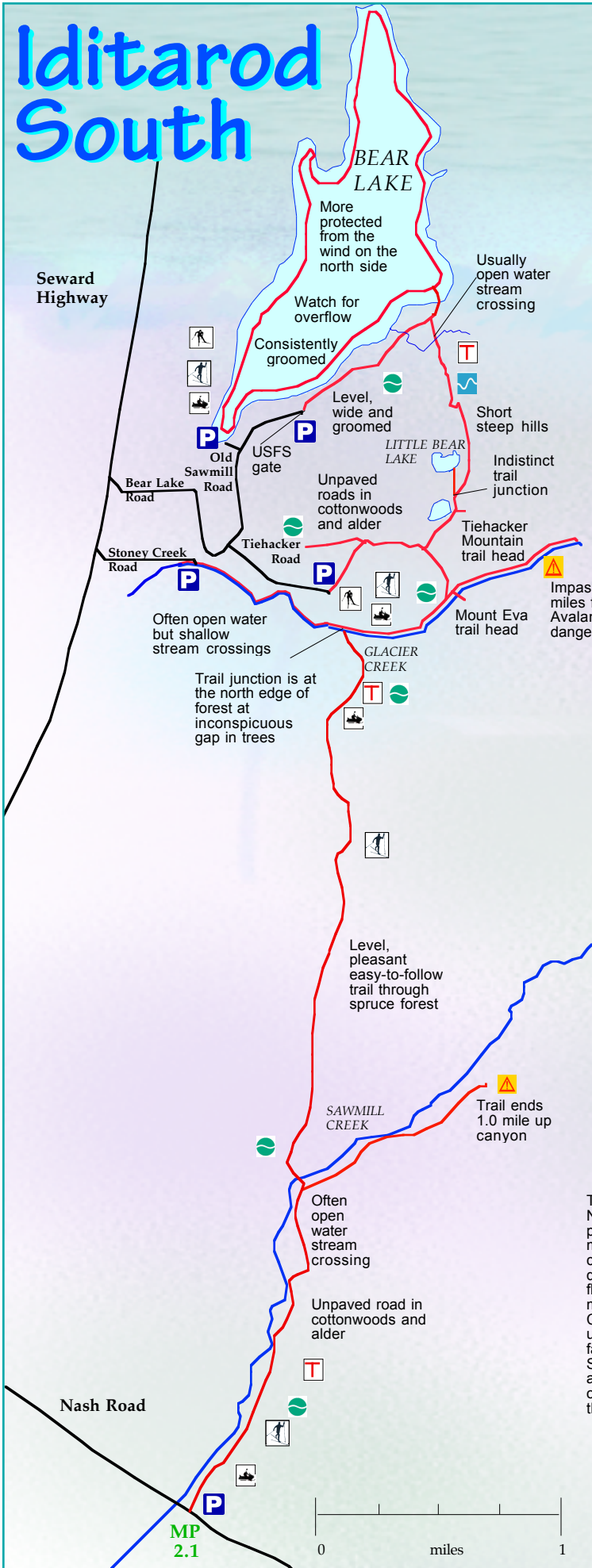


# Iditarod South



Winter recreation has its risks. Here are some of them:









**Conditions change daily.** Warm days can create overflow on the lake trails. Low snow exposes obstacles like roots and creeks. Extended snowless periods and changing temperatures can turn the trails to ice.

**Animal Traps:** There are no spatial restrictions for the use of wire snares, leghold traps and body gripping steel traps. No matter where your dog walks, it is at risk of a painful and potentially deadly injury. Some tips: assume that all areas are used by trappers, keep your dog on a leash or reliable voice command, learn how to release a wire snare and learn how to compress the springs and open the jaws of traps (this is an extremely difficult task).

**Weather:** It's winter, it's Alaska.

**Snowmachines:** On blind corners, they may not see you. If you hear them, be prepared to step off the trail.

## LEGEND

-  easiest *flat, no major obstacles*
-  intermediate *hills*
-  skate ski
-  touring
-  snowmachines
-  parking
-  caution
-  animal traps



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The south trailhead is at Mile 2.1 Nash Road; watch for the small pullout with the Iditarod "I" trail marker on the left just after crossing a bridge. Trail route and quality changes frequently due to flood events. The first mile or so meanders alongside Sawmill Creek and is a gentle enough uphill that it's easy going in, but a fast ski back out. Once you hit Sawmill Creek, you can either ski across the creek continuing north on the Iditarod Trail, or ski east up the creek exploring the canyon.

The fine print: any winter sport or activity is inherently risky and dangerous. The use of this map, participation in club activities, using SNSC website information, recreating near grooming equipment does not exclude you from using common sense. The Seward Nordic Ski Club, its officers, directors, employees and volunteers assume no responsibility for your predicaments.

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