



Howelsen Hill Nordic Center Opens to Fat Bikes

Groomed Trails Available For Snowshoeing, Cross-Country & Fat Bikes-Tickets Required

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-December 24, 2018-The Howelsen Hill Nordic Center has opened its groomed Nordic trails to Fat Bikes. All approved trail uses require a ticket or season pass for use.

Fat Bike riders are required to wear a Nordic season pass or day ticket, both can be purchased in the Howelsen Hill Lodge during alpine ski hill hours. When the concessions stand is closed, tickets can be purchased upstairs at the SSWSC office or from the vending machine in the fireplace room.

The following rules apply to Fat Bikes so that all trail users continue to have an enjoyable experience.

Groomed Trails should **NOT** be used by Fat Bikes if:

- You are leaving a tire rut deeper than 1 inch deep or cannot ride in a straight line
- Your bike tires are narrower than 3.7 inches and tire pressure is greater than 10 psi
- Trails are closed to Fat Bikes from 2pm to 6 pm, Monday through Friday and during Nordic race events

Trail Etiquette:

- Bikes yield to all other users and ride in control
- Do not ride in classic tracks
- Ride on the firmest part of the track
- Be an ambassador for the sport – know when to go, be polite and educate others!

Fat Bikes are available for purchase or rent at several bike shops in Steamboat Springs. These shops can also offer advice on how to get the most enjoyment out of this new and growing sport. Fat Bikes are allowed on all other city trails in the area that are not groomed for Nordic skiing. In addition, Blackmer, NPR, and Orton Trails are free and do not require Howelsen Hill ticket/pass. Routt County Riders periodically groom NPR and Orton Trails during the winter.

For additional information on Fat Biking as well as Howelsen Hill trail conditions, visit steamboatsprings.net/ski.

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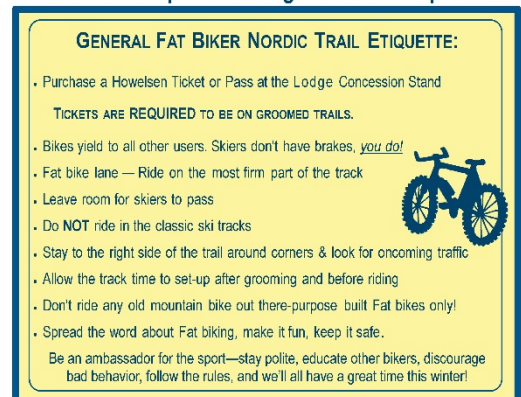
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FAT BIKES

DO NOT RIDE ON THE GROOMED TRAIL IF:

- You are leaving a tire rut deeper than 1 inch
- You are having a hard time riding in a straight line
- Your bike tires are narrower than 3.7"
- Your bikes tire pressure is greater than 10psi



GENERAL FAT BIKER NORDIC TRAIL ETIQUETTE:

- Purchase a Howelsen Ticket or Pass at the Lodge Concession Stand

TICKETS ARE REQUIRED TO BE ON GROOMED TRAILS.

- Bikes yield to all other users. Skiers don't have brakes, *you do!*
- Fat bike lane — Ride on the most firm part of the track
- Leave room for skiers to pass
- Do NOT ride in the classic ski tracks
- Stay to the right side of the trail around corners & look for oncoming traffic
- Allow the track time to set-up after grooming and before riding
- Don't ride any old mountain bike out there-purpose built Fat bikes only!
- Spread the word about Fat biking, make it fun, keep it safe.



Be an ambassador for the sport—stay polite, educate other bikers, discourage bad behavior, follow the rules, and we'll all have a great time this winter!