

MacDONALD PASS CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

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Groomed Trail
 Ungroomed Route
 Easiest
 More Difficult
 Most Difficult
 Skiing Direction



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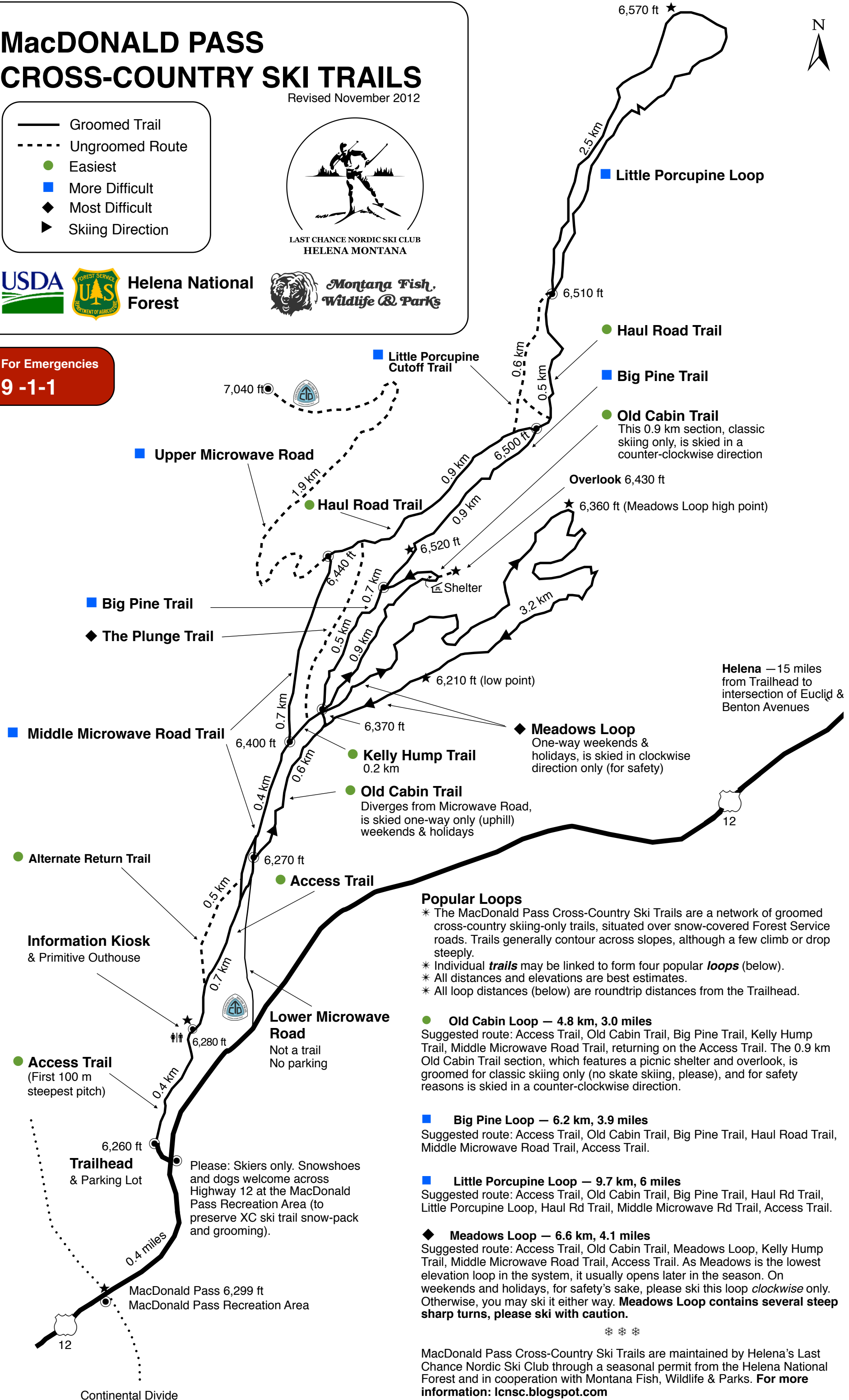


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Popular Loops

- * The MacDonald Pass Cross-Country Ski Trails are a network of groomed cross-country skiing-only trails, situated over snow-covered Forest Service roads. Trails generally contour across slopes, although a few climb or drop steeply.
- * Individual **trails** may be linked to form four popular **loops** (below).
- * All distances and elevations are best estimates.
- * All loop distances (below) are roundtrip distances from the Trailhead.

Old Cabin Loop — 4.8 km, 3.0 miles

Suggested route: Access Trail, Old Cabin Trail, Big Pine Trail, Kelly Hump Trail, Middle Microwave Road Trail, returning on the Access Trail. The 0.9 km Old Cabin Trail section, which features a picnic shelter and overlook, is groomed for classic skiing only (no skate skiing, please), and for safety reasons is skied in a counter-clockwise direction.

Big Pine Loop — 6.2 km, 3.9 miles

Suggested route: Access Trail, Old Cabin Trail, Big Pine Trail, Haul Road Trail, Middle Microwave Road Trail, Access Trail.

Little Porcupine Loop — 9.7 km, 6 miles

Suggested route: Access Trail, Old Cabin Trail, Big Pine Trail, Haul Rd Trail, Little Porcupine Loop, Haul Rd Trail, Middle Microwave Rd Trail, Access Trail.

Meadows Loop — 6.6 km, 4.1 miles

Suggested route: Access Trail, Old Cabin Trail, Meadows Loop, Kelly Hump Trail, Middle Microwave Road Trail, Access Trail. As Meadows is the lowest elevation loop in the system, it usually opens later in the season. On weekends and holidays, for safety's sake, please ski this loop **clockwise** only. Otherwise, you may ski it either way. **Meadows Loop contains several steep sharp turns, please ski with caution.**

MacDonald Pass Cross-Country Ski Trails are maintained by Helena's Last Chance Nordic Ski Club through a seasonal permit from the Helena National Forest and in cooperation with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. **For more information: lcns.blogspot.com**