

SOUTHWEST

Wear layers of clothing so that you can add or remove a layer or two to match changing conditions. Remember, Wyoming weather can change several times a day! Be prepared. Wear a helmet and adequate eye protection. Wind, snow and sun can be hard on your eyes without a face shield or sun glasses.

SAFETY ISSUES

There is little danger of avalanches on the marked trails. However, for off-trail travel, be aware of the topographic features and snow and weather conditions that increase sliding potential.

ALCOHOL AND SNOWMOBILING SIMPLY DO NOT MIX

Forget the myth that alcohol warms up a chilled person. It opens the blood vessels and removes the feeling of chill but it does nothing to increase body heat. Instead, it can increase the risk of hypothermia, a dangerous lowering of the body's core temperature.

Alcohol increases fatigue, fogs your ability to make good disaster, and drinking and driving is against the law!

Exposure could be a substitute word for "hypothermia" and is associated with winter. Problems caused by exposure, however, occur during times when the weather is not extremely cold. Four primary factors contribute to hypothermia: cold (not

necessarily severe), wetness (rain, snow, water immersion or condensed perspiration), wind (chill factor), and exhaustion and/or lack of preparedness. Symptoms include uncontrolled shivering, vague or slurred speech, fumbling hands or stumbling gait, memory lapses, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion.

Combat hypothermia by being prepared with high quality, insulated clothing (wool or synthetic fibers), adequate knowledge and emergency rations.

ICE FOLLIES

Drowning is a leading cause of snowmobile fatalities. Wherever possible, avoid riding on frozen lakes and rivers because ice conditions are never a safe bet. If you must cross ice, check it out first on foot. Stay on the packed or marked trail. Don't stop until you reach shore. If you hit slush, don't let off the throttle. If you are following someone who hits slush, veer off to make your own path. As a rule of thumb, "If you don't know, don't go".

WHITEOUT CONDITIONS

Whiteout can occur when a sudden snowstorm hits you. The snow falls so heavily that visibility is zero. Experience cannot prevent you from getting lost during a whiteout. If you're caught in the middle of one, the best bet is to stop and STAY WITH YOUR MACHINE. Wait until the condition lessens.

This white-against-white situation makes it difficult to judge distances and changes in the terrain, particularly when traveling on a rapidly moving vehicle. Reduce your speed, keep a sharp eye out for abrupt drop-offs or other changes in terrain. Stay on the trail. Wear amber lensed glasses or face shield to increase contrast and improve visibility.

Frostbite is caused by exposure of inadequately protected flesh to subfreezing temperatures. Tissue damage occurs because of reduced blood flow to the extremities. Symptoms include loss of feeling and a dead-white appearance of the skin. Treatment: restore body temperature as rapidly as possible by providing external heat. Immerse affected parts in a water bath of less than 110 degrees, use a hot water bottle or heat from a campfire. Affected parts should be covered. Do not rub or apply pressure to affected areas and do not apply snow or attempt to thaw in cold water.

