

Backcountry Access from Whistler Olympic Park in Callaghan Valley

Guidelines

Please follow the rules below or we may lose access privileges. In particular, don't get caught skiing on a XC trail without the \$6 ticket.

1. All backcountry skiing or snowshoeing parties must register at the new day lodge in the morning to get a special parking pass. This pass will allow you to park overnight, and/or leave through the gate after normal hours. The parking pass is free.
2. There is a \$6 per person fee if you want to use the XC trails for backcountry access. To qualify you must be on AT or Tele gear (no skinny XC skis). For safety, you must follow the same rules as XC skiers on one way trails. If you want to ski the backcountry around Madeley Lake, this is the best way to get there.
3. If you want to access the backcountry without using the groomed XC trails, there is no fee. However, you still have to sign a waiver and get the parking pass. Please be careful when crossing XC ski trails and always yield to XC skiers. There are 3 suggested BC access routes that minimize XC trail crossings:
 - a. from the day lodge climb the hill north of the ski jump to Hanging Lake or Sproatt,
 - b. from the biathlon parking skirt the XC trails heading east to Hanging Lake, or
 - c. from the biathlon parking drop down a short hill to the west and turn up Beverley Creek.

For now (Nov 2008) there is no signage. During competitive events, one or more of these routes may be closed. Be sure to check with staff at the Day Lodge when you get your ticket.

4. If you happen to arrive before the day lodge is open, there may be a sign-in book near the door. Sign yourself in with your destination, and leave a note on the dash of your car.
5. The XC ski trails and the 21 mile creek watershed (Rainbow Lake) are closed to dogs. This closure includes the ski touring loop from Hanging Lake over to Beverley Creek and ascents of Rainbow Mountain from the south and west.