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**Easiest Hikes requiring only snow/winter boots.**

Snow Shoes can also be worn if you like to wander off the beaten track.  
An interactive map is available at:



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**a. Easiest of ALL: Gondola riding. Only a camera is suggested.**

Elk Camp Gondola to Elk Camp Restaurant, and back down to SnowMass Base Camp on the Gondola. Time: 1 hour-ish, including purchasing ticket.

Purchase an Elk Camp Gondola ride (termed a “Sightseeing pass” at the Ski Ticket Office. Head down the Sky Cab to the Base Camp if at SnowMass Village. Catch the Elk Camp Gondola to the Restaurant. Use your \$10 voucher for food. Head back down on Gondola to Base Camp, and back up Sky Cab to SnowMass Village.

**b. Aspen** has a similar Gondola ride, also termed a “Sightseeing Pass”. Head to Aspen for shopping and then a Gondola ride.

<https://www.aspensnowmass.com/plan-your-stay/tickets-and-passes/advance-purchase>

c. For a short, easy hike near Clark's Market in Snowmass Village, consider the **Clark's Cutoff Trail**, a dog-friendly dirt path that connects to the Rio Grande Trail and offers easy access to Clark's Market and the post office.

Here's a more detailed look at the Clark's Cutoff Trail:

- **Trail Type:** Dirt trail.
- **Difficulty:** Easy.
- **Length:** 0.1 miles.
- **Activities:** Walking, running, mountain biking, dog-friendly.
- **Features:** Connects to the [Rio Grande Trail](#), Clark's Market, and the Post Office.
- **Parking:** Free 2-hour parking available near Clark's Market.
- **Other Trails Nearby:** [Ditch Trail](#), [Vista Trail](#), [Tom Blake Trail](#), [Rim Trail](#), [Viewline Trail](#).

**Walk towards** Clark's Market in Snowmass Village, down the hill from the Stonebridge Inn.

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**Clark's Cutoff Trail – continued**

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**d. Running and walking trails with typically no snow.**

There is little to no snow in the valleys in April That means that the Par Course Trail, Mountain View Trail and Rim Trail South, shown below on the map (located below the SnowMass Base Village) are excellent choices for a great walk, run or hike – no snow gear needed typically.

**e. Sleigh Ride Trail (green trail on map below).** Time: 1 hour-ish, including bus ride. Walking up the sidewalks to the condo takes longer.

Walk or take bus to “Top of the Village” condominium.

From top of condominium area, walk 200 feet to road and turn right (Left leads to the ski slopes).

