

APU/Mahaffey Trails

The first 1 km trail at Alaska Pacific University (APU), then Alaska Methodist University (AMU), was developed and built in 1967 by Jim Mahaffey, Jim Brown and members of the AMU ski team. In 2001 NSAA, in cooperation with APU, widened about 2 km and added a section of trail below the President's house.

The APU trail system and the trails on UAA land are maintained by a joint effort of NSAA and APU. The APU trails and the Chester Creek & Coastal Trail are an integral part of the area-wide trail system connecting Chugach State Park with Knikwood Park, allowing an uninterrupted ski year of Anchorage.



Russian Jack Trail Distances

South of Chester Road 0.9 km (0.5 mile)
South of Chester Road 2.4 km (1.5 miles)

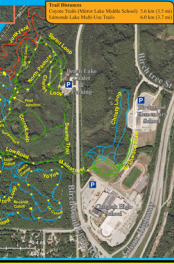


Russian Jack Springs

In 1963 the Nordic Ski Club of Anchorage from East High School in Russian Jack Springs Park. Club members mounted, passed high and high school skiers to build trails as a summer training program. The MSA built a chairlift and the ski and-skiing hill in 1964. The Deltan Road tunnel was built in 1980 and the North Russian Jack trails were added in 1985. Russian Jack Park, Campbell Creek, Chester Creek and the Coastal Trails are maintained by the MSA.

Edmonds Lake Park

Edmonds Lake Park has 2 sets of trails. The ski-only trails are on the west side of Glenn Highway adjacent to Mirror Lake Middle School on Lakeside Dr (N. Peters Creek Trail). The ski trails are created just the tennis courts behind the school. Eagle River Nordic Ski Club volunteers built 5 km of trails in 2000 with the support from E.R. Parks and Rec. Multi-use trails are on the east side of Glenn Highway and are just north of the Mirror Lake picnic area.



Beach Lake Park

The Beach Lake Nordic Ski Trail system was established in 1977 after the completion of Chugach High School. Since then, volunteers of the Eagle River Nordic Ski Club, with support from the Chugach / Eagle River Waters and the Parks and Rec. Board, expanded the ski trail system to nearly 20 km of trails with 8.6 km of lights. These trails can be accessed from the chair on S. Birchwood, Loop Rd. or from Chugach High. A pair of tunnels, trails from the school's tennis field to the trails.



Far North Bicenntennial Park

With the goal of supporting the training and skiing programs of the Service-Handbook School, NSAA volunteers, led by Marvin and Don Richter, Judy & George Marlowe, Nita & Carl Goodhue, Arlene & Dick Mice, established the Hillside Park ski trail system in May 1971. The original trail was modified after the forest fire of 1974 that burned much of the west half of the trail system. The first lights were installed in 1979 on the 2.5 km Hillside Loop followed by the Beach Loop lights in 1993. The Junco Nordic Loop in 1995 and Randy's Loop in 2001. The Spitzer Loop was constructed in 1985. From 2005 to 2008 NSAA made significant upgrades to the Hillside Loop, Beach, Double Hillside, Gas Line, the Tour Trail and Richter Trails, including the Richter Loop to the old bog trail. In 2008 the Single Track Advocates (a non-profit organization) constructed the 16 km single track system east of the ski jump. This provided a much needed alternative to the ski trail system and a welcome gift in the spirit for better recreational trails in Anchorage.

