

Center Ridge Winter Camping

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Join us for a fun filled winter camping ski trip allowing you to telemark and tour in one of the safest places in Alaska to do so. Feel free to join us for Saturday if your schedule doesn't allow a full weekend of fun. This is an excellent trip if you want to learn how to winter camp.

Our meet up is at the Chugach State Park Headquarters parking lot near Potters Marsh at 9 am on Saturday March 13^h. This is the parking lot with the train and the batrooms. From there we'll car pool and drive to the trailhead near mile 68 of the Seward Highway. This is the trailhead on the east (non-motorized) side of the highway with bathrooms at the far end. We'll reconvene at the Center Ridge trailhead about 10:15 am or 10:30 am.

The route to the campsite is on a well established trail, about 1 ¼ miles from the vehicles and about a 500 foot gain in altitude. Camp will be located in safe terrain, off the trail, near trees and out of the wind. From this campsite we can quickly climb for some turns or go for a tour. The attached map locates the camp site.

Bring your own food and camping gear; a "parts list" is attached for suggestions to help you be comfortable. Be prepared for the elements by checking the following weather and avalanche websites:

Weather information near the campsite (about 3 or 400 feet directly above the camp):

http://ambcs.org/cgi-bin/siteCurrent.cgi?site=TURNAGAIN_ABD

Zone Forecast:

<http://pafc.arh.noaa.gov/pubfcst.php?fcst=FPAK51PAFC#AKZ125>

Avalanche advisory:

<http://www.cnfaic.org/advisories/current.php>

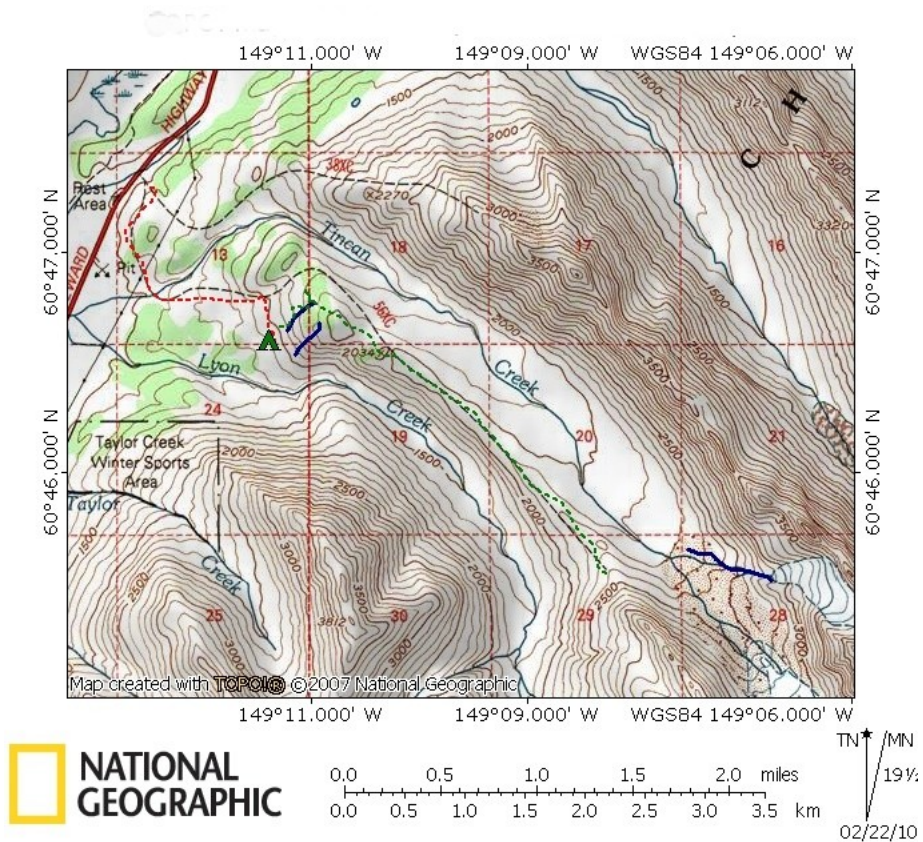
Center Ridge is very safe terrain in almost all conditions.

You'll probably enjoy skins for your skis to access the camping area and will definitely want them to climb to the telemark and touring terrain. Skiers should be able to execute a turn even if it is a kick turn to arrive back at the campsite. You should have avalanche gear (beacon, shovel, and probe) if you plan on telemark skiing.

Expect to arrive back to the cars about 4 or 5 pm on depending on how much fun is happening.

Attendees should be members of the Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage.

The Map:



If you have any questions feel free to email me at AnchorageNordicSkiTours@gmail.com or call 336-1717.



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