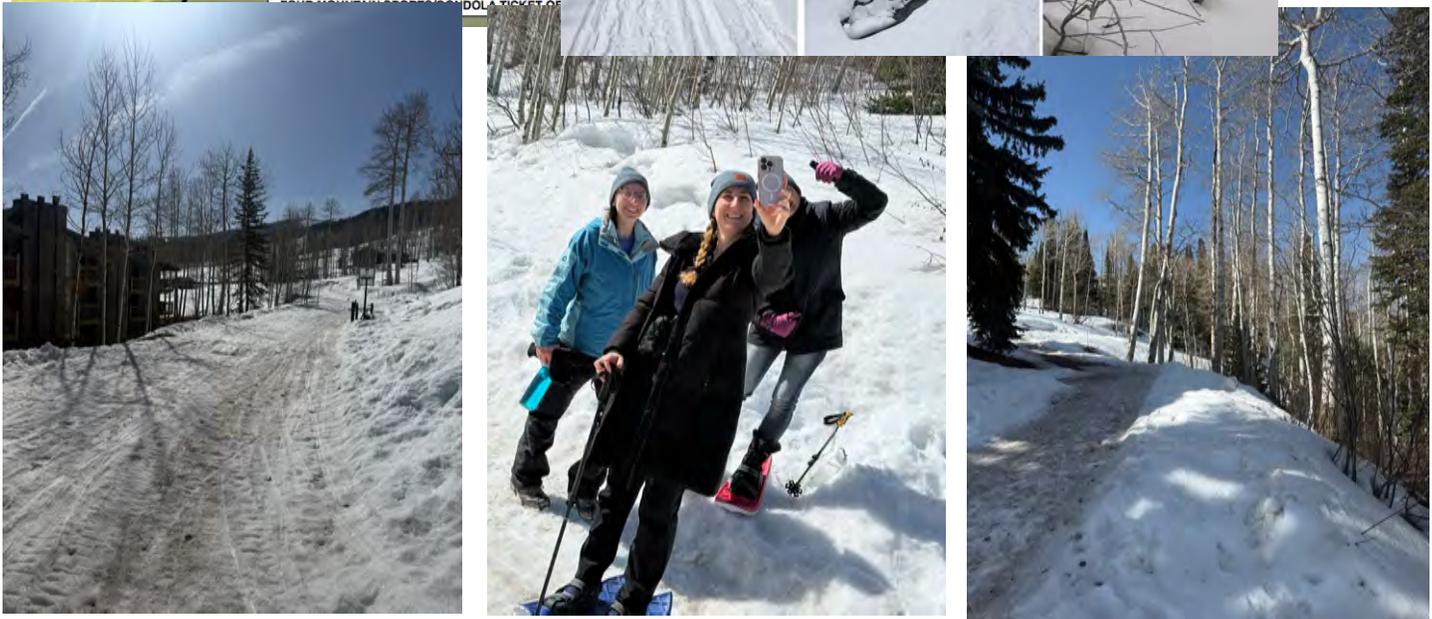
This road is the Sleigh Ride Trail. It is lightly covered with snow, yet is used by dog walkers and runners that live in houses and condos on each side of the trail.

One can walk all the way to “The Divide”. One can return on the “Nature Trail” (blue trail), although that is moderate to more difficult if there is a lot of snow (See *Moderate Hiking* page).

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From the Sleigh Ride Trail, below.



