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 Big Sky, MT  
 Parks, Trails, Recreation, and Fishing in  
 -MAP AND GUIDE -  
 BIG SKY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION



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The trails and parks shown in this guide are all in the immediate Big Sky vicinity. To explore the region further, additional references can be found online and at local retailers.

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US Forest Service: www.nationalforeststore.com  
 Maps: Gallatin National Forest (West, Central, North)

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**FEATURED TRAILS**

Map #	Trail	Level	Surface	Length (Miles)	Manager	Hiker	Biker	Winter Use	Horseback	Groomed X-C	Description	Directions
1	Little Willow Way	●	Gravel	0.8 miles one way	BSCO	●	●	●			A leisurely path that follows the West Fork of the Gallatin River. The creek is easily accessible and offers many spots to fish or play on the banks. Moose are often sighted in this area.	See directions to Big Sky Community Park. Trail begins at picnic pavilion and heads east along the river.
2	Lone Peak Trail	●	Paved	3 miles one way	BSCO	●	●				Paved trail that runs along Lone Mountain Trail (Hwy 64), from Town Center to Big Sky Conoco.	Begin at the Big Sky Conoco or Town Center.
3	Crail Ranch Trail	●	Gravel	1.3 miles one way	BSCO	●	●	●			A leisurely path that traces the historic Crail Ranch meadow.	See directions to Big Sky Community Park. Trail begins near the softball fields and heads west. Cross Little Coyote Road and continue onto the trail at Spotted Elk Road.
4	South Fork Loop	●	Dirt	1 mile loop	BSCO	●	●		●		A pleasant forested loop along the South Fork of the Gallatin River. Winter access is on groomed Lone Mountain Ranch cross country ski trails (trail pass required).	From Town Center, head east on Aspen Leaf Drive. Continue on Aspen Leaf until you cross a bridge over the river. The trailhead is on your right directly after the bridge.
5	Kircher Trail	●	Improved Gravel	0.3 miles one way	BSCO	●					A short trail that leads to Kircher Park offering access to picnicking and fishing.	See directions to Kircher Park.
6	Gallatin Canyon Trail	●	Paved	2.5 miles one way	BSCO	●	●				A paved trail from Big Sky Conoco to Ophir School.	Begin at the Big Sky Conoco or Ophir School
7	Black Diamond Trail	■	Dirt	0.8 miles one way	BSCO	●	●	●			A trail with moderate incline that connects to Little Willow Way offering nice views of the Big Sky Community Park and Lone Peak.	See directions to Big Sky Community Park. Trail begins behind the skate park. Or take Little Willow Way (trail 1) which connects to Black Diamond Trail.
8	Ousel Falls Trail	● ■	Improved Gravel	2.8 miles one way (.8 miles from trailhead to waterfall)	BSCO	●	●	●	●		This trail connects the Big Sky Town Center to Ousel Falls Park. At the entrance of Ousel Falls Park the trail descends into the South Fork ravine to beautiful Ousel Falls. Interpretive brochures are available at the trailhead. Note: horses allowed from trailhead to junction of First Yellow Mule.	Begin at Town Center or at Ousel Falls Park (see park directions below).
9	Hummocks Trail	■	Dirt	3 mile loop	BSCO	●	●	●			A fun, rolling trail that traverses the area's bumpy topographic features or "hummocks" which were created by ancient, ice-age landslides. The trail loops around a hidden pond and offers views of the exposed Huckleberry Ridge Tuff, a volcanic rock formed by the 2.1 million-year-old Huckleberry Ridge eruption of Yellowstone's caldera.	From Town Center, head east on Aspen Leaf Drive, cross a bridge over the river and continue up the road until you see the parking area and trailhead.
10	Uplands Trail	■	Dirt	2 mile loop	BSCO	●	●	●			Steadily climbing to an area of higher elevation, the trail offers expansive views of Big Sky.	From Town Center, head east on Aspen Leaf Drive, cross a bridge over the river and continue up the road until you see the parking area and trailhead.
11	Moose Tracks Trail	■	Dirt	2.4 one way	BSCO	●					A great out and back hike (1600' gain) with views of the Spanish Peaks, or ride the chair lift up and hike down.	Begin at the Mountain Village of Big Sky Resort.