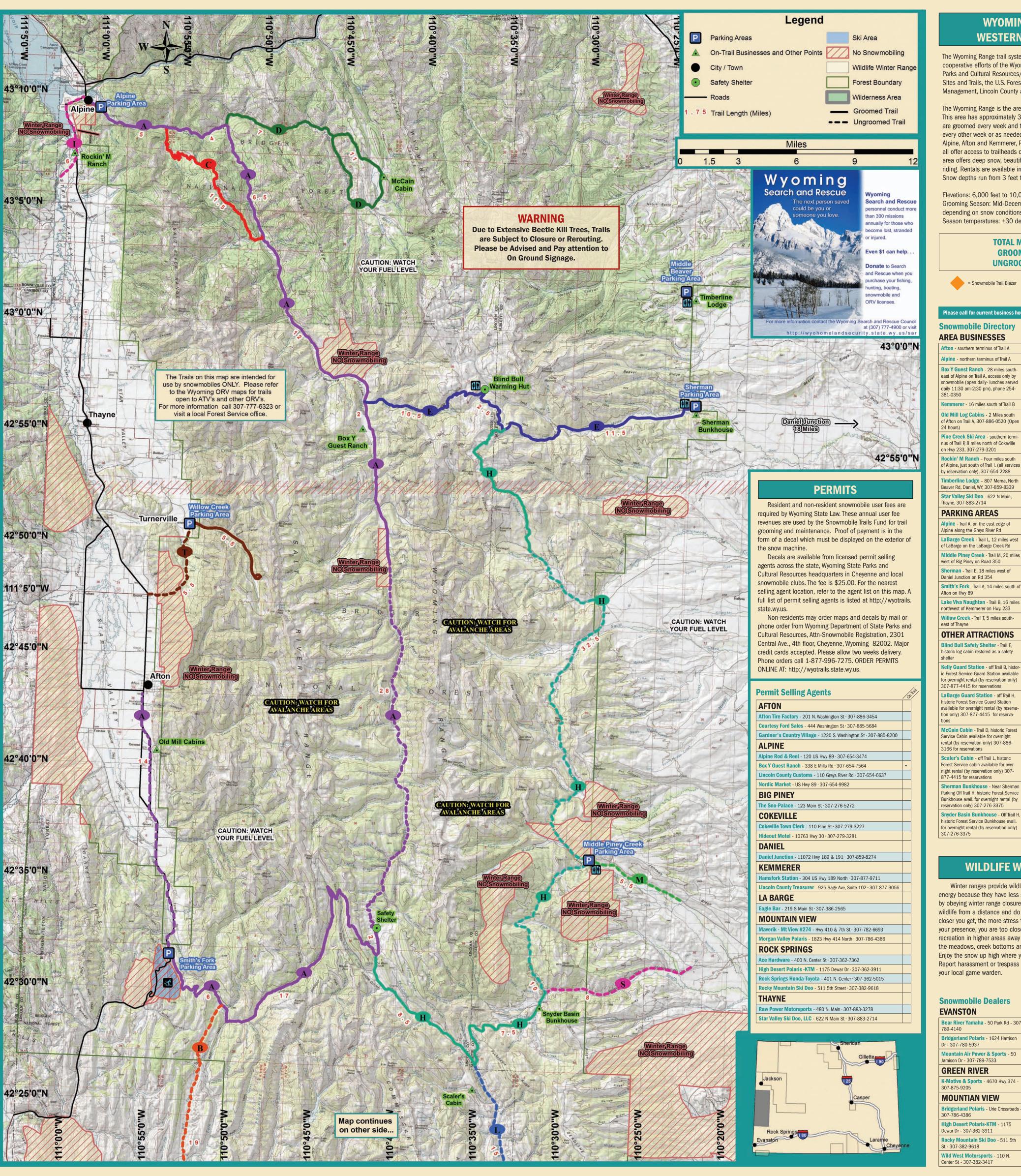
MAINTENANCE

You have two good guides available for snowmobile maintenance: the owner's manual that came with your machine and your dealer. Consult both to make sure your machine is kept in top form for dependable, enjoyable fun.

TAKE A FRIEND

Don't snowmobile alone. Not only is snowmobiling more fun with family and friends, it's safer too.

Weekly snowmobile trail conditions - 307-777-6323 **Wyoming Tourism Information - 307-777-7777 Avalanche Center for Northwestern Wyoming - 307-733-2664** http://wyotrails.state.wy.us



WYOMING RANGE WESTERN WYOMING

The Wyoming Range trail system is maintained through cooperative efforts of the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources/Division of State Parks, Historic Sites and Trails, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, Lincoln County and local snowmobile clubs.

The Wyoming Range is the area between Alpine and Kemmerer. This area has approximately 337 miles of trails. The main trails are groomed every week and the secondary trails are groomed every other week or as needed. Snowmobiling is allowed in Alpine, Afton and Kemmerer, Pinedale, Big Piney and LaBarge all offer access to trailheads on the east side of the range. This area offers deep snow, beautiful scenery and fantastic off-trail riding. Rentals are available in Pinedale, Alpine and Thayne. Snow depths run from 3 feet to 12 feet.

Elevations: 6,000 feet to 10,000 feet Grooming Season: Mid-December through Mid-March, depending on snow conditions and funding Season temperatures: +30 degrees F to -30 degrees F

> **TOTAL MILES: 330 GROOMED: 183 UNGROOMED: 147**

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Please call for current business hours

Snowmobile Directory AREA BUSINESSES

ton - southern terminus of Trail A	
pine - northern terminus of Trail A	
ox Y Guest Ranch - 28 miles south- st of Alpine on Trail A, access only by ownobile (open daily- lunches served ily 11:30 am-2:30 pm), phone 254- 1-0350	
mmerer - 16 miles south of Trail B	
d Mill Log Cabine 2 Miles couth	

of Afton on Trail A, 307-886-0520 (Open 24 hours) Pine Creek Ski Area - southern terminus of Trail P, 8 miles north of Cokeville on Hwy 233, 307-279-3201 Rockin' M Ranch - Four miles south

Star Valley Ski Doo - 622 N Main, Thayne, 307-883-2714 **PARKING AREAS**

Alpine - Trail A, on the east edge of Alpine along the Greys River Rd LaBarge Creek - Trail L, 12 miles west of LaBarge on the LaBarge Creek Rd Middle Piney Creek - Trail M, 20 miles

west of Big Piney on Road 350 Daniel Junction on Rd 354 Smith's Fork - Trail A, 14 miles south of Afton on Hwy 89

Willow Creek - Trail T, 5 miles southeast of Thayne OTHER ATTRACTIONS Blind Bull Safety Shelter - Trail E, historic log cabin restored as a safety

Kelly Guard Station - off Trail B, historic Forest Service Guard Station available for overnight rental (by reservation only) 307-877-4415 for reservations

LaBarge Guard Station - off Trail H, historic Forest Service Guard Station available for overnight rental (by reservation only) 307-877-4415 for reserva-McCain Cabin - Trail D, historic Forest Service Cabin available for overnight

rental (by reservation only) 307-886-3166 for reservations Scaler's Cabin - off Trail L, historic Forest Service cabin available for overnight rental (by reservation only) 307-877-4415 for reservations

Sherman Bunkhouse - Near Sherman Parking Off Trail H, historic Forest Service unkhouse avail. for overnight rental (by reservation only) 307-276-3375



WILDLIFE WINTER RANGE

Winter ranges provide wildlife a place to feed and conserve energy because they have less snow. You can help them survive by obeying winter range closures and restrictions. Observe wildlife from a distance and do not attempt to follow them. The closer you get, the more stress the animal feels. If they react to your presence, you are too close. When possible, choose your recreation in higher areas away from the prime winter range in the meadows, creek bottoms and on sunny south facing slopes. Enjoy the snow up high where you're less likely to disturb wildlife. Report harassment or trespass onto closed winter range areas to your local game warden.

Snowmobile Dealers EVANSTON Bear River Yamaha - 50 Park Rd - 307-**Bridgerland Polaris** - 1624 Harrison Dr - 307-780-5937 **Mountain Air Power & Sports** - 50 Jamison Dr - 307-789-7533 **GREEN RIVER** K-Motive & Sports - 4670 Hwy 374 -**MOUNTIAN VIEW Bridgerland Polaris** - Urie Crossroads -307-786-4386 **High Desert Polaris-KTM** - 1175 Dewar Dr - 307-362-3911 Rocky Mountain Ski Doo - 511 5th St - 307-382-9618