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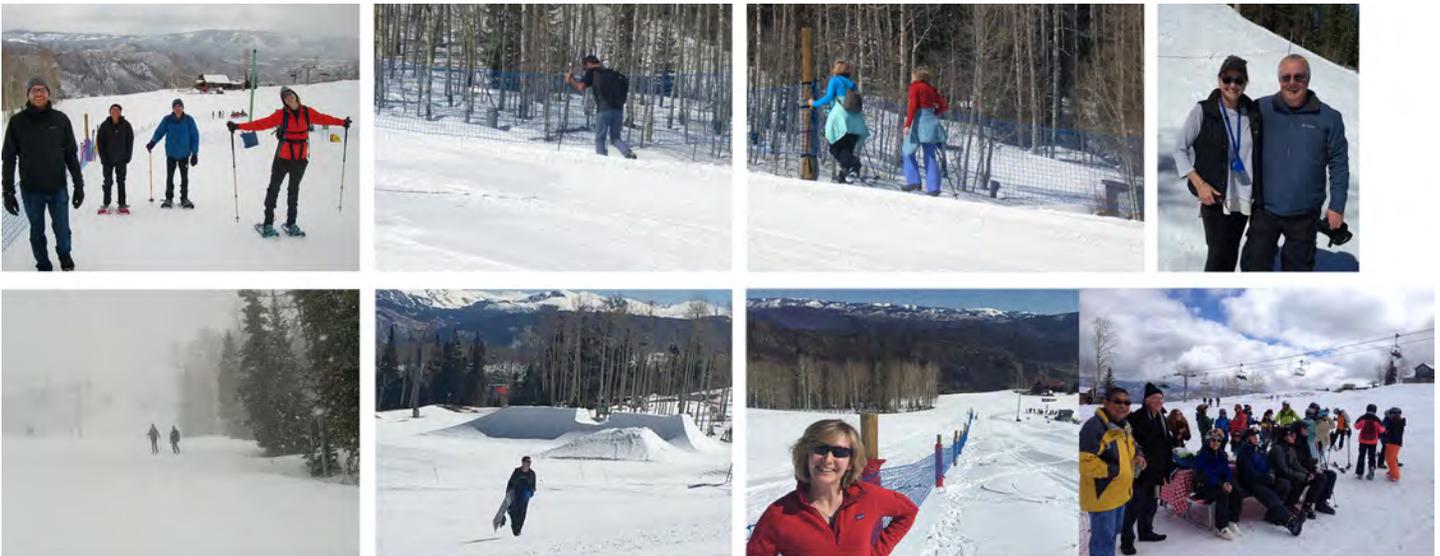
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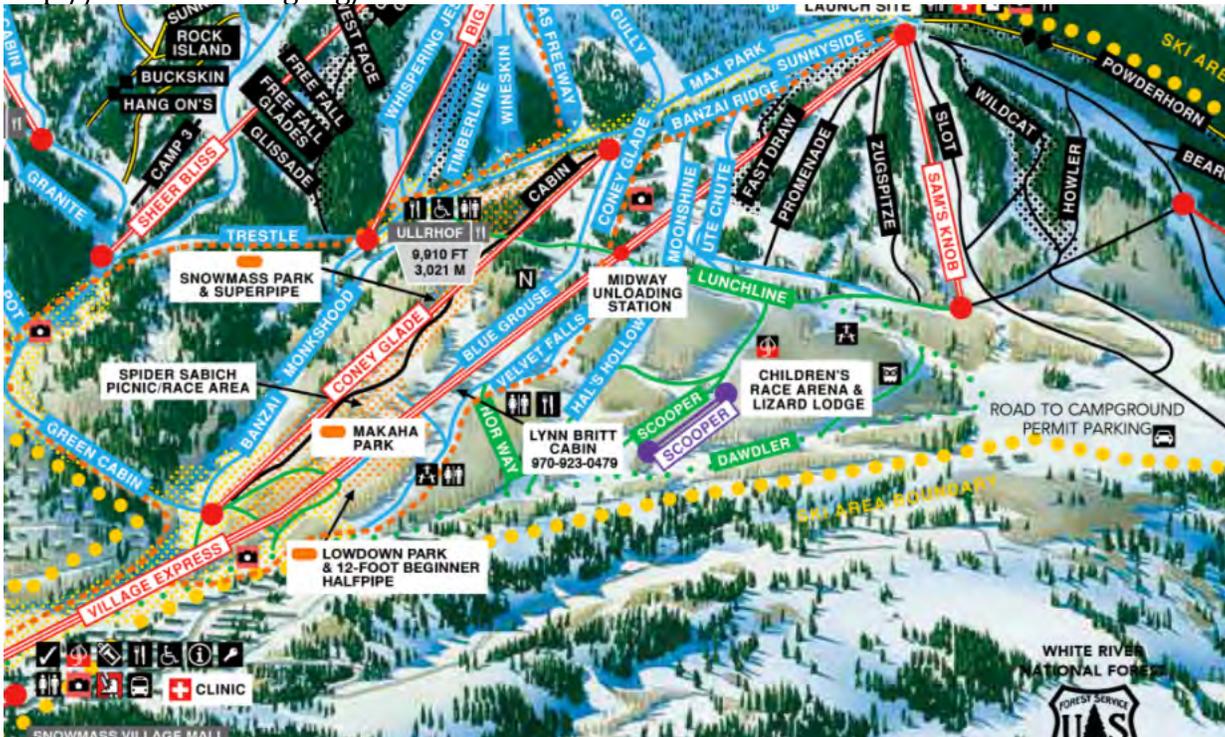
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- Ascend on the ski slopes, following the orange dotted line, to the Lynn Britt Cabin.
- The end of the Ski Race is located here, complete with hot drinks and cookies.
- You may wander up and down along the boundaries of the ski race in order to take GREAT pictures of your friends and family.
- Reverse to return to the SnowMass Village Mall, or catch a ride on the Snow Mobile (limited space available on the latter).