12	Mountain to Meadow Trail	■	Dirt	6 miles one way	BSCO	●	●				The trail traverses the steep north slopes of Andesite Mountain, across the Lone Moose saddle, and onto Flat Iron. An extension will be constructed summer 2015. Expect this route to become an icon of the Big Sky experience.	Begin at the Mountain Village of Big Sky Resort.
13	Otter Way	■	Dirt	2 miles one way	BSCO	●	●				A flow cross country trail linking Big Sky Resort's Mountain Village to the Moonlight Lodge.	Begin at the Mountain Village of Big Sky Resort.
14	Madison Loop	■	Dirt	3.6 mile loop	BSCO	●	●				This loop meanders around the mountain with rolling hills and offers great wildflower viewing.	Begin at the Madison Base area of Moonlight Resort.
15	Ulrey's Lake Loop	■	Dirt	3.9 mile loop	BSCO	●	●				Zigzag through forest, wetlands, ski trails, an 800 ft. bridge and Ulrey's Lake	Begin at the Moonlight Lodge.
16	Lower Beehive Basin Trail	■	Dirt	1.4 one way	USFS	●	●	●	●		Use this trail to get from the Mountain Village to the upper Beehive Basin trailhead.	See Beehive Basin Trail (trail 21).
Not Shown on Map	Porcupine Creek Trail (FS 34)	■	Dirt	6.5 miles to FS 160	USFS	●	●	●	●	●	Wanders through a flat scenic valley to a larger trail system.	From Big Sky Conoco, head south on Highway 191, turn left at Porcupine Creek Road just past Ophir School, follow the road a short distance to the trailhead.
17	Ridge Trail (FS 403)	■	Dirt	4 miles to trail 12 (FS 402)	USFS	●	●	●	●		Steadily climbing to overlook of North Fork and Wilson Peak.	See North Fork Trail (trail 18).
18	North Fork Trail (FS 16)	■ ◆	Dirt	3 miles to trail 12 (FS 402), 6.7 miles to saddle	USFS	●	●	●	●	●	Steadily climbing to Bear Basin, great for wildflowers and alpine terrain. Winter access is on groomed Lone Mountain Ranch cross country ski trails (trail pass required).	From Meadow Village and Town Center, heading west on Lone Mountain Trail (Hwy 64), turn right onto North Fork Road (1 mile past Lone Mountain Ranch on the right), take the first left onto Ridge Road and follow signs to trailhead and parking area. Winter Access: No access to North Fork Trailhead in winter. Parking at Lone Mountain Ranch and North Fork Road pull out.
19	North Fork / Beehive Connector (FS 402)	◆	Dirt	1 mile	USFS	●	●	●	●		Connects Beehive Basin Trail and North Fork Trail.	Start at Beehive Basin (trail 21) or North Fork Trail (trail 18). Winter Access: No access to North Fork Trailhead in winter. Parking at Lone Mountain Ranch, North Fork Road pull out, or Beehive Basin trailhead.
17-18-19	North Fork Loop	◆	Dirt	8 mile loop	USFS	●	●	●	●		Link the North Fork, Ridge, and Connector trails to form an 8 mile loop. Popular for mountain biking.	See North Fork Trail (trail 18).
20	Coolridge Trail	◆	Dirt	4.5 mile loop	BSCO	●	●				A challenging loop that starts and ends on the north side of Andesite Mountain.	Begin at the Mountain Village of Big Sky Resort
21	Beehive Basin Trail (FS 40)	◆	Dirt	3.3 miles to lake	USFS	●	●	●	●		Great views of an alpine meadow and lake. Fox News ranks Beehive Basin #5 on their list of world's greatest hikes.	From Meadow Village, Town Center and Mountain Village, head west on Lone Mountain Trail (Hwy 64), turn right onto Beehive Basin Road, continue 1.7 miles to the trailhead and parking area.
22	First Yellow Mule Trail (FS 162)	◆	Dirt	6.5 miles to Buck Ridge	USFS	●	●	●	●		Branches off Ousel Falls Trail and climbs to Buck Ridge.	Junction off of Ousel Falls Trail (trail 9). Approximately .5 miles from Ousel Falls Trailhead.
23	Second Yellow Mule Trail (FS 42)	◆	Dirt	4 miles to Buck Ridge	USFS	●	●	●	●		Branches off Ousel Falls Trail and climbs to Buck Ridge.	Junction off of First Yellow Mule (trail 15). Approximately 1.5 miles from the start of First Yellow Mule.
24	Dudley Creek Trail (FS 404)	◆	Dirt	8 miles to lake	USFS	●	●	●	●		Climbs steadily through forest to Dudley Lake. Accesses Lee Metcalf Wilderness.	From Big Sky Conoco, head north on Highway 191 toward Bozeman, turn left at Dudley Creek Road to trailhead parking lot on right.

