

# Winner Creek Ski Tour

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Ski out the new Girdwood 5k Nordic trail until we can access the Winner Creek trail when they come close enough to jump over on.

We'll meet at the Chugach State Park Headquarters parking lot at 9:00 am. This is the parking lot with a train and batrooms next to the old Potters Marsh section house. This is just south of Potters Marsh on your right about mile 115 on the Seward Highway. We'll drive to Girdwood and try to park in the first lot nearest to the trailhead where Arlberg ends at a T intersection with Tram Circle and Northface Road. If that lot is full we'll start by the Girdwood Church. Expect to return to the cars at the trailhead about 3 pm depending on how far we ski, and how much time we spend on breaks and at lunch.

The route is relatively flat and is suitable for skiers who want to learn to back country ski. The new Girdwood Nordic 5k trail is groomed, the Winner Creek trail is a Chugach National Forest hiking trail. The Winner Creek trail has short ups and downs and winds through a forested canopy with some open views to Winner Creek. The above photo was taken on the Winner Creek trail. Be prepared for wind, cold, and perhaps precipitation. Since we anticipate breaking often, bring plenty of food and water and additional clothes if you need them.

A map of the Girdwood nordic trails on the web is at:  
<http://skigirdwood.org/trailinfo/maps>

The weather forecast for the area can be found at:<http://pafc.arh.noaa.gov/pubfcst.php?fcst=FPAK51PAFC#AKZ125>

The nearest weather station at the base of Alyeska can be found at:  
<http://pafc.arh.noaa.gov/obs.php?stnid=AYBA2&phours=24>

All NSAA tour participants should sign a release form once a year. They are available for download and signing at:

<http://anchorgenordicski.com/Forms/NSAATourReleaseForm.pdf>

They will also be available at the start of the tour.

All the NSAA tours are accompanied by the Anchorage Nordic Ski Patrol. If needed, they provide first aid and safety for tour participants. We thank them for their valuable help.

If you have more questions email us at [anchorgenordicskitours@gmail.com](mailto:anchorgenordicskitours@gmail.com) or call 336-1717.



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