### **B. Dawdler to Children’s Race Arena and Lizard Lodge – Moderate.**

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- Stop and examine the slope maps. Ascend to Dawdler (first ski slope to the right). The walk is less steep hereafter.
- Follow until you reach the Children’s Race Arena and Lizard Lodge and walk into the woods here.
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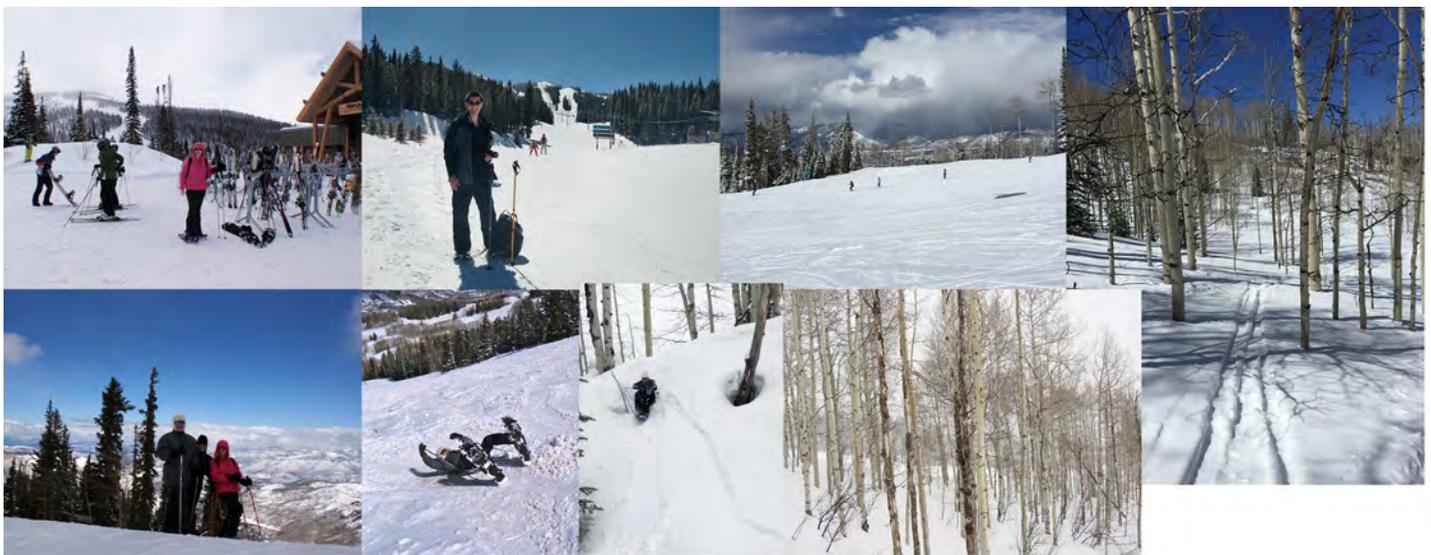


