Talkeetna Trails

Multi-use year-round

Tread: Dirt surface, 4'- 12' wide Length: River Trail - 1.5 miles

Ridge Trail - 4.5 miles

Old Lake Road Trail - 1.25 miles

Old RCA Trail- 2.0 miles

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Activity: Summer – hiking, mountain biking, ATV riding, horseback riding

Winter – snowmachine riding, dog mushing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing

Trailhead: Small parking area and parking on roadside

Nearest town: Talkeetna

Manager: MSB Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division (Phone 745-9690)

Volunteer Trail Care Crew: vacant

How to get there

Old Lake Road Trailhead - From Mile 12.1 of the Talkeetna Spur Road go east on Comsat Road for .7 miles, take a left (north) on Christiansen Lake Road. Follow Christiansen Lake Road to the end where there is a large turn-around and parking area.

Ridge Trail & Old RCA Trail Trailhead - From Mile 12.1 of the Talkeetna Spur Road go east on Comsat Road until the end of the road (about 3 miles) where there is a large turn-around and parking area.

General description

The Talkeetna Trails are year round, multiuse trails that form a loop between the town of Talkeetna, the Talkeetna River and the rolling hills that lie east of town. Some of the trails were originally built for cross-country skiing, others for access to logging areas and still others are old roads that have been abandoned. The trails now connect to form a loop that can be used year-round for a variety of recreational trail pursuits. The trails connect users to downtown Talkeetna along Beaver Lake Road, and to the Larson Lake Trail which heads east from the Ridge Trail.

Trail uses

Summer use includes hiking, mountain biking, ATV riding, and horse back riding. Winter uses include snowmachine riding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and dog mushing.

*Take note

Remember, non-motorized trail users have the right-of-way. This is especially important when machines and animals meet. ATV riders should yield to horseback riders, and snowmachine riders should yield to dog teams. Pull over, shut off the machine and wait while dog teams or horses pass.





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