**FEATURED PARKS**

Park	Hiker	Biker	Winter Use	Horseback	Groomed X-C	Description	Directions
Big Sky Community Park	●	●	●			Encompassing 44 acres, Big Sky Community Park is an ideal location for people of all ages to enjoy a wide variety of activities. Park amenities include: playground, softball fields, picnic pavilions, basketball court, skate park, tennis courts, multi-use field, and disc golf course.	From Meadow Village, head north on Little Coyote Road, go past the Big Sky Chapel and pond to the first right-hand road. Look for the Big Sky Community Park sign at entrance.
Kircher Park	●	●				A secluded sanctuary on the banks of the south fork of the Gallatin River, great for picnics and fishing.	No parking lot or trailhead. Park at First Security Bank in the Meadow Village, use the crosswalk at the junction of Lone Mountain Trail and Little Coyote Road or access via the Lone Peak Trail.
Ousel Falls Park	●	●	●			An open space park that encompasses the Ousel Falls trail, great for picnics, fishing and exploring nature.	From Town Center, head south on Ousel Falls Road for approximately 2 miles, take first left past Crown Butte Road into trailhead parking area.
Historic Crail Ranch						Crail Ranch is preserved as a homestead museum, offering guided tours on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 – 3PM during July and August. The Crail Ranch grounds are open at other times for walking tours. For more information visit: crailranch.org	From Lone Mountain Trail (Hwy 64), turn onto Little Coyote Road. From Little Coyote turn onto Spotted Elk Road, the ranch will be on your left.

**LEGEND**

Featured Trails		
● Easy	■ Moderate	◆ Strenuous
● Hiking	■ Winter Use	◆ Biking
● Horseback	■ Groomed X-C	◆ Ski Trail
Part of trail in either designated Wilderness (no biking allowed) or Wilderness Study Area.		
Featured Parks		
● Picnic	● Restrooms	● Fishing

**TRAIL SAFETY & ETIQUETTE**



- Be courteous and yield to others on the trail. Multi-use trail etiquette requires that bikers yield to hikers and horses, hikers yield to horses, and horses have the right of way.
- Stay to the right except when passing – give courteous and verbal notice.
- Be prepared. Wear appropriate clothing, sturdy shoes or boots, bring water and snacks.
- Keep trails litter free by packing out what you packed in.
- Obey posted signs and trail regulations.
- Many of our trails exist on easements within privately owned property. Please respect this privilege by staying on designated trails.
- Protect the environment and trail conditions –stay on existing trails to prevent erosion and tread lightly during wet and muddy conditions.
- Report maintenance needs to BSCO by calling 406-993-2112.
- Dog owners – leash dogs, pick up after your dog and dispose of waste properly.

**WILDLIFE AWARENESS**

Big Sky is home to a variety of wild animals. Wildlife encounters can occur on trails, in parks, or in town. Wildlife can be unpredictable and it is important to maintain a degree of caution and common sense.

- Keep your distance from wildlife. Do not follow or approach them.
- Never feed wildlife.
- Carry bear spray, and know how to use it. The best way to avoid problems with bears is to not surprise them, which could trigger an instinctive reaction. Talking among your party is a simple and effective way to make them aware of your presence.
- Maintain control of dogs and do not let them harass wildlife.

For more information on bears in Big Sky, visit [bscomt.org/bearsmart](http://bscomt.org/bearsmart)

**WESTSLOPE CUTTHROAT TROUT**

The westslope cutthroat trout, first described by Lewis and Clark in 1805, is one of two subspecies of native cutthroat found in Montana. The cutthroat was designated as Montana's state fish in 1977 due to its biological, recreational, and cultural importance.



Westslope cutthroat trout populations have rapidly declined due to the introduction of non-native fish, hybridization with rainbow and/or Yellowstone cutthroat, habitat loss and degradation, and overfishing.

In 2010, scientists found pure westslope cutthroat in only 4 streams within the Gallatin National Forest, one being the South Fork of the West Fork of the Gallatin River above Ousel Falls. In 2009, a National Forest Service fishery crew discovered a nearly pure population of westslope cutthroat trout existing within 2.5 miles of Beehive Basin Creek. The westslope cutthroat has been designated a Sensitive Species by Region 1 of the Forest Service and a Species of Special Concern by the state of Montana.

You can help protect native westslope cutthroat trout by keeping your favorite fishing spots well vegetated, staying on designated trails, protecting water quality, and obeying current fishing regulations.

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# BIG SKY TRAILS

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|--|-----------------------|--|----------------------------------|
|  | Highway               |  | Decribed Trail Number            |
|  | Other Paved Road      |  | FS40 Forest Service Trail Number |
|  | Dirt Road             |  | Trailhead                        |
|  | Secondary Road        |  | Information Center               |
|  | Paved Trail           |  | Fire Station                     |
|  | Improved Gravel Trail |  | U.S. Highway                     |
|  | Natural Surface Trail |  | State Highway                    |
|  | BSCC Owned Land       |  |                                  |

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