### C. Elk Camp Gondola to Elk Camp Restaurant, and back down via Funnel Bypass to the SnowMass Bass.

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- OR, walk up to the Restaurant, ascending below the Gondola.
- Head out across “Adam’s Avenue” to the left from the restaurant (i.e., across the ski slope to the other side. Look up the slope to your right for skiers so that you are not run over).
- Look then for “Funnel ByPass” and Eddy Out” signs and follow them (green dotted trail and blue trail, respectively, on map below).
- You can wander on the upper edge of “Cascade”, but do NOT head down too far. It will take you far, far away from SnowMass Village Mall. If you desire following this slope, which is very enticing as it is typically closed this time of year, take money for a taxi ride to get back.
- Follow “Funnel ByPass” around and then to where it meets up with the “No Name” orange dotted line that takes you back to the Snow Mass Base Village.
- For Fun, please wander through the aspen trees a bit. They are spectacular!
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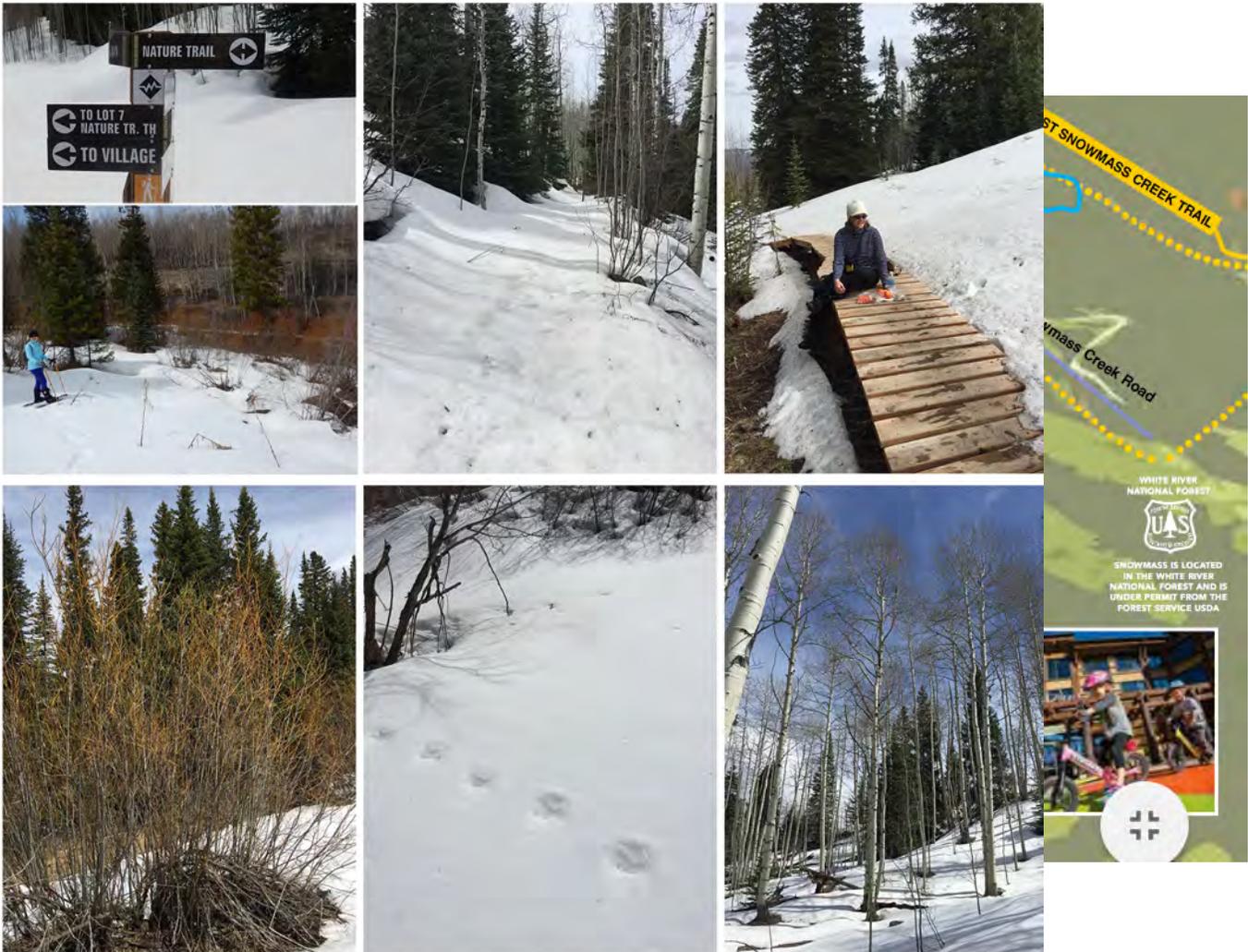
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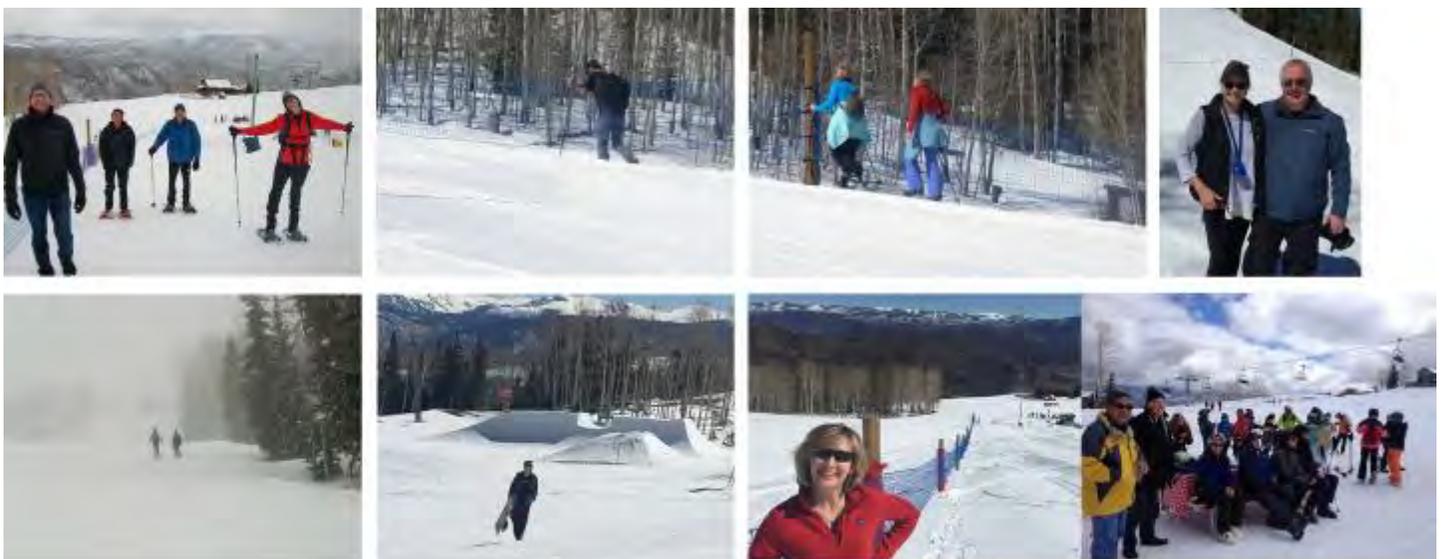
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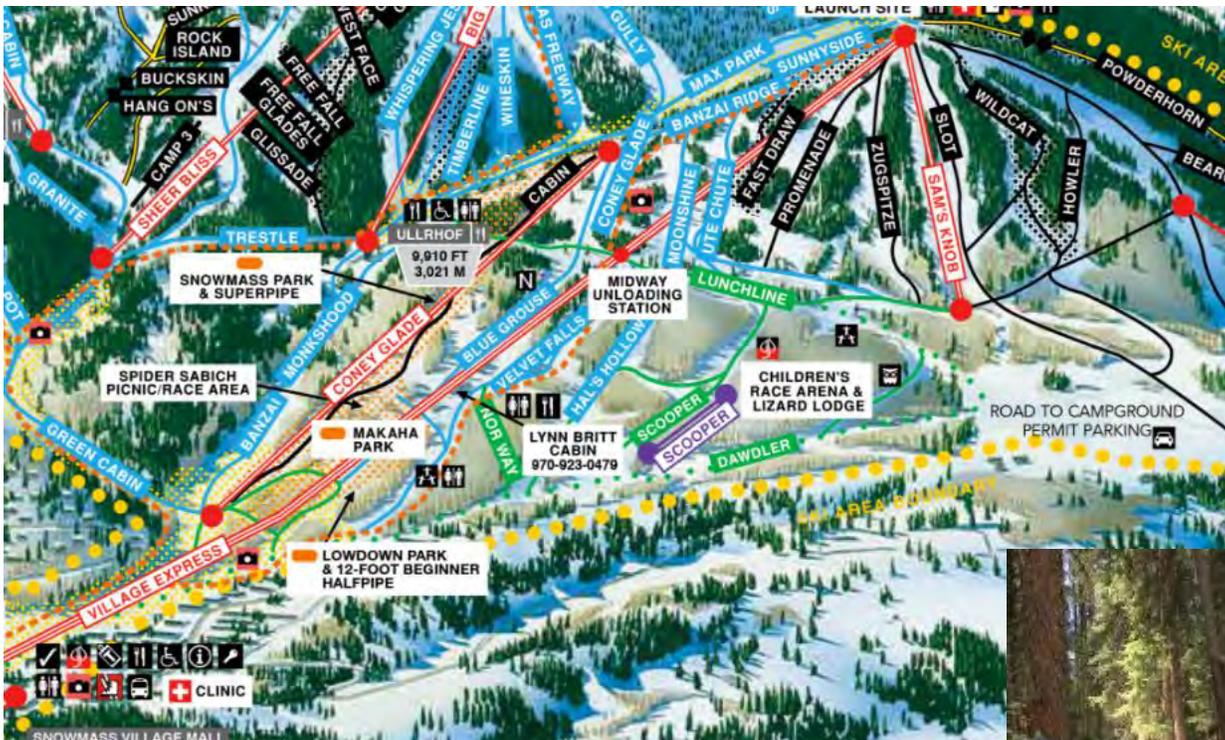
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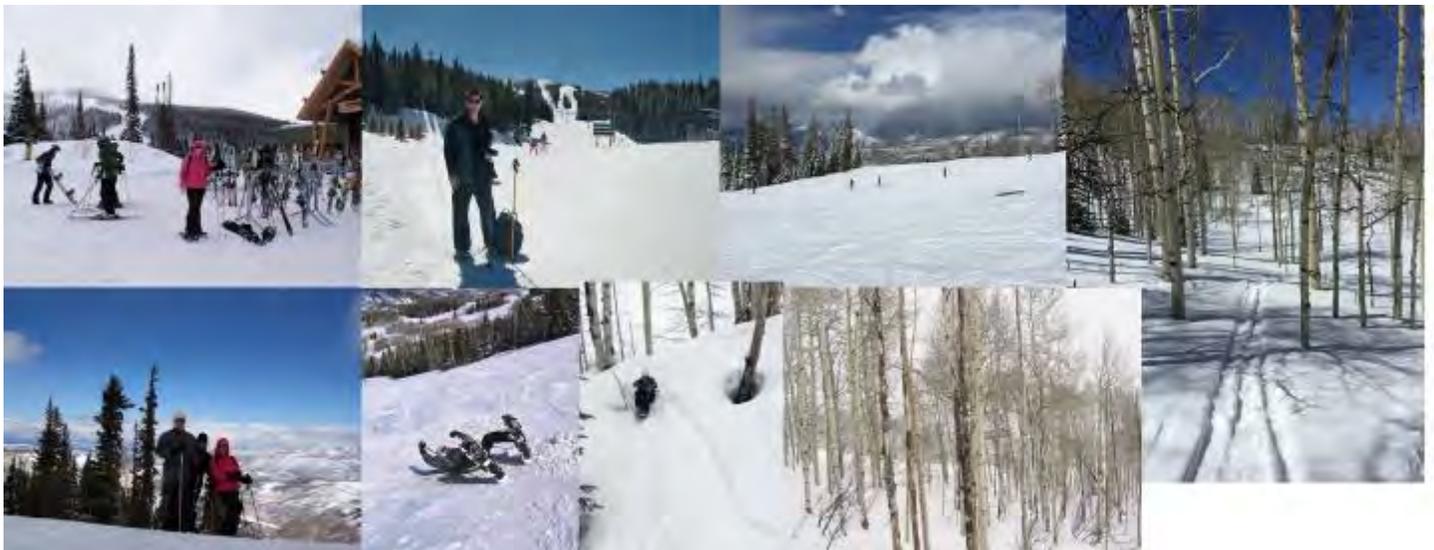
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