

PLAIN VALLEY

NORDIC TRAILS



-  Easy
-  Intermediate
-  Advanced
-  Difficult

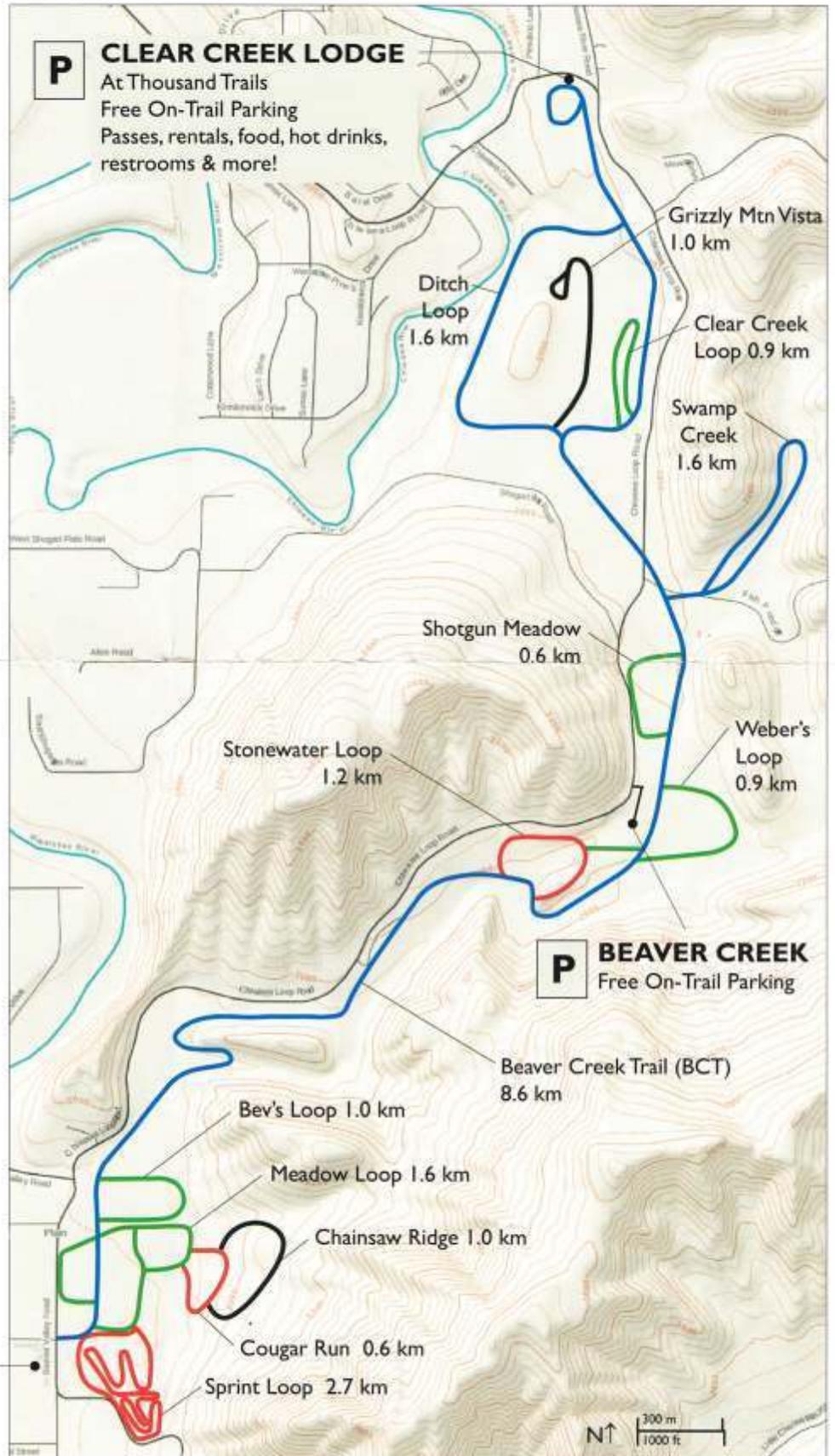
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Description:

The Plain Valley Nordic Center is near Lake Wenatchee and has been developed over the last eight to ten years. There are two main access points at the south end of the trails and in the center of the system, and a third possible at the north end of the trail network. Most of the trails are quite level, particularly in the south end of the system. There is a nice steep loop in the middle and the northern trails are a little hillier and more forested. The most scenic section is probably the middle of the system. They claim 14 mi. of trail that is track set on a regular basis. The Plain Valley Hardware Store has trail passes (\$18/adult in 2021). The less crowded start point would be the north end from Clear Creek Lodge at the Thousand Trails Camp (see map), or the middle parking area at Beaver Cr. Trail passes may be hard to get at these less used trailheads.

Directions:

The address for the Plain Hardware Store at the south end of the trails is 18636 Beaver Valley Rd, Leavenworth, WA 98826, and the trails start directly across from the store. Driving from Seattle you will want to drive over Hwy.2 Stevens Pass. Cross over the pass and drive another 22 miles to the Lake Wenatchee turn off, go left on Hwy.207, just past the entrance to the state park, and just before you cross the Wenatchee River bridge (4mi.) turn right on Beaver Valley Road to Plain. Go another 5 miles to the hardware store in Plain WA. Their phone number is 509-763-3836.

Permits or Fees Required:

The nordic center trail passes are \$18/adult (2021).
The parking here is free.



Winter Snow Driving:

A. Clothing:

1. Be sure to bring proper clothing for a winter drive, old jacket and gloves for shoveling & chains, bring extra layers and a blanket if stuck on the highway for a while.

B. Winter Driving equipment:

1. Chains: Link, Cable, Fabric Sock, Plastic. Link chains best for deep snow, cables for convenience.

2. Traction aid: Sand or kitty litter, rock salt, old rug, add weight (sand bags), use momentum.

3. Shovel, blocks

C. Trip Preparation:

1. Check pass report for closures or restrictions, if pass will be closed for avalanche control this will usually be posted.

a. Snoqualmie Pass is usually the first pass to close because the commercial truck traffic goes this way; Stevens tends to get more seasoned drivers, but road maintenance is not as good.

2. Check weather before you go. If a big storm is predicted for the afternoon you don't want to get stuck on an unplowed back road after a long day of skiing or snowshoeing.

3. Check avalanche forecast before you go:

a. Five levels: 1-Low, 2-Moderate, 3-Considerable, 4-High, 5-Extreme. There are safe places to go in most all conditions, but you do not want to be near potential avalanche terrain during hazardous conditions (<https://www.nwac.us>).

D. Covid-19 precautions:

1. Bring your own food, drinks, hand cleaner, face mask, kleenex etc. so you do not have to stop.

2. If you have to stop for gas/bathroom bring disposable gloves or wash hands after touching gas pump or other high touch points.

3. Always wear face filter mask over nose and mouth at trailheads, when passing people or when indoors.

4. Washing with soap and water is best as this virus is lipid (oil) encased and soap breaks down this encapsulation. Alcohol hand gel or aerosol or alcohol/clorox hand wipes are next best, if contact time and concentration is sufficient.