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

- **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 the loop clockwise only. Otherwise, you may ski it either way. Meadows Loop contains several steep sharp turns, please ski with caution.

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