – Three miles roundtrip, with shorter options available; easy. Walk a short distance down the Lower Loop Road, starting at the parking lot, and turn right on Trail 100. Turn left at the next junction and cross the first branch of Burping Brook (Note: To view a streamside dead end, continue up the trail instead of turning left; bikes and horses not permitted). Turn left on Trail 115 to drop down to Loop Road at Smith Gap, then left on Loop Road to return to the starting point. For shorter options, take either of two left forks from Trail 100, and turn left again on Loop Road. Excellent snowshoeing routes.

- 4 Mount Kit Carson Loop Road** – Seven miles one way; easy. Check with park rangers to ensure the summit road is open. Park one car at the Lower Loop Road parking lot and drive a second car to the Upper Loop Road trailhead, using Mount Spokane Park Drive and the summit road (Loop Road is closed to unauthorized vehicles). The road passes the CCC cabin, around the base of Day Mountain and Mount Kit Carson, crosses a logged area with views to the north and passes a gated connector road that leads down to Blanchard Creek Road. Further south, the road passes Day Mountain Spokane Road (2.7 miles to park boundary gate). After a short climb over Smith Gap, the road descends through an old-growth forest of cedar and hemlock to the lower trailhead. There are several streamside picnic tables along the route. Excellent for biking.
- 5 Mount Kit Carson Loop** – Four miles roundtrip; moderate in difficulty. Park at the Upper Loop Road trailhead off the summit road. Go north on Trail 135a (to the right of the Loop Road gate) and pass the foundation of the original ski lodge. Follow a single-track trail straight to Trail 135. Turn left and go downhill. Take Trail 135 to its end at the Loop Road saddle junction (vault toilet here), cross Loop Road, and follow Trail 170 to the summit of Mount Kit Carson. Return the same way or follow Trail 170 north down to Trail 130, and turn right. Follow Trail 130 back to Trail 170, turn left, head back down to Loop Road and take Loop Road back up to starting point.
- 6 Day Mountain Loop** – Five miles roundtrip; easy. Begin on Trails 135a and 135 (see Mount Kit Carson Loop listed above), and follow Trail 130 from the saddle junction out to the rocky open meadows of Day Mountain. After reaching the largest rocky area, the trail turns north (right) into the trees and heads downhill (bikes not permitted on this section). Follow the switchbacks down to Loop Road, turn right, pass the continuation of Trail 130 on the left and take Loop Road back up to starting point.



Snowmobiling – Approximately 50 miles of trails within and adjacent to the park are groomed for snowmobiling. Snowmobiles are restricted to designated areas; trail maps are available. The Selkirk Lodge and a

Nordic skiing – The park has 16 miles of groomed trails at an average elevation of 4,700 feet for skiers of varying abilities. A parking lot adjacent to the Selkirk Lodge warming shelter has room for 220 vehicles (Snow Park permit and trail grooming sticker required), and a smaller warming shelter sits in the middle of the trail system. Snowshoeing, hiking and dogs are not allowed on these trails. The State Parks Sno-Park program (509) 238-4025 for snow reports.

Alpine skiing – The park has 1,250 acres with 35 trails, five double-chair lifts and a vertical drop of 2,065 feet. Open Wednesdays through Sundays in winter, with night skiing available. For snow reports and more information, call Mount Spokane 2000 at (509) 238-2220 or visit www.mtspokane.com.

Winter recreation – Winter recreation opportunities abound at Mount Spokane and include the following popular activities:



Hikers, bicyclists, horseback riders and pack stock users may use all park trails during the summer, except where signed; some trails may be temporarily closed due to erosion or wildlife concerns.

Summer recreation – The Natural Area Preserve on Ragged Ridge is open for pedestrian use on the designated trail and for educational and scientific purposes.

Other non-motorized winter recreation – Visitors may back-country ski and snowshoe on (ungroomed) trails 100, 110, 120a, 120b and part of 130. A Sno-Park permit is required. A special groomed trail permit must be displayed with a seasonal Sno-Park permit when using special groomed trails or parked in designated special groomed trails Sno-Parks. One-day permits are available and can be used alone in all Sno-Parks.

Civilian Conservation Corps cabin, which was rebuilt on the original site in 1998, are open for winter use. The Selkirk Lodge is a short walk from the 60-vehicle parking lot. Machine registration and Sno-Park permits are required.



The 5,883-foot mountain now offers excellent alpine skiing, snowboarding, groomed Nordic and snowmobile trails, snowshoeing, dog sledding, backcountry skiing, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and llama packing. Limited summer camping is available in the Bald Knob campground (closed during winter), and 85 picnic sites are located in the park. Visitors also can drive to the top of the summit and enjoy spectacular views of the area.

This surge of development was followed by the opening of Cook's Cabin Lodge in 1940, which burned down in 1952, and operation of the world's first double-chair lift from 1946 to 1949.

Mount Spokane history – Opened in 1927



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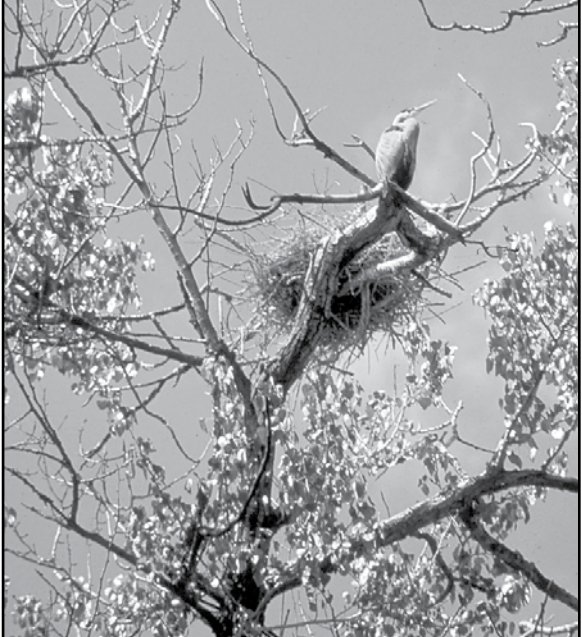
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The park is at the end of State Road 206, 15 miles east of U.S. Highway 2 in northeast Spokane County.

Please drive carefully. In winter, snowplows and sanding trucks frequently drive the mountain's narrow, winding road. The park advises motorists to carry chains in winter. The summit road is open to vehicles only during summer.

Winter hours 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Summer hours 6:30 a.m. to dusk

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